

A Tribute Event in Honor of Ed "Never Ready Eddie" Novak

This event originally began to take wing for use on our ever so shrinking Pinkham Field, small all-sheet jobs that may stay within the limits of Pinkham Field. Now with the passing of our comrade, Never Ready Eddie, it seems appropriate for it to be dedicated to his memory as one of the true originals but with an added twist to the event! Plans of several great candidates have been selected and passed around. Most of the plans include the articles (a must read). They mention backyard or playing field flying. They are described as crashproof and can be flown in winds up to 25 mph with flight times of 20-30 seconds! This is all in line of what Eddie praised.

These are easy to build flyers and all sheet making them a diversion build. Maybe a first for some builders (use the good wood & a new blade). Short duration, hence the scoring and the use of black rubber. High flight times not necessarily the goal here. Extremely rugged ships that can be flown virtually anywhere, except maybe one of NRE's many cluttered building and model storage rooms! HAAWW! This event is open to everyone and can be flown at any location. Eddie will be watching!

Let's have a look at the event:

- All sheet balsa construction 3D Fuselage
- Wingspan up to 17". Reduce/enlarge to get close.
- Black tissue streamers from left- and right-wing trailing edge.
- When available, a piece from NRE's collection to be attached to model i.e. tissue, insignia, wheels, wood, etc.
- BLACK RUBBER ONLY. If needed we have a supply on hand, mostly from NRE.
- Scoring: 6 Flights to try and duplicate a flight time with a 15 second minimum. The flyer with the most duplicates wins. Flyers with most duplicates and/or closest times will be used for scoring.
- First place only. Prize will be a box which may contain anything from a one-year subscription six issues to an early model airplane magazine, a model airplane kit or two, or any model related items (whichever of these items are on hand) all from the collection of one of our comrades who have passed on.
- The inaugural event was held on our November 17th 2024 "Turkey Fly" Contest at Pinkham Field, and is to continue thereafter at various Contests. Check Squadron's Up Contest Calendar for scheduled events.
- The event is open to anyone not able to be present at Pinkham Field via text message. A contestant is given the day before or the day of the scheduled contest to make their six attempts. Text flyers name, location, flight times and two pictures of the model, one showing proof of black rubber used to; Paul Stott 203-258-3962 by 3:00pm EST of the scheduled contest day. Results to follow via text.

There you have it fellow modelers. Is it all long winded? For sure, just like a conversation with Eddie was. How about it gang? Let's give it a go in memory of our "most unforgettable character" Never Ready Eddie Novak.

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