

INDIANAPOLIS FREE FLIGHT FELLOWSHIP OUTDOOR CONTEST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1992, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON SOCCER FIELD
(NEXT TO FINANCE CENTER)

EVENTS: P-30, Embryo, Hand Launch Glider, Catapult Glider, PEE-Wee-30
(Cox .020 powered), Sparky (Comet Kit, or scratch-built from plans.
No modifications allowed, plastic prop).

The IFFF is always good for a fun day of flying and, of course, fellowship. All AMA members are welcome. Modelers who are a little rusty in their free flight skills are urged to enter. The IFFF members will be happy to assist with trimming, etc. The main purpose of this contest is to have FUN!

And don't forget the New Years Day IFFF frozen finger fun-fly. Everyone is welcome.

CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Club member Steve Ashby has been named Control Line Scale Event Director for the upcoming FAI World Championships. Please contact Steve if you would like to help out (you'll find him hard at work at the AMA National Flying Site in Muncie, IN, August 24-29).

Several visitors took part in the August Club meeting: Joe Bays (former, and now current, Club member), Gillis Emery (friend of Joe's) and Steve Star.

Jack Sheeks has been one busy modeler. He crashed his FAI CL Scale entry a few weeks ago (stuck throttle) and has been rebuilding up a storm since to be ready for the World Championships.

It has been announced that the 1993 Nats will be held on July 17-26 in Lubbock, TX.

"USING ACRYLIC PAINTS"

by Windy Urtnowski

In the 39 years that I've been involved in model aviation, I've seen a lot of dope finish substitutes come and go. Almost every substitute finish originated from someone's desire to avoid the labor of sanding and buffing dope. I guess, at heart, we're all a bit lazy!

The biggest problems I've seen are things done experimentally, then sold to the world as "proven" before they really were proven. Remember polyurethane??? Ask Lou Dudka about "Bowser". Remember epoxy and playing cards??? Ask Simo or any of the other pilots who fell for that trick. Remember Imron??? Ask Richie Tower and Windy. Hot Stuff and glass cloth finishes did not exactly fill the front row at the NATS, did they??? What's the point here? We're all looking for an easier finish, but we rush to judgement before things are "proven". Experiments and proven technology are two different things indeed.

What's different here is that I actually use the technology that I write about. That's important! You won't see me writing about something and then showing up at the NATS with something else!!

I've used acrylic lacquer since 1968 and it certainly is proven technology.....I won't use your ships for guinea pigs. Some of my ships used Imron clear, SIG dope clear, or acrylic clear, but they all used acrylic colors or combinations of SIG dope and acrylic. Most were front row finishes; most stood the test of time well. All but a few were within the weight limits and all accept for finishes. Two won the Concours award and one was awarded 20 appearance points.