

# Texas Scale Championships 2013 Results



## **Lee Rice won the title of Texas Scale Champion 2013**

This was the best year ever for crowd participation and contestant turnout. The beginning of Saturday was a preview of what was to come, I was one of the first to arrive and as Max and I were getting our stuff organized, we both noticed the parking area for pilots was getting busy, the set up tables were now in constant use and guys were setting up planes and moving off the tables so the next pilot could set his up. We noticed tents going up on the end of the awning area. THIS WAS GOING TO BE A FANTASTIC DAY.

Registration was a little different this year as Wes Blair who ran registration in spectacular fashion was recuperating from surgery and could not work the event, but Dennis Haynes stepped in this year and took over and was soon THE guy to go to. Max and I don't know what we would have done without Dennis. As soon as pilot registration started, so did the questions from contestants wanting to help deciding which class and what maneuvers to perform. When Max and I became busy we ask some of the more experienced pilots to help with the new pilots. It was great to see the interest and enthusiasm. Pilots were coming from all over, Houston, Spring Branch, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Edinburg, Pearland, Flower Mound and the Mid-Cities area.



Paul Curry



Lelue Alvin

First official duty of the day was opening of the contest with the Star Spangled Banner performed by Ricardo Silva, ok he didn't actually perform it but did play it on his iPhone through the amplifiers.

The pilots meeting went smoothly with the welcoming of the new pilots and the question and answers were explained. This event has evolved into a real gathering of friends and a place to meet some of the pilots you have only heard about, here you can meet and talk and develop friendships that will last for many years. Static judging is the first part of the contest and we were very blessed this year to not only have three very capable judges but as it turned out the last time Stan Brock would judge at the event. Bill Traver, one of the most talented and experienced judges and first year Static Judge Ivan Staats rounded out the three judge panel. These guys were the first to lay it on the line for the contest.

Each year our list of judges grows, now we can mix in the new judges with a complete crew of experience judges. Head Flight line Judge Bob Mueller led all four sets of judges. The First and Second round judges, Bob Mueller, Bob McDuff, Jim Withworth, and Royce Lummus and Rounds Three and Four judges Bob Muller, Harold Staats, M.L. Ward, Bert Brown.

The most appreciated workers at the event EVERY year are Tommy Ezell and Jim Keller, words are not good enough to say enough about these two volunteers, Cooks, fast order chefs, I have been to a lot of events over the years but the food these guys produce is without equal.





Steve Nickleson



Ed Couch

Long time competitor and former GSW pilot Steve Nickleson was back on our turf once again and it was good to see him and his unusual model the BV 141b. The planes were as varied as the pilots, from a P-38 to an SE-5a.



Tim Lovett



Vic Larsen



Lupe Cordora Jr



Mike Kopf





Lawrence Harville

The contest was divided into Eight Classes with the final numbers very close and battling was right to the last flight. Only one plane was put out of action completely and unfortunately it was from the pilot who had driven the furthest to get here, it was the Large P-47 and Bruce is determined to redeem himself next year.



Lupe Cordora Sr

Lane Crabtree

I have listed the complete results at the end of this article Check it out and remember YOU could be on this list next year.



Sonny Coleman



Darrell Abby



Emerson Jenkins



Woody Lake

We had to make the contest a one day event because as Sunday dawned so did about one inch of steady rain. But we could not have asked for a better Saturday. If you missed this event plan on coming next year. Great field, Great Pilots, Great planes and a good time by all.





Dick Rovnyak



Bruce Landsman

Gear up and locked

Lawrence Harville

### TEXAS SCALE CHAMPION 2013 LEE RICE

Expert	Place	Scalemasters	AIRCRAFT
Lee Rice Previously qualified	1	186.5 Q	Corsair
Lawrence Harville	2	185.3 Q	Skyraider
Tim Lovett	3	179.3 Q	Spitfire
Woody Lake	4	172	S.E. 5a
Max Ficken	5		P 47

### ADVANCED

Ed Couch	1	182.7 Q	P 6e Hawk
Darrell Abby	2	170.9 Q	Corsair
Steve Nicholson	3	168 Q	BV141b
Lane Crabtree	4	166 Q	Hellcat
Bruce Landsman	5	165 Q	P-47

### PRO AM PRO CIVILAN

Tim Lovett	1	175.25	Yak
Mike Kopf	2	174.7	Cessna 182

**PRO AM PRO MILITARY**

Sonny Coleman	1	179.5	ME 109
Paul Curry	2	176	Zero
Lupe Cordora Jr	3	172.2	Achi D3A1 VAL
Vic Larsen	4	168.7	Tiger Moth
Darrell Abby	5	165.75	P 47

**PRO AM SPORTSMAN MILITARY**

Emerson Jenkin	1	168	P 38
Lelue Alvin	2	165	Corsair
Lupe Cordora Sr	3	110	Fokker D 7
Dick Rovnyak	4		L 4 Cub

**PRO AM SPORTSMAN CIVILIAN**

R Frazier	1	114	WACO
Kip Niles	2		Bi Plane