

AMPS 2010 Aerobatic Challenge

Contest Report

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The 2010 AMPS Aerobatic Challenge is in the books!

We had 32 pilots in the contest grouped in five different classes:

- 6 in Basic
- 14 in Sportsman
- 7 in Intermediate
- 4 in Advanced
- 1 in Unlimited

We had beautiful weather both days with temperatures below 75 degrees and clear skies. The wind on Saturday was almost calm at about 6 mph. Pilots meeting was held at 0830 and flying began at around 0900. At the end of the day each class finished three full rounds of Known maneuvers.

Many of the pilots decided to take advantage of the beautiful weather and stayed at the field overnight in tents and motor homes. That night we saw a lot of foamy flying and showing off.

On Sunday the pilots meeting started at 0830 and wheels up at 0900. The wind was at about 12 mph straight down the runway. All classes flew one round of Unknown maneuvers and a final round of Knowns.

There was no formal freestyle competition but several pilots thrilled the spectators with their abilities to fly the airplanes right over the deck. Plaques were awarded and every one went home happy!

Many thanks to the AMPS members that help both days to run the contest.