

## May 6 ALES Contest — Report by Chris Staats

After a long, wet spring, it was a great day for the first flyable ALES event of 2023. Light winds and tight thermals made for a fun and challenging event. 11 flyers arrived for the pilot’s meeting which began promptly at 9:00am.

We were able to fly seven 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. Flight tasks were 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 10 minutes flown in that order. Up to 50 points were available each round by spot landing, with double landing points awarded for flight times of 3.00 minutes or less, in the first round.

Required task times were easily reached for most flyers until round four when the task times were getting more difficult, as lift became more challenging to find. By the end of the day only one pilot managed to complete the task time in all rounds.

If you were unable to attend this event, I hope to see you at our next ALES event, Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Pilot	Score	Pct
Lance Olsen	7158	100.00%
Bill Keenan	6856	95.78%
Tom Brightbill	6811	95.15%
Chris Staats	6772	94.61%
Richard Van Dijk	6703	93.64%
Mike Skeen	6632	92.65%
Jim Gibson	6528	91.20%
Brian Bennett	6483	90.57%
Dan Fielder	6341	88.59%
Ken Eaton	6318	88.26%
Terry Erickson	5660	79.07%



1st Place  
Lance Olson



2nd Place  
Bill Keenan



3rd Place  
Tom Brightbill



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Hard at Work