Dallas Aero Summer Heat – DASH 2015 June 20-21, 2015 Samuell Hobby Park

DASH is in the book for 2015. And this year it was mis-named: There wasn't any "heat"!

We were blessed both days with overcast with very comfortable temperatures and a light wind that kept things comfortable. Perhaps the best flying weather we ever had in June here in Dallas! It was just great!

We have had a LOT of rain in the first part of 2015, but it was dry for a few days before the contest, the Dallas Parks folks got their mowers in and dressed up the field for us, and all of the standing water was gone on Saturday. Saturday was nice with only the briefest light mist one time.

But Saturday night, the heavens opened and a heavy storm left the standing water on the field to navigate through on Sunday. While nearby areas northeast of Dallas were inundated on Sunday, our weather at the field was very nice.

The flying was highlighted by a couple of record-level performances in Super Slow Rat and the memorial to Bob Gieseke on Sunday. Some words from others tell that story:

From Dale Gleason, Stunt ED:

"It was certainly nice to hear Don, Bob's long-time coach/brother talk about those "good ol' days". Bob's daughter, Christie, had some good anecdotes, as did Jim Young, Mike Scott and others. Doug Moon had a few words to say, but he flew Bob's "Bear" in the contest, and a final flight on the North circle at Hobby Park. It was good see that red plane in the air again."

and Norm Faith:

"I'm so glad that I was able to attend the meet this weekend.

Bob Gieseke was 15 years older than me. When I was 15, he was someone I would read about in the magazines. I was always mesmerized by his ever present pipe in hand. I finally got to meet and talk to Bob when I first went to Dallas to fly as a beginner, some 15 years ago. I got to see him fly with his pipe in person. I felt very humbled to be in his presence. To someone outside of our hobby, this would seem hard to understand. In 2007 when I was the District VIII Points Champion, my plane was sitting on the circle, Bob was standing over it giving it a real looking over. As I anxiously waited for his comments; he looks at me and said..."I just noticed that your AMA number and mine are only three numbers apart?" And as he walked away, he commented; "nice plane, cut back on the clear-coat." Wow! What an honor that was. Again, someone outside of the hobby wouldn't understand. It seems that your life's heroes will live forever, but in reality, this is not so, but memories do; as long as the memories are passed along to the "new comers." I now have one of Bob's control handles, that looks as if it was "very used." I'm planning on restoring it and displaying it. I'm very glad to of met, shook hands and got to talk to a "Hero." Yes, I'm glad that I attended the Dallas meet this weekend."

DASH 2015 Stunt Results

Frank Simpson	538486	N/F
Gregg Elling	777306	N/F

Dallas Aero Summer Heat	- Precision Aero	obatics (Advanced)

Mark Troutman	478.5	264864	1
Norm Faith	447.5	9376	2
Andrew Stokey	430.5	93291	3

Dallas Aero Summer Heat - Precision Aerobatics (Expert)

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Richard Oliver		576.5	95762	1
Doug Moon		547	496454	2
Steve Moon		533	521164	3
Don Cranfill		472.5	33035	4
Crist Rigotti		445	482497	5
Bill Rutherford		443.5	4367	6
John Hill			82974	N/F
Mike Greb			1326	N/F
Gaylord Elling			8164	N/F
Dale Gleason			12938	N/F

Dallas Aero Summer Heat - Precision Aerobatics - Old Time

Gaylord Elling	304.5	8164	1
Bill Wilson	298	500612	2
Crist Rigotti	288.5	482497	3
Gregg Elling	275.5	777306	4
Mark Troutman	269.5	264864	5
Bruce Cunningham	258.5	552685	6

Dallas Aero Summer Heat - Precision Aerobatics - Classic

Bill Wilson		577.5	500612	1
Gaylord Elling		549	8164	2
Bill Rutherford		544.5	4367	3
Mark Troutman		490	264864	4
Gregg Elling		485	777306	5
Bruce Cunning	ham	480	552685	6
Frank Simpson	า	447.5	538486	7
Steve Wolf		343.5	865211	8
Norm Faith		320	9376	9

Dallas Aero Summer Heat - Precision Aerobatics - Profile

Don Cranfill	529.5	33035	1
Gaylord Elling	506	8164	2
Mark Troutman	469	264864	3
Frank Simpson	443.5	538486	4
Norm Faith	442	9376	5
Andrew Stokey		93291	N/F
Steve Wolf		865211	N/F
Dale Gleason		12938	N/F
Crist Rigotti		482497	N/F

We had a good turnout, and some good performances. Richard Oliver and Bill Bischoff both turned in record worthy performances in Super Slow Rat. Patrick Hempel had personal bests in Mouse, Goldberg, and "new rules" Sportsman Goodyear. And speaking of Sportsman Goodyear, the Lee/ Bischoff team, flying the Bischoff "loaner" airplane, beat Bischoff's own entry, and turned a time equal to the best in the district for 2014. And let's not forget, John McCollum trounced everybody in Goldberg as expected. Now, for the gory details...

Entry(Partner) (P=Pilot, M=Mechanic)

MOUSE 1

1)Patrick Hempel(M-Bill Lee)	5:48.23
2)Mike Greb(P-Bill Bischoff)	6:05.66
3)Charles Barnes(P-Chuck Barnes)	6:21.16
4)Chuck Barnes(M-Charles Barnes)	7:17.82
5)John McCollum(M-Bill Lee)	7:58.44

FOX-GOLDBERG

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1)John McCollum(M-Bill Lee)	9:19.68
2)Patrick Hempel(M-Mike Greb)	9:45.47
3)Dale Gleason(M-Phil Dunlap)	12:39.06

SPORTSMAN GOODYEAR

8:32.82
8:50.13
8:51.52
8:55.36
9:02.46
9:21.44
9:23.69
9:25.06
12:00.27

SUPER SLOW RAT

1)Bill Bischoff(M-Mike Greb)	5:10.45
2)Richard Oliver(P-Don Cranfill)	5:14.19
3)Mike Greb(P-Bill Bischoff)	6:02.12
4)Dale Gleason (M-Phil Dunlap)	6:13.50
5)Barnes/ Barnes	6:23.62
6)Don Cranfill	dropped

QUICKIE RAT

not flown due to tired, hungry contestants