

23rd Annual 1977 TOLEDO R/C EXPOSITION



Stephen J. Sauger is shown above receiving the trophy for Best in Show from Miss Weak Signals Angie Cholewinski. Steve won this with his brand new Fairchild-24 (below).



It seems that the biggest show of the year just keeps getting bigger/**Bob Hoeckle**

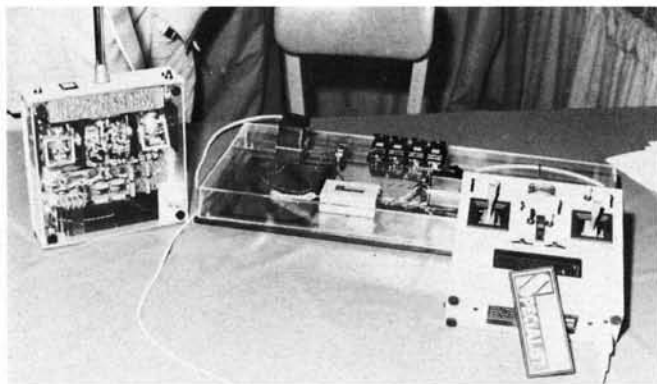
As any modeler will tell you, Toledo is more than just a city in Ohio on the bank of Lake Erie. Once a year it becomes Mecca for R/C'ers from all over the United States. It's a place for them to look until their vision gets fuzzy, to dream until their minds are exploding with visions of all the great future projects, and to walk until their feet throb while all the while insisting that they're having the time of their lives. The Toledo Show, or more properly, the 23rd Annual Toledo R/C Exposition, is still the biggest show in our hobby/sport and is one of the places where that intangible feeling of being with friends pervades the atmosphere.

This year's Toledo gathering showed that our hobby/sport is still growing, but more important than the growth, it showed that the industry and the individual modelers are developing an enlarging sense of sophistication. Some folks may not be too happy about that, to them sophistication brings forth visions of big business, too many people and a possible loss of the idealism and individual effort that have been a part of our hobby/sport for so very long. We think that it means even more quality products from our dedicated manufacturers, more individuals building, flying and striving for that elusive perfection, and just as much idealism and effort from the younger modelers in honing their skills rather than struggling to learn them as the previous modeling generation did.

On the lighter side of things, and to show how model aviation reflects the society around it, we'll tell you the story of the Concorde. Not the full-size one from England and France, but a model that was being carried in by a French/Canadian for exhibit at the show. This poor fellow was trying to gain admittance to the main hall and one of the folks in charge was trying to explain to him that all entries must be brought in the rear entrance to be processed before being displayed. There seemed to be a communications gap and everyone was getting exasperated when Jim Boyd, FM's Associate Editor, walked over and said to the Frenchman, "Don't worry about a thing, you'll get extra scale points for getting a hassle over where to land that thing." That's the way it is at Toledo. Thanks to the Weak Signals for another fine effort and we hope that our photographs help you to see what went on if you missed it.



Windlord by Ken Bates of Michigan was the first place winner in Sailplane.



MILLCOTT CORP., 1420 Village Way, Unit E, Santa Ana, CA 92705, introduced the Specialist, a new 8-channel radio with crossed trims, front panel controls, metal open gimbals, variable dual rates and many more options.

Director's Award Loren Zimpfer, Oh.	Yamato
Best of Show Stephen Sauger, Mich.	Fairchild 24-R
Old Timer R/C Plane 1. Chet Lanzo, Oh. 2. Joe Beshar, N.J. 3. Gordon Pearson, Mich.	Lanzo R/C 1937 Brooklyn Dodger Albatross
Sport Bi-Plane 1. G. Prentice, Ont. 2. R. David Stephens, W. Va. 3. Larry Miller, Ind.	Super BiPe MK II Pulsar Acro-Star
Military Stand-Off Scale 1. Richard Barron, Mich. 2. R.E. Brennon, Oh. 3. H.G. Minnig, N.J.	Curtiss Goshawk P-61 Black Widow B 24-H
Non-Military Scale 1. Stephen Sauger, Mich. 2. Casey Solewski, Ill. 3. Herb Lindsay, Minn.	Fairchild 24-R Waco F-3 Druiue Turbulent
MonoKote 1. Ramona Schultz, Oh. 2. Dan DeLuca, N.J. 3. Al Schmid, Oh.	Stearman BiPe Mini-Pathfinder Olympic 99 Sailplane
Pylon Racers 1. Bill Hager, Oh. 2. Wayne Yeager, Mich. 3. Greg Doe, N.C.	Prather "Little Tony" Prather "Little Tony" Prather "Little Tony"
Military Scale 1. Charles Nelson, Wis. 2. Ed Wisser, Pa. 3. William Fuori, N.Y.	Curtiss JN 4-D Jenny Albatross D-5 FW 190 G
Helicopter 1. Walter Farrell, Oh. 2. Wendell Hostetler, Oh. 3. David Swanger, Oh.	Bell Huey Cobra Jet Ranger Hughes 300
Sailplane 1. Ken Bates, Mich. 2. Dave Corven, Mich. 3. Dennis Harvey, Oh.	Windlord Impulse Starfire
Best Finish 1. Duane NeeFe, N.Y. 2. Jon Blackwell, Jr., Ill. 3. Bill Basler, Ia.	Compensator Dirty Birdy Dirty Birdy
Original Design 1. Charlie Bair, Oh. 2. Don Prentice, Ont. 3. Richard Klein, Oh.	Zonker 40 II Float Plane Super Corr V
Non-Military Stand-Off Scale 1. Albert Kretz, Ill. 2. Ronald J. Woody, Pa. 3. Ronald Eversole, Oh.	Curtiss Wright Condor Alon A-2 Aircoupe Waco UMF-7
R/C Cars 1. John Nicolaides, Tor. 2. Joe Sullivan, Tex. 3. Jack Hadlock, Tex.	"Saladin" Armourer Car Porsche 936 Porsche 917-10