

TPG March Hand Launch Contest

Steve Condon

The March handlaunch contest was yet another contest that was threatened by mother nature, but went off as planned. The air was generally pretty lousy, something that we're not accustomed to with the Poway field (more like a rice paddy these days). The slip-n-slide factor was pretty high after the previous day's rain, but not too many people fell on their faces.

Our man, Arthur Markiewicz walked away with the top honors after a rousing sudden death fly-off with George "crash" Joy. Charlie Richardson came in third followed by Paul Naton.

We tried some of the tasks that will be used for our two-day in May with some good success, and one new one that went over very well — the four one minute flights in a five minute window (7 throws maximum).

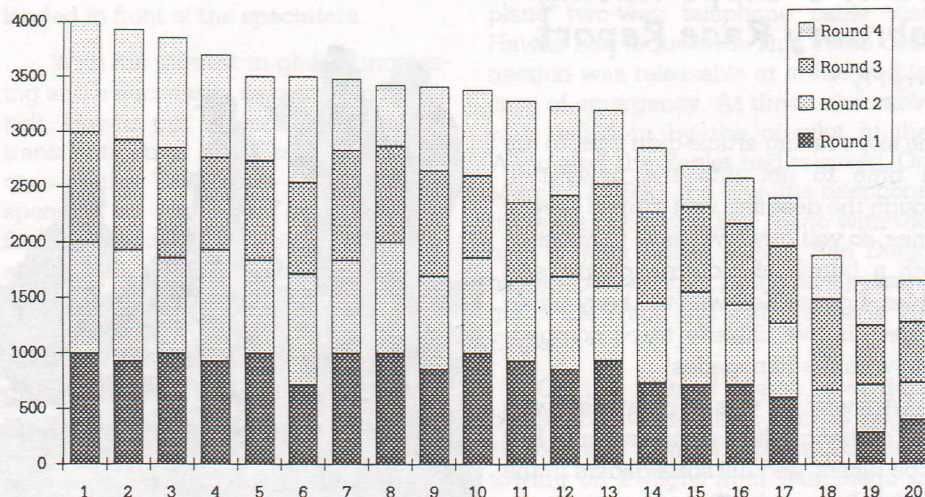
Considering that only about five real thermals visited us the whole day, we all had a pretty dam good time out there on a gray day in the mud tossing toy airplanes 'til our arms were sore! +



One of the Condon's (he's too far away for me to tell the difference... good excuse?) giving it a toss.

George Joy in the middle of his throw.

March HLG Results by Round



Pilot		R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Norm.
Arthur Markiewicz	1	1000	1000	1000	1000	4000	1000.00
George Joy	2	929	1000	1000	1000	3929	982.25
Charlie Richardson	3	1000	857	1000	1000	3857	964.25
Paul Naton	4	929	1000	840	929	3698	924.50
Rick Shelby	5	1000	833	904	767	3504	876.00
Mike Ziaskas	6	714	1000	831	957	3502	875.50
Don Van Gundy	7	1000	833	1000	649	3482	870.50
Bill West	8	1000	1000	871	554	3425	856.25
Steve Condon	9	857	833	958	763	3411	852.75
Scott Condon	10	1000	857	751	768	3376	844.00
Don Richmond	11	929	714	718	915	3276	819.00
Steve Stricklett	12	857	833	732	810	3232	808.00
Merrill Farmer	13	933	667	928	672	3200	800.00
Ron Scharck	14	733	714	828	585	2860	715.00
Jerry Fry	15	714	833	771	373	2691	672.75
Mark Colter	16	714	714	738	413	2579	644.75
Gary Whitney	17	600	667	694	435	2396	599.00
Cliff Hunter	18	0	667	809	399	1875	468.75
Scott Lingo	19	286	429	531	398	1644	411.00
Robert Thompson	20	400	333	545	364	1642	410.50

