

25th Roadrunner Classic
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 Albuquerque NM

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The 25th Roadrunner Classic was held May 15, 2010 at Albuquerque, New Mexico's Maloof Model Airpark. Perfect flying weather greeted us Saturday morning and ten pilots signed up to compete. Originally scheduled for two days, the light, but enthusiastic, turnout enabled us to finish in one day. As usual, Richard Lindberg's Saturday night dinner at his lovely home was a Hawaiian epicurean delight. One pilot remarked that he would come to the contest for the dinner even if there were no flying!

We had 10 contestants; distributed evenly through the classes except Masters. Following are some of the highlights from the contest:

- We flew all pilots on one line. Everyone got in 5 rounds except as noted below. By the time the sun started interfering with the flight paths we were wrapping up.
- Jim Swart and Kent Paul duked it out all day. Because their scores were so close we had them fly a 6th round. Jim pulled off the win by 2.3 normalized points!
- Eric Brummett, in his first contest ever, made quite a showing with 3769 points.
- Richard Lindberg registered but did not fly. Richard judged 4 rounds and helped out all around the field.
- The Advanced contest was over after 3 rounds because Jack Keiser's landing gear gave out. So he and Joe Pirozzoli pitched in and judged two rounds.

The local hobby shops gave generous prizes as did several national brands; however, the Datsun Heritage Museum in Temecula, California, gave the most by far. It turns out that much of the stuff we use is also used by the car guys.

Following are the results and a picture of the flightline:

24 th Roadrunner Classic Contest Results			
Sportsman		Advanced	
Derek Gill	4000	Joe Pirozzoli	3000
Eric Brummett	3769	Jack Keiser	2601
Intermediate		Masters	
Jim Swart	3976.66		
Kent Paul	3974.98	FAI	
Larry Field	3067	Dan Underkoffler	4000
		John Gayer	3625
		Richard Lindberg	0