

Region 6 South Contest Summary

Weather conspired against all attempts by CD Andy McQuigg to get the fleet gridded and out on task. In fact, the prognoses by Weatherman, Frank Paynter was so continuously bad, we only gridded and got in the air one day. Unfortunately on that one day, it became obvious that with rain in all quadrants, no task was going to be possible and the day was called. The weather did clear on Saturday, the last day of the scheduled contest, after the contest had already been called. Several members had flights over 250k, and, Oh, it rained again today, Sunday).

Frank Paynter went into “Professor” mode, and presented four well attended seminars. The first covered, Start Cylinders and Finishing Tactics; then Weather and Flight Analysis; followed by Pee Tubes and Map Preparation. The final day was a practical weather analysis and interpretation for that day only to be followed by a complete rainout.

We did come across one interesting note: Jim Marks was flying the LS4 (J11) that won the Worlds in 1983. I can't thank enough all our volunteers who supported the effort and look forward to working with our bored Scorer, Marcos Aranha; an underwhelmed Gary Adams, Ground Crew; and all our volunteers on another contest.

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