

Skyhawks Over The Front



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COMPETITION

This is a proposal for a contest to be held in the 2006 flying season and if successful, to be held in following years. Its purpose will be to support and further the interest in building and flying giant scale models of WWI airplanes by having entertaining and fun competitions by Long Island Skyhawk members and prospective members.

This competition will be limited to giant scale airplanes that fought over Europe from 1914 thru 1918. Must be model of real aeroplane that fought in WWI. Bring picture to sign up.

We will try to have ten competitions held over the flying season with the total points from your best five competitions for the season determining the winners. The season will run June thru October with awards given out on November 11, 2006. A fee of \$25 will be collected when pilots sign up prior to the first competition date. One hundred percent of this fee will be for trophies and prizes. Sign up will be at April meeting and contest schedule will be given out at May meeting.

I (Mike Gross) will be the contest director the first year and will pick the four General Staff members (Tony K., Dave W., Dave Von Frank and Sal C.) to aid in running the contest. In following years the contestants can decide how these jobs are filled.

The competition will consist of one or more rounds of flights by pairs of pilots. They will take off and make a bomb drop and then enter the combat box, where they will dogfight for a prescribed time and then land their planes.

Pilots will be scored on accuracy of the bomb drop, how many hits made in a dogfight, spot landing and flight realism.

How points are scored

Take off and Bomb drop

Pilots will start engines on command of the umpire and take off one after the other. First one in the air drops the bomb first. The pilot will announce to the umpire he is starting the bomb run. A pilot will only be scored on the first bomb run. The bomb will be scored where it hits the ground first. 30 pts center circle, 20 pts 2nd circle, 10 pts outer circle, outside last circle 0 pts.

Bomb size

Bomb will be a minimum of 4" long and 1" in diameter

Combat

Immediately following the final bomb drop the umpire will start the five-minute clock and announce to pilots to "Start dogfight". Each pilot will enter the combat box and try to get in position to fire his guns at the opponents plane. When a pilot fires his guns he will say, "Guns Guns Guns". If the umpire feels that the shot had good angle and distance (75 feet maximum) the pilot is scored 10 pts, if not 0 pts. Each pilot has enough ammo for three shots for a total of 30 pts. If one pilot is forced or leaves on his own from the combat box the remaining pilot gets 30 pts. The dogfight is over, when the five minutes are up, the pilots run out of ammo, a pilot leaves fight box or a pilot scores 3 hits. At this time the umpire will announce, "Dogfight is over please land your planes". The maximum points one pilot can score in the dogfight are 30 pts.

The combat box is the length of the runway. The width is from the flight line to the east edge of the farmed area and an altitude of 300 feet.

Landing

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circle 20 pts, 2nd circle 15 pts, outer circle 10 pts. The plane will be scored on the pilots first called landing attempt only. There will be no points scored if plane is unable taxi back to flight line. The umpire may decide due to high winds that the pilot may receive help in getting plane back to the flight line.

Flight realism

Flight realism will be determined by how well the plane is flown to emulate the prototype e.g. speed, maneuvers. Smoke used at the proper time (like when you get shot, Sal) will get realism points. Total points for realism 20 pts.

Perfect flight 100 pts!

The scores will be totaled for the season from each of the pilot's five best competitions and the winner will be the highest score of the combined categories.

Trophies and prizes will be given thru fourth place.

Through-out the contest season any pilots scoring wins in three combat portions of contest will be given Ace status.

Pilots may fly as many different airplanes as he needs. Do not crash or other problem to the plane He started with. This rule will be changed for next year and will include all planes used by a pilot in any contest year must be of same nationality. Example: if you start with a British plane, all your planes must be British.

Umpires

Hopefully there will be volunteers if not the General Staff and I will fill in when necessary.

Decisions of Umpire, General staff and CD are final.

Results will be published each month in newsletter along with competition dates.

Good flying and watch your six's!

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Skyhawks Over The Front 2009 competition schedule

There is no sign up fee this year and all Skyhawks members and prospective members on the waiting list are eligible to participate. You need to make as many of the following competition dates as you can. As I did last year I will take the average number of competitions attended by all to determine the number of scores to add up for each contestant. Example: 10 contestants competed in a total of 40 combat missions there for we will add the top 4 scores for each contestant to determine the finish placement.

Any questions please contact Mike Gross at 281-0042

June 20	Saturday(warbird flyin)
July 15	Wednesday
July 29	Wednesday
August 2	Sunday
August 12	Wednesday
August 26	Wednesday
September 12	Saturday
September	Saturday
October 4	Sunday