

## June 2025 WMAA Pylon Race Report

Ten WMAA member pilots registered to race, a number of other club members and many spectators gathered at Dinneen Field on the morning of Saturday June 7, 2025 for the club pylon races. The weather conditions were warm, humid, hazy sky and light winds. Three heats of eight lap races were flown by the electric Eflight T28 Trojan planes and the Club Pylon Racer Class (AMA Sport Quickee 500 class like planes; nitro fueled .40 ci engine) ran four heats for 10 laps. The races were run from a standing start over the two pylon (600' spacing) racecourse. The pylon lights (pass and cut) were set up and pylon judges were used.

Marcelo Molina raced in both the T28 and pylon racer classes. Several close races occurred, and several DNFs, putting the emphasis on consistency. Gary Smith won all three of the heat races for the overall win.

Unfortunately, Marcelo, Mike Kurt and Dennis all had engine problems that caused DNFs during heat races with their nitro planes. Kurt switched to a backup plane. All of the planes were comparatively fast, putting the emphasis on tight pylon turns. Lou completed all heats, had no pylon cuts and gathered enough points for the win.

The T28 Racer results are as follows:

1 st place Gary Smith 9 pts

2nd place Marcelo Molina 8 pts

3rd place Bill Knipe 5 pts

4 th place Dave Dumond 7 pts

5thplace Jim Hingst 5pts

6thplace Phil Pepin 0pts

The Club Pylon Racer results are as follows:

1 st place Lou Matustik 11 pts

2nd place Kurt Koelling 9 pts

3rd place Dennis Bacon 8 pts

4 th place Mike Barbee 6 pts

5 th place Marcelo Molina 2 pts

Thanks to all of the club members who attended for helping out with set up and running this event including Bernie, Jeff, Don and Jim for setup. Thanks to Gary Smith for bringing delicious donuts and coffee.

Club members are encouraged to participate in the fun and excitement of future pylon races. The next race will be scheduled in the fall time frame. Now is the time to put a racer together and prepare for the next race.

Lou Matustik