

June 4 ALES Contest — Report by Chris Staats

A beautiful spring day greeted us for our second flyable ALES contest of 2023. Light winds and an early threat of sprinkle gave way to partly sunny skies, and challenging thermal activity. While the thermals were very good at times, they were spread across both time and area, which made for a fun challenging event.

9 flyers arrived for the pilot’s meeting which began promptly at 9:00am.

We were able to fly six rounds of three flight groups. In Round 1 flight groups were assigned by random selection, with the remaining rounds assigned in order of the pilot’s running contest score.

Launch height for the entire day was set to 150 meters.

The first two flight tasks were 5 and 7, followed by 4 rounds of “Vari-Task”, where the “A” flight group flew a 10 minute task, the “B” flight group an 8 minute task, and the “C” flight group a 6 minute task.

Richard was able bury his competition in multiple rounds making it difficult for the rest of us to keep up.

In the end it was a challenging but very fun contest. I hope to see you at the 2023 PASS ALES Tournament July 8th and 9th!

| Pilot | Score | Pct |
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| Richard Van Dijk | 5909 | 100.00% |
| Bill Keenan | 5668 | 95.92% |
| Chris Staats | 5454 | 92.30% |
| Terry Erickson | 5356 | 90.64% |
| Tom Culmsee | 5310 | 89.86% |
| Ken Eaton | 5181 | 87.68% |
| Jason Hood | 5163 | 87.38% |
| Lance Olson | 5120 | 86.65% |
| John Long | 3982 | 67.39% |

