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Huntington Reservoir Float Fly

Dan, Gary, Born, Pletcher and Scott traveled to the Huntington Reservoir to fly planes with the Huntington and Decatur clubs. A good time was

had by all. Pletcher and Born supplied moral support while Dan, Gary and Scott put



several planes in the brisk wind. The Huntington guys supplied a nice ski boat and made several trips out to pick up wayward planes. There were only two casualties. One was Scott's Kadet Jr. that dead-sticked in the grass and Rick from Huntington shut his engine off by sticking the meaty part of his hand in the prop. There were a wide variety of planes flown including a war bird on floats.

2009 Fun fly Champ



The conditions were ideal for some high scores. The events were the peanut haul, climb and glide, and the 2-minute flight. After the first round, everyone was tied for first because no one busted a single nut. The nuts rode too low in the cup for any of them to fall out. Pilots began to separate themselves after the second round. Gary and Bob were first and second after the climb and glide. Gary's ability to go full throttle all the time paid off when his stick climbed out of sight. Bob did a good job of soaring over the trees and catching some rising air for first place. Gary flew for 2 minutes and 15 seconds in the 2-minute flight. But Bob flew for 2 minutes and 3 seconds. He used the old 1 Mississippi...2 Mississippi count. Congrats Bob! Surprisingly absent from the event was Bayord, Hearld and returning champ Dan Brockhouse. The winds were low and a good time was had by all ("a good time" unless you had major engine problems—not trying to make any excuses for Seth and I.)

Let's Vote

We need to begin the nominations and voting. Nominations need to be made for club officers at the next meeting. If you are not there to denounce your candidacy, consider yourself nominated. Many of you will step up and take a turn at some of these great offices. I know for a fact that Roger B. is ready to take over for me as Newsletter writer and I appreciate it. I will be more than willing to do anything asked of me in support of this great club. We are fortunate to have many new members who may be willing to hold an office. If you secretly desire to hold office, ask someone to nominate you. Don't be shy if you really want to do something.

Many people just want to fly. I felt the same way when I first joined the club. But I saw a lot of good people taking care of a field that I selfishly got to fly on. So when I was asked to do something, I had no problem taking a turn.

**We also need to get ready to nominate flyers for year-end rewards. These include:
Best Crash----Most Improved----Most Helpful----Most Improved.
John Schell will be more than glad to accept your votes. Please vote soon, the banquet is quickly approaching.**

Submit your votes to:

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