

June 11 F3RES Contest Report — by Martin Baumer

Mike Skeen was out of town and asked me to run his contest in his absence.

As has been somewhat common this spring, the forecast for the day of the contest had a 25% to 50% chance of rain and the probability changed frequently in the days before the contest. Chris and I decided to go ahead anyway and bring some canopies just in case.

With some regulars being out of town, and Jim having an anniversary to celebrate (wise choice), there were just four of us flying that day, allowing us to fly the contest with a single flight group. By the time it was time for lunch, we had 6 rounds completed. We flew two more rounds after lunch for a total of 8 rounds.

The flying conditions ended up being great for an F3res contest. There was little wind, but just enough of it for nice launch heights from the hi-starts. In the 6 rounds prior to lunch, the lift was light, resulting in just 3 flights making the 6-minute bonus. While we were breaking for lunch, we had some light rain. After that, the lift picked up greatly and 5 of 8 flights made the 10-minute task time.

Bill started out the day showing us how it's done. Terry had a way of finding lift behind our backs. Chris found his groove after a slow start. Here are the results of a fun day of flying:

Pilot	Score	Rank
Martin Baumer	7287	1
Chris Staats	6619	2
Bill Keanen	6219	3
Terry Erickson	6008	4

