



2010 SPRING FUN-FLY – By Eric Henderson.

Two days before this year's event I got the short-notice call from our club president to put together some competition tasks. Over dinner, the night before, he added the requirement to include an event or two for helicopter pilots. By 2 AM Saturday morning it was all done. The club had pre-determined that the competitors would get raffle tickets as prizes and then they all would be in a drawing for the three prizes. Bob Fort donated an electric HOBBY LOBBY RCM FUNSTER, Bob Tucker donated a field box and Michelle and I donated a Moorestown Hobbies gift voucher for third place.

I came up with a timed-flight event that could be flown with either a helicopter or a fixed wing plane. The helicopters had an event of their own. They were tasked with making three landings on three designated "spots" as quickly as possible. The fixed wing guys had a 30 second climb-and-glide event. Both glow and electric competed in this event, but the helicopters had a slight disadvantage (VBG). Then there was a most-loops-in-sixty-seconds event.

The format was different this year. Instead of going up one at a time, each pilot was given their own score sheet. With a buddy doing the timing/counting they flew whenever they wanted. We had 20 entrants and we were all done competing by 11:45 AM. Everyone was on the honor system and simply handed in their scoresheets when they were done. It was great seeing everyone helping each other out and I enjoyed the encouragement that they gave each other.

It was a little bit difficult to figure out the raffle ticket allocation with basically four events. What I did was give 20 points through to 1 point for each position in each event. Then I added up each person's points. Then I made a table up with the winner being the guy with the most points. The overall winner received 20 raffle tickets; second place got 19 tickets, etc. The overall champion winners were Jay Stevenson first place (54 points), Mike Gilman was second (47 points), and Luke Kociuba third place (46 points).

The flying events had the following winners:

Climb and Glide: 1st. Jay Stevenson, 2nd. George Engle, 3rd. Scott Bonomo.

Loops in 60 Seconds: 1st Fred Perkins, 2nd. Steve Lucas, 3rd. Mike Gilman.

Timed Flight: 1st. Jay Stevenson, 2nd. Ben Schrepple, 3rd. Luke Kociuba.

Helicopter landing event: 1st. Scott Bonomo, 2nd. Rick Maher, 3rd. Andre Perron.

However, the prizes still had to be awarded. The raffle drawing gave the kit to Mike Gilman, the flight box to Lou Castelli, and the Moorestown Hobbies voucher to Jay Stevenson.