

## Let the Spirit (of SAM) Rise at Old Warden Festival of Flight September 2018.

2018 will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spirit of SAM authenticity event for c/l models from the 1951 to 1960 period. The contest was initiated in 1989 using the Fireball Trophy rules (for designs up to & including Dec 1950) to extend the time period covered to the 1950s, when many of our membership cut our teeth on control line flying. In 2012 we honoured Mike Beach's memory by commemorating the 37th anniversary of his Fireball Trophy event by gathering together the spectacle of a memorable display of 58 models entered into this competition by SAM 35 members over the years. We also launched the new Mike Beach Trophy at this time, to be awarded to the most unusual c/l model entered into either the Fireball or SoS event each year. This commemorative framed picture of the impressive cluster of models was subsequently presented to Mike's family:



Your Committee plan to stage a similar mass display of Spirit of SAM models both old & new on the morning of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the Old Warden Festival of Flight weekend by the control tower, in the hope of reviving greater participation in the flagship authenticity events. All SoS models from Jan 1951 to Dec 1960 will be welcome to commemorate this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including those entered in recent years for Brian Lever's single model focus events including:

Mercurian Mite, Scatterbrain, Tiny Tot Biplane, Thompson Trophy Racers, Rascal, Trojan, Bee Bug, Nipper, KK Ranger Mk 1, Midge, KK Phantom Mite Mk 1, KK Skystreak 26, KK Scout T/R, KK Champ, KK Phantom Mk 1, Autogyros, etc.

You will notice that some of these are Fireball period models, so why not bring along any of these you still have too, to make this an embracing vintage control liners' display? If your model is still in decent cosmetic and flying condition, why not enter it into the Fireball, SoS and Mike Beach Trophy activities taking place at this time in the same area, & you may go home with one of these prestigious trophies to keep for the next year? Julio Isidro and Mick Castell will be your 2018 CDs for these events.



Steve Betney and Brian Lever.