

Ocala Sun Pattern Contest April 8-9, 2017

What a fantastic weather weekend for a Pattern contest with sunshine, warm temperature and light winds. The Ocala Sun Pattern event was a great success with 24 competitors signed up with good representation in all classes except FAI. Regrettably Ron Ellis was the sole competitor in FAI so by default he got 1st place.

Although we had a bit of a late start because the electronic scoring equipment refused to cooperate at first. Measures are being put in place to eliminate this situation in the future. Consequently the first flight didn't get in the air until 10:45am. We did manage to get in 4 full rounds for everyone but as a result of the delay starting we didn't finish until 7:15pm Saturday evening.

For the balance of the contest the scoring equipment worked flawlessly. Sunday morning first flight was off at 8:45 and we finished 2 additional rounds around noon.

Trophy presentations and a contest wrap was all done by 1pm.

In summary this was one of the best attended Pattern contests in D-3 for a while. The number of contestants were up from last year, there was quite a lot of enthusiasm heard in the pit area as well as optimism for the future. This speaks well for Pattern in general going forward so we intend to build on that and plan for an even better and bigger event next year in April.

I would like to thank the OFMC and it's BOD for the use of our flying site for this event. Our field is one of the best in Florida and well suited for this type of R/C Competition. Thank You!

Ivan Kristensen

Contest Director

Link to photos from the contest below.

Many thanks to Bill Sneddon

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