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THE 40TH ANNUAL MID-HUDSON RC SOCIETY WW I & GOLDEN AGE JAMBOREE

The soft, brief whirr of a tiny biplane, then a yellow Piper Cub followed by a Fokker D-VIII lifted into a blue sky. The 40th Annual Rhinebeck Jamboree was underway, much anticipated by the faithful who have seen so many years flying at that haven of early aviation. So much so in fact that the two day event started early by mass acclamation and became more like a three day event with tents on the field. Thursday night and flying starting Friday afternoon.

Early registration was used by about 50 pilots on Friday and ballooned to 225 pilots and helpers by close of business Sunday. There were five flying stations operating, with people lined up behind each flier for most of the afternoon. Saturday was very much the



At the Rhinebeck Jamboree, full-scale planes are flown with the models, here Rhinebeck's DR.1 comes in for a landing past the DVII and the Spad VII.

same from 8 AM until 1:30, when modeling activity shut down first for spectators to choose their favorite plane from the many displayed on the runway, then for the traditional Rhinebeck Aerodrome full scale show.

Mother nature cooperated on Saturday with beautiful weather through the full-scale show and then sent everyone running home with rain at

about 5 PM. 96 attendees went to the Saturday dinner and were regaled by Stanley "Flying Farmer" Segalla's after-dinner speech.

Sunday the front had gone through, but a strong north wind restricted flying to the bolder members of the crowd. Ken Hall hovered his Cub against the wind while a PT-19 did knife edge maneuvers. Rich Feroldi flew both his 1/3



Public Choice lineup. Everyone voted for best models in several categories. Lou Callen photo.



Rich Feroldi with his Albatros.

scale Albatros D.Va and his Fokker Dr.1 and a few others enjoyed the blue sky until it was time for the announcement of the awards and the start of the full scale show.

Of the 225 pilots and helpers registered, the Jamboree drew fliers from Quebec to Florida, and Massachusetts to Oklahoma. 178 signed into the impound as actual pilots, though a few more got their hands on the

sticks. A number of vendors had tents set up and were busy selling models, supplies, prints, and sunglasses. The usual raffles were held, with Arizona Model Aircrafters ARF kits, a Great Planes P6E ARF kit, a FunAero SE-5a kit and a Hanger 9 P-40 ARF among the beautiful models being carried away by happy winners.

As usual, there were outstanding models present. Ed Andrews Fokker Dr.1 Triplane

won Best of Show this year. It was built from a 1/3 scale kit from Jamboree sponsor Arizona Model Aircrafters. The detail was incredible, and it flew well.

Last years "Best of Show" winner Fernand St Andre had his magnificent Albatros again, matched by Rich Feroldi's. Rich also had his Top Gun quality D.H.2 present. There was a beautiful 50%-scale Pietenpol in the bones built by

Best in Show Winner Ed Andrews.



Unusual Electric powered Gotha Bomber by Jerry O'Connor.

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And the Winners Are....

(Award sponsor, modeler, plane)

Best In Show, Arizona Model Aircrafters - Ed Andrews - Fokker DR1 Triplane

First Place, Horizon Hobby Distributors - Fernand St Andre - Albatros D.Va

Spirit Of Rhinebeck, Glenn Torrance Models - Bill Setzler - Pietenpol

Best WW1 Biplane, Balsa USA - Rich Feroldi - DH-2

Best WW1, FunAero RC - Jim Suchy - Hannover

Best Civilian, The Aeroplane Works - Jean Chevalier - Eurocoupe

Best Golden Era Racer, NoBS Batteries - Steve Gallop - Gee Bee Sportster

Best Electric, Castle Creations - Allen Mrock - S-39

Best Paint, F&M Enterprises - Wayne Renolds - Morane Sainier



All the winners lined up on Sunday.



Above: Two triplanes wait for the morning fog to lift on Saturday Below: Lee Henderson's Jenny.



Below: CD George Buso hands Rich Feroldi one of several Best of Category awards given at the 2006 Jamboree.



Best Paint Job Award went to Wayne Renolds.

Bill Setzler. Allen Mrock had three samples of his intricately done Sikorsky seaplanes. Fokker Triplanes were there in abundance and Jerry O'Connor flew his huge, electric powered Gotha.

The 2007 edition of the Jamboree is already in the planning stages, we hope to see you there next September at the Old Rhinebeck Jamboree!

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