

The First Ever Rider's "Pigs Fly" Contest

The results are in!!!! As I mentioned in last weeks newsletter it wasn't easy to choose one entry that embodied all the parameters of the contest so since I am the only judge and administrator of the contest I decided to break up the prize into segments. I awarded prizes for functionality (\$10), execution (\$10), spirit of the contest (\$10), and the one that I thought did the best overall even though it didn't include every element (\$20). I have included photo of all the entries so you can see them all.

I would like to have seen more overall participation since I know many of you had great ideas but since we lead such busy lives... ah, but sometimes you just have to stop and smell the pigs.

In the also ran category we have:



Larry's entry was a hoot to watch fly (and bounce) but was low on the imagination scale and frankly, I expected better execution based on the other work I have seen him do. The imaginative use of military hardware was a plus but not enough to garner him a prize. He did have a title for this entry having to do with a colonoscopy but we won't go there.



Q's entry was a variation of an A-10 Warthog in a very small scale. Good imagination and hit the spirit of the contest pretty well but non-functional and this last minute entry was also not up to the Q standard of building.



Lugene's entry although self proclaimed as "really rocks" (see newsletter dated 10/30/06) and was in fact functional did also point out her self acknowledged modeling deficiency which she terms "glue challenged". Her entry was tacky for several hours after she was done gluing and the R/C department says it's still tacky. We haven't quite figured what he is leaking in front, hard landing maybe?



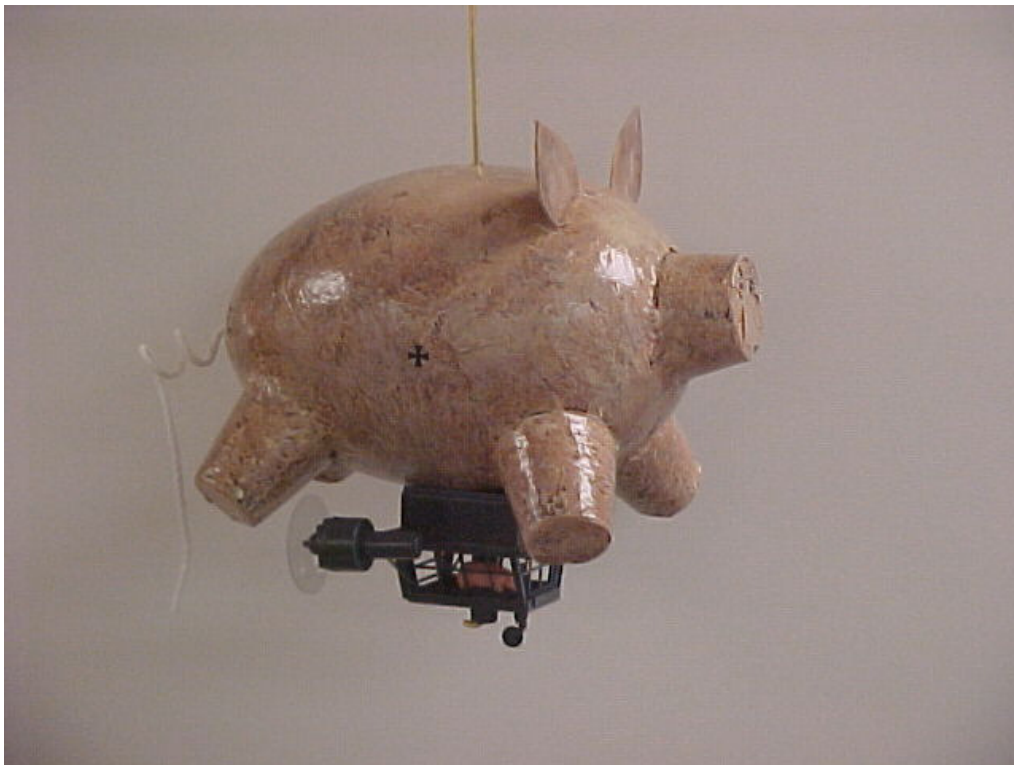
In what I would term a typical Hooverian entry John did well on imagination, functionality, and execution/workmanship. I have it on good authority that it flies well even though very experimental. I have awarded John the functionality award though he did a great job overall and it was one that made the decision tough.



Bob Hickle's entry was a variation on a theme and did a great job of finding an existing subject that fit the contest rather than creating a fictitious subject. I have seen some of Bob's work over the years, it is superb and this model is no exception. I have awarded Bob the award for best execution (would that be the execution award?).



I had to laugh when I saw this “pig fly” entry from Tom (with design help from Steve) here in GR. Using a stock pig it, has the ability to fly (when attached to a fishing pole) though execution is a little simplistic (though the hook is beautifully scratchbuilt) it embodies the spirit of the contest perfectly and it wins that award.



I choose as best overall this pig blimp from Geno in Madison Heights. Although technically non-functional (he wouldn't let me throw it), it covers all the other areas very well. The small pig inside the gondola is a nice touch and the weathering to the balloon canvas is very good at making it look like pig skin. (hmm.. another idea comes to mind)