

On Saturday, October 2nd, three SAM 27 members attended and flew in the 14th Annual Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon. This is a world-wide event celebrating one of the most famous and popular airplanes in model aviation.

Randy Bush, Aric Wilmunder, and Mike Clancy all flew, and had a great time. Aric flew his very first control line flights successfully.

The site was at the Alameda Aeronauts, Bill Osborn Memorial Flying Field in Alameda, CA. On Saturday 14 pilots, flying four different Ringmaster sizes put up 64 flights. On Sunday a few pilots put up seventeen more flights. All planes this year were glow ignition powered. Pilots age range was 11 to 83. This was no competition or aerobatics, just counting flights of 5 laps or more to remember this great old model airplane.

The world-wide goal this year was 6,000 flights and 600 pilots. This year, however, that goal will not be met because many of the European countries that participate are not allowed to assemble in groups to fly. The current tally after 7 days is 4077 Ringmaster flights by 345 pilots!

For more info go to 2021flyathon@ringmasterflyathon.com.

Mike Clancy