



Eze Racing

Rob Martinson (CO) - My races were like the Thrill of Victory and the Agony of Defeat, or the other way around. I raced in the Sun' n Fun Sprint and the Sun 100, now called the Whitman Memorial. In the Sprint, Troy, AL to Bartow, FL, I knew Charlie Airesman and I would be close but not nearly as close as it turned out. (Rob, at 208.3 mph, was 2 seconds behind Charlie at 208.9 mph.) I was delighted for Charlie as he is a gracious winner and most deserving. He has helped me and a lot of others so much! As expected, Klaus is in a class by himself. Two days later I got better results in the Sun 100.

In the first race I encountered what I had been concerned about but couldn't test. I have been experimenting with spark plugs for some time and thought I had a good combination. I could not test sea level performance at maximum manifold pressure, however, as I live well above sea level near Denver.

During my descent in the Sprint Race I encountered what we later decided was pre-ignition, caused by too hot spark plugs that were pre-igniting the fuel. This caused a loss of power and loss of concentration on the part of the pilot and, needless to say, a loss of valuable seconds. Oh well, this is what racing is all about.

The following are canard results from the Sun' n Fun races:

Sprint (Pelican Class)

1st - Klaus Savier Vari-Eze 201.6 knots
3rd - Charles Airesman Vari-Eze 181.69 knots
4th - Rob Martinson Vari-Eze 181.13 knots

6th - James Gabrick Vari-Eze 153.07 knots
8th - Josh Rubin Vari-Eze 134.71 knots

(Flamingo Class)

4th - Roger Crupper O-320 Long-EZ 160.53 knots

ED. It was interesting that the first

place in this class, a Glasair 1RG with considerably more power and retractable gear, would have placed in 5th place behind Rob if the Glasair would have raced in the Pelican Class.

Sun 100

1st - (class 1B) - Rob Martinson Vari-Eze 184 knots



Canard pilots at Troy, AL before the Sprint Race.

(L-R: Rob Martinson, Jim Gabrick, Roger Crupper, Klaus Savier, Charlie Airesman, Josh Rubin)

Rob's Vari-Eze in the Sun 100 line up awaiting race start



Hot Glue and AV Gas Update

Bruce Hughes (HI) - I read in the last newsletter, p 17, under Hot Glue and AV Gas that "tanks be coated inside with epoxy or vinylester resin". Maybe you should tell everyone to be sure that the vinylester resin to use is Dow Derakane because other vinylester resins may not stick forever according to what EAA's Tony Bingelis says.