

## Overall Final Places

Place	Chapter	Club/location	Country	Score
1	SAM 114	W.O.R.K.S. West Ohio	USA	<b>5195</b>
2	SAM 51	Northern California	USA	<b>5007</b>
3	SAM 79/85	Litomysl	Czech Republic	<b>3979</b>
4	SAM 27	North California	USA	<b>3950</b>
5	SAM 2001 Italy	Anzio, near Rome	Italy	<b>3535</b>
6	SAM 43	Nashville/Knoxville TN	USA	<b>3143</b>
7	SAM 1953	Baradero	Argentina	<b>1663</b>



## The Frank Ehling 1/2A Postal Texaco Challenge 2017 Manager's Report

Greetings to all,

As the host of the 2017 challenge, we enjoyed receiving the results of each team's effort.

As in prior years the weather played a large part in the results that were obtained. We in Ohio, USA had fantastic weather resulting in a very high score. However other teams such as Argentina SAM 1953, had catastrophic weather problems requiring much fortitude.

After not being able to fly on their first scheduled date, the SAM 1953 team leader rescheduled to a "better" date Oct 29 only to discover later it was after the closing date of the Challenge.

An extension to the Challenge date from Oct 22 to Oct 30 was requested and approved.

The team tried to fly on Oct 29 but the wind at one location was too strong. So only half the team was able to participate in the event; and they had high variable winds and no thermals resulting in poor scores. Thanks to the SAM 1953 team for their persistence in entering the Challenge.

A special thanks to all teams that participated this year. We missed those who could not join us.

We hope you can compete in 2018.

Cheers

George Lamb SAM 114

## First Place

Contestant	Model	Area (Sq in)	Weight (Oz)	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Best 2 of 3	Team Score
Tom Boice	Bomber	288	16	900	900		1800	<b>1800</b>
Michael Bluestein	Bomber	288	16	900	900		1800	<b>1800</b>
Gary Streifthau	Bomber	288	16	900	695	393	1595	<b>1595</b>
George Lamb	Racer	288	16.1	501	711		1212	
Ted Youngen	Bomber	288	16.8	596			596	
John Leuke	Rambler	288	16	227	57		284	
							<b>Team Score</b>	<b>5195</b>
<b>Date</b>	Sep 21,2017							
<b>Location</b>	Hummel/ Works field, Germantown, SW Ohio							
<b>Conditions</b>	Scattered cumulus clouds, 87 deg. F, SE wind 0-2 mph, thermals, some rain and hail.							
<b>Team Manager</b>	George Lamb SAM 114							

## The SAM 114 2017 Team



On Thursday September 21 our team of six gathered to fly the 1/2 A Texaco Challenge. The weather was forecast for 87 degrees F, partly cloudy, wind SE at 4 miles per hour, chance of rain 10 %. Humidity made it hot and sticky. It looked like a good day for thermals. We assembled by noon, took our photo, and then got to cranking. The air was buoyant and with a long engine run the models got quite high. We were getting some great scores of over fifteen minutes. A nice cumulus cloud had settled over the field and since the wind was not blowing it was generating great lift. As we flew a second round with additional fifteen minute flights, it was noticed that the base of the cloud was getting dark. Soon we encountered a very light sprinkling of rain. We finished the round of flying, as the rain got serious, we packed up our equipment and got under the shelter. It rained hard then the sound got more metallic as the rain turn to rice sized hail. After 10 to 15 minutes the cloud had dumped all its rain and hail and completely disappeared leaving clear blue sky over the field. We still had some flights to finish but the "good" air was gone.

## Second Place

Contestant	Model	Area (Sq in)	Weight (Oz)	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Best 2 of 3	Team Score
John Eaton	Commando	380	21.5	900	900		1800	<b>1800</b>
Sheldon Berkowitz	Dallaire	300	17	855	828		1683	<b>1683</b>
Bob Grice	Miss Philly VI	310	17.5	834	690	632	1524	<b>1524</b>
Doug Barton	Benny Boxcar	300	17	450	457	330	907	
Craig Barton	Airborne	230	13	480			480	
<b>SAM 51</b>							<b>Team Score</b>	<b>5007</b>
<b>Date</b>	Oct 6,2017							
<b>Locations</b>	Woodland/Davis Aeromodeler's Field at Davis, CA							
<b>Conditions</b>	Skies clear; light North winds. Temp low eighties. Lift started around noon and was strong							
<b>Team Manager</b>	Bob Grice SAM 51							

## The SAM 51 2017 Team



### Third Place

Contestant	Model	Area (Sq in)	Weight (Oz)	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Best 2 of 3	Team Score
Zkvetoslav Storek	Pocketeer	231	16.93	577	881	492	1458	<b>1458</b>
Miroslav Dvoracek	Kerswap	288	16.23	607	424	746	1353	<b>1353</b>
Karel Osmera	Kerswap	288	16.23	499	652	516	1168	<b>1168</b>
Zdenek Hanacek	Gnat	285	16.16	402	503	520	1023	
Zdenek Sykora	Mura	314	19.4	371	361	493	864	
Pavel Cupak	Contender	352	22.9	373	496	388	884	
<b>SAM 79/85</b>							<b>Team Score</b>	<b>3979</b>
<b>Date</b>	15-Oct-17							
<b>Locations</b>	Model airport Litomysl - Czech Republic							
<b>Conditions</b>	Clear, wind S-SE at 0-2 m/sec., temperature 20-22 deg C							
<b>Team Manager</b>	Zdenek Hanacek							

### The SAM 79/85 2017 Team

#### Fourth Place

Contestant	Model	Area (Sq in)	Weight (Oz)	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Best 2 of 3	Team Score	
Mike Clancy	Play Boy	288	16.5	460	900	716	1616	<b>1616</b>	
Dick Irwin	Record Hound	289	16	699	546	430	1245	<b>1245</b>	
Tom Moore	Miss America	310	17	376	435	654	1089	<b>1089</b>	
Jim Temple	Rambler	288	17.5	425	522	316	947		
Ed Hamler	Airborn	292	16.25	650	402		884		
Loren Kramer	Airborn	292	16.5	368	403	235	771		
<b>SAM 27</b>								<b>Team Score</b>	<b>3950</b>
<b>Date</b>	Sept 28,2017								
<b>Locations</b>	North California, USA								
<b>Conditions</b>	Very good, some clouds, light wind, spotty thermals; too many short engine runs								
<b>Team Manager</b>	Mike Clancy SAM 27								

#### The SAM 27 2017 Team



We at SAM 27 were happy to participate in the Frank Ehling International 1/2 A Texaco Postal Challenge for 2017. We had a very enjoyable contest with good weather and no accidents. Our engine work needs some improvement. All our engines started and ran, but duration was not as good as we would have liked. Our turn out was very good considering the movement of fliers to electric power in our club. We hope we did ok, looking forward to the results.

## Fifth Place

Contestant	Model	Area (Sq in)	Weight (oz)	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Best 2 of 3	Team Score
Moschini Giuseppe	Mini Hoogan	280	16	640	684	645	1329	1329
Lustrat Silvano	Almoz	305	18.5	629	470	0	1099	1099
Cassinis Andrea	Airborne	288	17.5	468	553	554	1107	1107
Riccardelli Antonio	Kerswapp	288	17.5	361	455	354	816	
Maisano Mario	MiniMercury 300	300	18	290	262	400	690	
Cavallaro Eros	Tomboy	245	13.7	299	314	0	613	
Moschini Giuseppe	Pilade	305	18.5	462	0	0	462	
<b>SAM 2001 Italy</b>							<b>Team Score</b>	<b>3535</b>
<b>Date</b>	1-Oct-17							
<b>Location</b>	Fiano Romano (Rome)							
<b>Conditions</b>	Cloudy, Temp 18 deg C, no wind, 70% humidity, few thermals.							
<b>Team Manager</b>	Curzio Santoni C.D.							

## SAM 2001 L'AQUILONE 2017 Team



It is always a pleasure to take part in the Frank Ehling Trophy Challenge for me and the team. The meeting was held in Fiano Romano, near Roma, on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Unfortunately the weather was cloudy all morning, slight cold (18-22 degrees C) and humidity more or less 70%. Some of us had problems with the Cox due to the humidity; but we had great fun, also drinking good wine and eating good cakes.



## Sixth Place

Contestant	Model	Area	Weight	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Best 2 of 3	Team
		(Sq in)	(Oz)					Score
Tim Evans	Viking	315	19.5	672	230	484	1156	<b>1156</b>
L.A. Johnston	Blitzkrieg	340	21	567	356	536	1103	<b>1103</b>
James Harkreader	Airborn	344	21.5	515	319	369	884	<b>884</b>
Jared Lokridge	Buzzard Bombshell	200	14	357	428	184	785	
Bob Metzger	Airborn	288	16	286	278	301	587	
<b>SAM 43</b>							<b>Team Score</b>	<b>3143</b>
<b>Date</b>	12-Oct-17							
<b>Location</b>	Cookeville Sports Complex & Peeler Park, Nashville, TN USA							
<b>Conditions</b>	Clear & sunny but no thermals to speak of							
<b>Team Manager</b>	Bob Metzger SAM 43							

## The SAM 43

Once again we did not select a very good day to fly. Weather caught us earlier in the week with rain and we had to switch from Tues to Thursday. Should have flown the previous week but too many people weren't available!

Scheduling can be tough - don't know how you have done it for so many years.

I am really thrilled with my young student and young member of SAM, Jared Lockridge who at 10 years old is definitely our youngest member! He held his own with the adults and beat me! He loves competing and if he sticks with it will be a serious contender someday

Hope your team had better weather and results; we will try again next year!

## Seventh Place

Contestant	Model	Area (sq in)	Weight oz	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Best 2 of 3	Team Score
Diego Cirulli	RC-1	294.5	16.4	310	285	283	595	<b>595</b>
Ruben Rivarola	Alicia	333.3	19.4	184	241	230	471	<b>471</b>
Fernando Perrone	RC-1	271.3	18.1	200	120	210	210	
Miguel Tartara	RC-1	279	16.6	197	346	251	597	<b>597</b>
<b>SAM 1953 Argentina</b>							<b>Team Score</b>	<b>1663</b>
<b>Date</b>	Oct 29, 2017							
<b>Location</b>	Zarate, Buenos Aires							
<b>Conditions</b>	Wind oscillated between 5 and 20 kmh, without thermal activity causing poor flights.							
<b>Team Manager</b>	Ruben Riverola, SAM 1953 Coordinator							

## The SAM 1953 Team (2016 Photo)



Hello George..! I send you the results of the postal made in the city of Zarate, Buenos Aires located 90 km from from the federal capital. Unfortunately due to climatic problems some competitors, who would carry out flights in another club, could not do it because of winds of 30 km/h. In Zarate we flew where the wind oscillated between 5 and 20 km/h. without thermal activity, for which the flights were bad. Thank you for extending the period to fly.