

## July 16 Hand Launch Contest — Report by Scott Fintel

A small, but dedicated group showed up for a 6-round event at St. Paul. Weather reports predicted a HOT day - reaching 92 in the afternoon, with variable winds. Fortunately, not as hot as Saturday, but still hot! Hot temperatures meant challenging thermals - as Martin explained, with the heat already intense as our first round started, it was a challenge to bubbly and boomer thermals that usually exist.

Because we were a small group, and in order to beat the heat, we flew 6 rounds, and finished about 1:30. The cycles and wind shifted frequently, as one group would do fairly well, while the follow up group might hit an incredible sink cycle with flights lasting just a few minutes

In the afternoon, there were quite a few dust devils spinning up in the filbert field (Hazelnut tree), that came across the recently plowed field. Some of the best strategies were to fly directly into the forming dust-devils, with an immediate elevator ride straight up. We had several conversations on Dust Devils, the directions they spin, whether to fly in, fly around, or fly near.

Spectacular flights of the day were had by all; Robinson flew further I've ever seen him fly by the hop farm, to get a 1k, and secure a win; Martin and Lance flew extremely well, and my personal favorite experience was a recovery at 1min (in a 3min flight) at 20 feet off the deck. Just goes to show, it's never over til it's over!

### July PASS - Overall Results

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Rank	Name	Ctry	RegnNo	Club	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
								Big Ladder	L3 3:00max	1. 2. 3. 4	Best5 2:00max	L2 4max in 10m	AllUp 3:00*3
1	ROBINSON, Craig				5988.5	100.00	5988.5	1000.0	1000.0	988.5	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
2	FINTEL, Scott				5800.8	96.87	5800.8	865.7	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	935.1
3	BAUMER, Martin				5596.5	93.45	5596.5	896.4	1000.0	1000.0	874.7	825.4	1000.0
4	OLSON, Lance				5374.1	89.74	5374.1	1000.0	916.6	860.7	883.4	878.6	834.8

