

**WMC Meeting Notes** (Continued)

The SPOT meet will again hold a Vintage and Pro P-30 event on the Friday before the meet.

No other meet suggestions were made.

It was recommended that prizes be handed out at all contests based on entry, with the most popular events getting first choice.

Recommended contest dates for 2017- NWFFC, Aug. 18-20; SPOT Meet- Sept 8-10; Fall Annual - Sept 30, Oct.1.

FFCB Report - Glenn Grell

Effective Jan. 1, 2016, the following changes are in effect:

-Each outdoor model must have AMA number and contestant name and contact information on the model.

-E-36 motor runs are reduced to 10 seconds. No other changes.

-Moffett event now has progressive maxes as with other rubber events.

Steve Riley noted the change in Indoor rules.

A new event has been added: P-18 is now an AMA provisional event.

The CD meeting has been set for January 12 at the indoor contest site. Time 1 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM. No next meeting date was set.

Dues were paid by Steve Riley, Amos. Avery, Linda and Glenn Grell, Ron McBurnett, Mark Sexton.

Show and Tell

Steve Riley led off with a demonstration on making rolled tube fuselages including tapered tailbooms. He uses plaster of paris for his boom form.

Bob Stalick showed off his EAP 4, E-36 model and described the issues he was having with dope that didn't shrink up.

Mark Sexton brought a RTP rubber speed model which elicited some encouraging comments. (see Zaic Yearbook for more on this topic).

Ron McBurnett demonstrated his Sidus timer for F1C. It's an Italian unit that contains altimeter, flasher and the other usual functions--very impressive.

Bruce Hanna showed off a set of very light floats for ROW.

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**Three View of the Issue:** AstroStar F1P by Randy Secor and Terry Thorkildsen.

The AstroStar is a model designed by Terry Thorkildsen many years ago. It has been flown in all sizes from 1/2A on up. Once published in *Model Aviation* at a Class A/B AMA Gas ship, it was seen on the contest circuit in good numbers. Randy Secor built a couple of them and converted them to a forward fin design using VIT and auto rudder. His son, Cody, used this design to qualify for the US Jr. Team, and he placed first in International competition in 2006.

For the 2016 Junior FAI Team, there was an unfilled spot in F1P, and my grandson, Alex Stalick, was asked to fill that slot. Alex had flown a 1/2A Astrostar in regional and national competitions, but the F1P version is a completely different animal. Nothing to compare between a TD 049 and a Cyclon 061. Needing a model to fly, Randy loaned Alex Cody's 2006 winning design, and Alex got some lessons on how to fly it from Randy himself. Fast forward to the 2016 Jr. WCh in Macedonia, and the Astrostar is once again in the hunt for a first place award. It was not to be as it dropped 2 flights. One by 6 seconds and another by 11 seconds. Since no one maxed out in the seven round competition, Alex placed third. Had he not dropped the 11 seconds, he would have had first place. However, his placing allowed the US power team to place second overall. There was no question that the AstroStar was a throwback model as nearly all of the F1P ships I saw were carbon fibre, and plastic with high zoot timers. The Astrostar had no RDT or other fancy stuff. It out glided all the other models on the field and was very forgiving in the climb. It was also 50 grams over its minimum required weight of 250 grams. Alex's model was all balsa, covered with Japanese tissue and used a Texas Timer. It's a tribute to Terry for designing this model, to Randy for his construction, and to Alex, who seemed unflappable during the heat of competition. The best part: I was there to see it all.

Bob Stalick