

May 7 F3RES Contest — Report by Mike Skeen



Jim's latest build, the Vaiana

Rain and wind were forecast for our first contest of the year, but we ended up having great weather, with comfortable temps and light winds. Wind was generally from the south but frequent thermals often turned the wind around making launches much more challenging. The nine pilots were divided up into three groups of three, and six rounds were flown. This format worked well and we had the usual shifting of group members as each round was completed. By the final round it was a real battle between Bill and Jim for the top spot. Conditions were tough, but Jim was able to work a low level bubble to get the six minute bonus, which pushed him to the top. Kyle's new design was beautifully built, technically advanced, and showed great promise. Unfortunately it experienced a launch problem in the final round and suffered major damage. Hopefully he will be able to repair it.

Pilot	Score	Plane
Jim Gibson	5741	X-Dream
Bill Keenan	5662	Slite
Mike Skeen	5357	X-Dream
Dan Fieldler	5268	Samba Evo
Chris Staats	5219	Multiple Gliders
Dave Anderson	5105	Yellow Jacket
Robin Robinson	4953	Highly modified Chrysalis Lite
Kyle Kroker	4900	Own Design
Terry Erickson	3822	Ro-8 wing/own fuse