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Newsletter

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Perris Two-Day Event Feb 24-25

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Sunday Flyers

Brrrrr! The weather at Perris the mornings of the contest was a bit chilly both Saturday and Sunday. The temperature gauge in my truck said 31 degrees. But, the breeze was perfect, and it warmed up for some “textbook” flying. There was a great turnout.

The mass launches are always stimulating. Saturday, the FAC WWI Combat was won by Bob Hodes flying his Fokker D VII, 2nd was Jonathan Nunez with his SE 5a, and 3rd was Mike Mulligan with his Martin-syde. The FAC WWII Combat with four planes and Mike Mulligan winning 1st with his Heinkel He 100. He was followed by Bob Hodes with his Hellcat and Jonathan Nunez flying his Tony. My Hellcat took a devastating dive in the first round.

By a vote of the flyers, we eliminated the Sunday Mass Launch Events of FAC Greeves/Thompson Race and the Spanish Civil War, unfortunately, due to a low number of participants.

The most participated event overall was Rubber Scale with some wonderful planes. Chasing was not a problem on either day. Many times, the models landed “literally” right at the flyers feet. About 10 AM, Sunday, the breeze picked up and there was a bit of a walk for some flyers, but not too bad.

A wonderful event with William Scott as CD. **THANK YOU, WILLIAM!** Its always nice to visit and socialize with friends from all over Southern California and Nevada. I felt honored to present Robert Hodes with the 2017 Scale Staffel Aero-Modeler of the Year Award. Bob definitely earned it.

Looking forward to our next outdoor event on June 9-10, 2018, with an emphasis on **Dime Scale**. See you there!



Mike Jester with his Blue Max (photo by Hodes)