

Friday, September 23, 2005

This week end we are flying the last Combine race. The Y.B's are being shipped to night to Matheson and as far as the 2005 racing season is concerned it is all over.

Some members in our club had a very good season. Some had a lousy Old Bird season and an excellent Young Bird season.

John Marles flew the Old Birds + Young Birds very well and should take the overall average speed. Patrick Kleyn surprised me with an outstanding Y.B. series. He still has a good chance of winning the Combine Y.B. average speed!!! Myself I enjoy long distance racing and flew outstanding on L.Lac and Nakina clocking combined at least 20 day birds. Hearst was a different story and killed any thought of me finishing high for the average speed .. But that is pigeon racing .

I was reading an article about Eric Lindros. He is the well known centre of the Maple Leaf hockey team and he is a part time philosopher "I think " He said. "Life's about speaking your mind and do what you think is best. If people disagree with that. So be it:"

I think Eric has had many knocks on his "noggin", but his thinking is still sound.

We are now racing the birds in some 'Open' races. A few 'Open Races' in Old birds and quite a few more with the Young Birds.

I participate in quite a few 'Opens' but sometimes I feel the rules are rather silly.

We have all participated in Open races with a first prize of \$5000. and for 2nd prize what is left over. Let us say there are 50 participants. One guy walks away with a big smile on his face, the rest is p....ssed off. Why not have a first prize of \$1500 2nd prize \$1000 3rd prize of \$500. and 10 more prizes of \$200. each. Does not that make more sense!

High roller prizes should be kept for Las Vegas. Pools, do whatever you want. But if I look at horse racing I see people putting down their two bucks and they are happy to win three bucks!

Why not pay our at 4:1 or 5:1 and make a lot of fanciers happy.

I just decided not to write about a 200 mile front in Open Races when pooling is allowed. Somebody is going to lose either West or East. I feel sorry for the losers they never had a chance. It happens so seldom that East and West are competitive at the same race.

Have a good 'silent' season.

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