

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



June 18-19 LSF Thermalitis Contest Report — by Tom Culmsee

Rain Gives Way to a Great Contest

This year we started out Saturday with mild conditions, but we did have to endure a few periods of rain showers throughout the day. We hunkered down under the canopies and waited them out and just kept flying. Despite that, we were able to put in 5 full rounds. The format was the same for both days with a 5 and 8 min ID flown in rounds 1 and 2 and the signature 3 for 23 add-em-up (unlimited time for the third flight) for the last three. Topping the day in the Experts was Robin Robinson who showed he has really taken to his new Pulsar. Kenny Eaton took the crown in RES, Grampa Brightbill beat out a feisty Dan Fiedler in the 2-meters and Steve Owen did likewise to Tracy Erdman in the Competitors.

Sunday was a totally different contest. Mild dry weather returned and the thermals were abundant. In the end, Portwood returned to the top rung in the Experts (though barely!) besting Amy Pool (yes! our Amy returned to Portland to prep for her upcoming trip to the World F3J Championship in Slovakia) and your humble CD. Ken Eaton again won the RES class battle with Jason, while Tracy and Chris Staats won for the Competitors and 2-Meters respectfully, probably due to the lack of anyone else in those classes.

Thanks to everyone who came out to fly and especially to those that helped in some way with the event. Special thanks go Lawn King Chris Staats who made the grass look it's best ever.

Saturday

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Ken Eaton	RES	971	937	1279	1255	348	4,790
Jason Hood	RES	983	813	1241	1248	489	4,774
Terry Erickson	RES	674	735	982	577	607	3,575
Robin Robinson	Expert	991	996	1307	1316	325	4,935
David Portwood	Expert	993	959	1320	1254	325	4,851
Jim Pugh	Expert	983	902	1238	1061	632	4,816
Martin Baumer	Expert	964	998	1245	988	620	4,815
Ken Eaton	Expert	824	980	1255	1250	466	4,775
Tom Culmsee	Expert	979	970	580	1314	889	4,732
Jim Gibson	Expert	953	985	1221	1041	430	4,630
Jason Hood	Expert	986	989	1084	1254	291	4,604
Richard Van Dijk	Expert	979	965	361	1225	1054	4,584
Tom Brightbill	Expert	852	988	830	1325	489	4,484
Amy Pool	Expert	983	980	1191	691	584	4,429
Sandie Pugh	Expert	959	974	1150	716	488	4,287
Rex Grace	Expert	819	807	1063	716	846	4,251
Steve Owen	Comp	916	991	838	1073	889	4,707
Tracy Erdman	Comp	624	938	1159	816	373	3,910
Tom Brightbill	2-Meter	993	996	795	1018	1125	4,927
Dan Fiedler	2-Meter	997	976	1236	1079	568	4,856

Sunday

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Ken Eaton	RES	917	772	1236	1255	398	4,578
Jason Hood	RES	993	989	1170	745	648	4,545
Terry Erickson	RES	817	617	1239	1304	284	4,261
David Portwood	Expert	988	978	1346	689	946	4,947
Amy Pool	Expert	976	993	1352	1130	488	4,939
Tom Culmsee	Expert	1000	983	1288	1204	463	4,938
Richard Van Dijk	Expert	996	921	1275	1064	598	4,854
Martin Baumer	Expert	979	972	1323	955	602	4,831
Jason Hood	Expert	848	983	1248	920	763	4,762
Ken Eaton	Expert	824	974	1241	896	804	4,739
Robin Robinson	Expert	926	919	1264	1064	391	4,564
Chris Staats	Expert	985	991	1309	684	498	4,467
Jim Gibson	Expert	972	970	1013	513	827	4,295
Rex Grace	Expert	962	959	646	1127	0	3,694
Tom Brightbill	Expert	981	970	1345	270	0	3,566
Tracy Erdman	Comp	919	959	1263	932	543	4,616
Chris Staats	2-Meter	691	986	1273	477	1154	4,581