

8th Annual Southern California POPS Meet

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Perris, CA

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Hi POPS!!

IT'S TIME
AGAIN
FOR:

THE
8TH ANNUAL
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

POPS-MEET

WHERE: PERRIS PARACENTER
DC-3; HOWARD, CESSNA, ETC.

WHEN: SAT-SUN **MAY 3-4**

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Hi Folks:

Well, the 8th Annual Southern California POPS MEET was a great success in spite of the fact that there was some confusion in the location because of a change that was made when O1' Reliable Elsinore was suddenly turned into 'The Underwater World of Jacque Istel' after several weeks of devastating rainfall.

So we journeyed over the hill to Perris where we were welcomed with open arms and fresh supplies of Geritol-on-ice.

The low-key meet progressed fairly slow as it was difficult to drag the modern day POPS from the DC-3 mega-loads and intricate sky-dancing that is taking place nowadays. It's surprising how many of the hot-dogs of yesteryear are reaching their middle years and, although they support the POPS, still dig on gettin' up there for some fancy air work.

The accuracy competition was decided in only two rounds as we were in a hurry to get on with the 3-man scrambles - but, besides some close marks and a few dead-centers, Larry Taylor of San Clemente, California took first with a total of 2'3", including a dead center. George Llewellyn of Saratoga, Cal. pulled in 2nd, followed closely by Larry Pearlman from Van Buys, Calif.

The Hit-N-Rock, a good spectator event, was grabbed by Phil Christman in a quick time of 6.05 seconds. Not Bad at all. Dick Pedley got a 2nd and Meet Director Pat Moorehead was 3rd.

By Sunday afternoon the sun and hurry had taken it's toll and we were able to register only 3 scramble teams for the RW portion of the meet. Exiting the Cessna at 7500' we were observed by Betty Giarusso and clocked by Bobbie Gallo in the one-round speed star jump and first place was awarded to the Kamikazi POPS, Pat Moorehead, Terry Parsons, and Larry Pearlman for a time of 10.4 seconds.

5 new POPS were recruited and will soon be issued their membership numbers by Tom Morrison, our revered TOP-POP in Pennsylvania.

Our farthest-away representative this year was loyal John Cook who flew in from San Francisco for the meet.

Plans are underway for next years meet which will be held with total emphasis on RW with little, or no, accuracy. Of course we will never give up the Hit-N-rock because that's what it's all about - havin' a good time and making fun of our selves while doin' it.

A special thanks to the operators of Perris Paracenter for donating the first place trophies for accuracy and hit-n-rock and also the team scrambles trophies. Also for helping us manifest in between two DC-3's, a twin Beech and some Cessnas.