

2019 MCRSC Bomb/Parachute Drop Contest

The 13th Annual MCRCS Bomb/Parachute Drop Contest took place on October 13th as planned with surprising nice weather with little wind and pleasant temperatures nearing 70 degrees. This was one of the largest participating turn-outs with 13 entrants in the Bomb Drop and 5 entrants in the Parachute Drop contest. We also had a good amount of club spectators as well as other non-participating flyers. Joe and Irwin went from participating pilots to our lunch chefs for the best hamburgers and hot dogs ever with salads and fixings supplied by Jim!

Although we had more pilots, only three got their bombs to fall just inside the outer target ring. Haakon Aurdal took first place in the Bomb Drop Contest flying his Electro Stick with his bomb just missing the flag by about 11-1/2 feet for a total of 4 points. Both Jim Meighan (Senior Telemaster) and John Tanzer (Stork) tied for second with their drops missing the flag by about 13 ft and they also were each awarded 4 points. It should be noted that Haakon lost his wheels in a practice flight when his battery died and had to be hand launched each time during the contest. Other interesting notes were that George Miller did a cartwheel on take-off when he realized his transmitter was not set correctly. We should give him kudos for gluing and taping his AeroStar back together and completing three bomb missions after that. Also, Irwin Keshner lost his throttle linkage during his first bomb mission but still had a successful dead-stick landing about 10 minutes later.

In the Parachute Drop Contest, we saw where experience in this contest paid off. Carl Gubkin with his Tundra had his parachutes land twice on the target and took first place with a total of 6 points. John Tanzer came the closest by hitting just outside the outer ring by about 10 feet or about 25 feet from the flag and totaled 2 points. Other pilots were all over the place except for the target. When Carl got his second drop into the target, all remaining pilots gave up plus it was time for lunch. Contest was quickly over!