Pylon Racing - Bend Aero Modelers   Oct 11, 2011

This last Saturday, we concluded our final Club-40 pylon race of the 2011 season at Dorrance Meadow of the La Pine R/C Flyers. Although the morning started out with a thick layer of fog in La Pine, it eventually cleared (late morning) and we had our best overall pylon race turnout since we started Club-40 racing. The weather couldn't have been any better (no clouds, barely any wind, 60s).

The La Pine R/C Flyers were great hosts, and overall attendance was very high, which made it easy to assign volunteers for the race (plus, everybody was eager to help!). We had four pilots from La Pine, three from BAM, two from ERCA (Eugene), and one from the Flaming Geyser Flyers (Auburn, WA)—10 pilots in total!

Racing consisted of 3 and 4-Pilot heats with the usual tight flying, including a mid-air (one total loss and one emergency landing) and an unprovoked crash into the safety barrier during racing (THANKS for that safety barrier!). All in all, we could have not asked for a better conclusion to our racing season. With additional pilots emerging, next season looks very promising and exciting.

Our end-of-season standings are shown below. Plus, I attached a few pictures for your enjoyment (I will send more pictures in a second follow-up email due to the size/number of pictures).

THANK YOU to everybody who has supported our pylon racing events throughout the past seasons—2012, here we come.

Regards, Waldemar Frank, President
Bend Aero Modelers AMA Charter # 2311 Bend, Oregon

Pilot	Standing	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	4th Race	Total
Bruce Burgess	1	13	13	17	18	61
Rick Burgess	2	14	10	17	11	52
Waldemar Frank	3	10	DNP	17	20	47
Darrell Loveland	4	14	11	10	DNP	35
Marty Wittman	5	DNP	DNP	7	14	21
Marc Winz	6	DNP	DNP	DNP	19	19
Roger Winz	7	DNP	DNP	DNP	13	13
Ross Schmerse	8	DNP	DNP	DNP	11	11
Tony Bass	9	10	DNP	DNP	DNP	10
Joe Stone	10	DNP	DNP	DNP	9	9
Ron Grigsby	11	2	DNP	6	1	9
Bernie Brader	12	DNP	DNP	DNP	8	8

* DNP = Did Not Participate/Fly