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NCS POSTAL CARRIER CONTEST

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IT'S OFFICIAL The results of the Navy Carrie Society Postal Carrier Contest are in this issue!
Also included in this issue are the photos and descriptions of Postal Contest activities since the last H-L-L.

Dayton, Ohio Buzzin' Buzzards. Bob Heywood, reporting.
The Dayton Buzzin' Buzzards ran Navy Carrier on Saturday, 3 Oct as part of our Fall Festival. Because of COVID related concerns it ended up being an all Buzzin' Buzzards affair. T. J. Vieira brought out his K&B 40 powered Skyray and a MVVS powered .15 Sniper. I flew Nostalgia Profile with a ST 35 powered A-4P Skyhawk designed by Dick Perry. We launched a total of 10 sorties for the day including adjustment flights and the final flights for score. We had a great day weather wise with very light winds right down the deck for the most part.

T.J. made several flights with his Skyray while working to find a good needle setting and reliable idle. Flameouts plagued most of his flights. His official flight looked like he had it made only to have the tailhook straighten out on the trap. This was only his second day on a carrier. It will come.

T.J. switched to his .15 and was doing well until ditching during his Slow Flight. He decided to practice a deck landing. Unfortunately, the landing gear tripped on one of the arresting cables and flipped the plane resulting in a broken stabilizer.

My A-4P was finished only a couple of days before the event so it was baptism under fire, so to speak. Throttle mixture and control linkage adjustments were made after each of the first three flights in order to get a somewhat decent idle. The official flight came together enough to post a full score, although more work is needed to reach the plane's potential and rebuild my piloting proficiency.

While things didn't necessarily work out the way we might have liked, we enjoyed a great day.

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Aurora, Colorado, Lowry Open Space. Rocky Mountain Aeromodelers (Flown multipledays in September). Bill Ledden reporting.

In photo one you can see our painted carrier. It's all we have now due to lack of storage, theft and old age. The .15 carrier in the second photo is a Bill Netzband trainer called the Simple Simone (repurposed). It does about another 20 points higher at sea level due to a better high speed. It took 6 flights to get the cobwebs worked out before a full official flight. Badly out of practice!

Two other airplanes are in the last picture. One a 35 Magnum powered Hellcat is a good flier but never flew because Tony spent all his time trying to get his ASP powered .15 entry to run low speed. Hopefully squared away now but too late.

Participants were myself, Tony Livaudais (behind the camera), and our recorder Leroy Fuerher.

We had good weather except Sunday the 27th, when a cold front moved through, dropped the previous days temperature from high 80's to 40's overnight and blew the wind 20mph and gusting higher. We all ate a donut, declared victory and went home.

Thanks for your and NCS efforts on the Postal contest, It was fun to dust off the planes again.

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NorthWest Skyraiders (Washington). Reported by Kris Millard.

As part of the Postal Contest, a few of us flew Friday, October 2nd for our scores.
Our weather was dead calm…no wind and heavy fog for most of the day.
Also of note, our carrier deck was only half as wide and 2/3 as long as a regulation deck. With 2 less lines on it, I was lucky to hit it twice. We reduced the size of our center circle so you could tell if you we over the center of the deck by putting your foot on the edge of the circle.

I flew in NWS40, as my Profile MO-1 is not quite ready. I managed two complete flights.

Mike Potter (our mentor) attempted Profile class. His slider tripped on takeoff – 2.5 laps later the attempt was abandoned – Mike did NOT need a change of undies, but it was close. Mike then flew a 3 minute and 3 second, 7 lap effort. His last lap of this was a bit shaky. Landing was a splashdown in the green ocean. Sadly, Mike suffered a structural failure of the plane's tailfeathers on this attempt and could not continue.
Too bad as he had a solid slow flight hover. Best I have seen since Burt Brokaw flew at the Roseburg Regionals.

We have several other Carrier flyers out here, but none with a plane ready…

That's it for Western Washington….Happy Landings!

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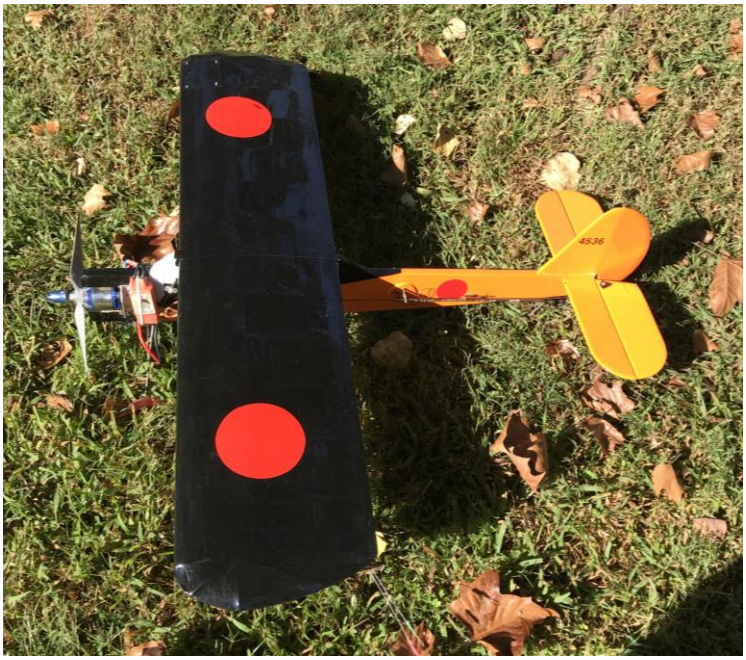
SLOW Club. Sky Lancers of Washington (D.C.) John Vlna reporting.

The SLOW club attempted to fly multiple times in September, but after weather issues and scheduling conflicts, we managed only two flying days. Participants included Tim LaHore, George Marenka and myself. Both Tim and George have been regulars at the Brodak contest. All participants managed complete flights.

The zero and Guardian are George Marenka's – both for AMA Profile. The Guardian uses a Webra 36, The Zero, a Thunder Tiger. Below,

Tim LaHore is the one starting his Hellcat. Model is from a Sterling kit. George Marenka is holding.



John Vlna's Kawasaki Ki76 was originally glow powered, but converted to electric for AMA Electric Profile. The Airedale is John's .15 electric model.

The Grumman XF5F Skyrocket is new to John Vlna. He's flown it in fun scale before but not in Carrier. His original intention, however. was to fly it in Carrier. He hasn't really trimmed it out yet and he has some different motors he wants to try to improve the high speed, but he reports that it really flies nice.

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TUCSON, Arizona Cholla Choppers. Burt Brokaw reporting.
We had our last carrier postal session this morning. Beautiful morning with mostly dead air. Occasionally we would get 2 or 3 mph movement, but it would not last.

Jim Hoffman's new modified Sniper was first flown in competition at the Southwest Regionals last January and since he never practices between contests he is still getting used to the model. This is the first carrier model that Jim has been able to hang well enough to require a center judge, so he is pretty happy about that. Lou Wolgast holds while Jim starts his engine.

The Class II Mo-1 that I flew today is new to me. It was designed and built by Eric Conley for AMA Class II Electric competition. When he had to give up flying high performance models he gave it to me. About a month ago I decided to convert it to IC power, and convert it from 2 line control (using 2.4Gh) to 3 line control. I somehow managed to shoehorn a Nelson .45 and a 7.4 ounce tank into it. First test flights were yesterday and first competition flight was today. It is only 2.9 pounds so is very light for a Class II built to max size. With good air, slow speed performance should be impressive. High speed so far has been very disappointing at 100 mph. I am using a large Enya carb with midrange mixture adjustment for the first time and am still learning how to tune it. So maybe there is more high speed potential in there somewhere.

Steve Stewert is brand new to carrier. This postal contest has been his first attempts in competition. Today was his first complete flight including an arrested landing.

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Congratulation to the winners of the NCS Postal Carrier Contest, and thanks to all who flew. We'll take the winter off in consideration of those who fly up north and look at the possibility of a Spring Postal if the COVID restrictions remain in place, maybe even if they don't.

NCS Postal Carrier Contest Results

EVENT			EVENT	
NAME	SCORE		NAME	SCORE
PROFILE 321			NOSTALGIA PROFILE	
Burt Brokaw	336.2		Bob Heywood	399.40
Lou Wolgast	292.5			
			NOSTALGIA CLASS I	
SPORTSMAN PROFILE			Paul Kegel	445.90
George Marenka	243.0			
Tim LaNore	237.2		NOSTALGIA CLASS II	
			Paul Kegel	354.90
ELECTRIC PROFILE			Paul Smith	161.22
John Vlna	243.0			
			.15 EXPERT	
CLASS I 319			John Vlna	225.4
Burt Brokaw	449.9		Paul Smith	211.1
			Lou Wolgast	205.7
CLASS II 320			Jim Hoffman	196.9
Burt Brokaw	437.9		Paul Kegel	193.7
Paul Kegel	288.7			
Paul Smith	102.1		.15 SPORTSMAN	
			Bill Ledden	162.2
SKYRAY			Steve Stewert	118.4
Burt Brokaw	263.6		Steve Mills	62.2
John Vlna	231.2		T.J. Vieira	61.8
Paul Smith	213.5			
T.J. Vieira	83.6			

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Temporary Editor

For the next couple of months, I'll be producing and distributing the H-L-L newsletter. It will be primarily a means of distributing information about the NCS Postal Carrier Contest, but I'll be including additional items from my archives. If you have an item to share, send it to me at tailhooker@comcast.net .

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