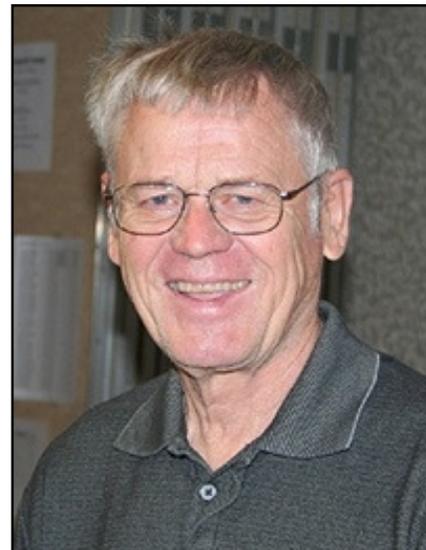




THE RED BARON SPEAKS

July/August – Larry Creakbaum

The period started with Del City which started the last week end of June and ended the first week end of July. This event I am classifying a major, a major by my description is one with a minimum of sixteen boards and events for all skill levels. The Houston Holiday Open, Kansas City Shoot out, Del City, and Reno North American Championships fit this description. The ten day format allows players to attend the first week end, a few days at the beginning of the week or a few days at the end of the week, stay for the second week end, and not have to miss too many days work. The ten day expense is another barrier to attending all events or staying the whole week. Travel to the HHO is difficult as I cannot convince my family that I need to travel on Christmas Day and finding a seat space available the day after Christmas is almost impossible. I drive to both the KC and Del City events, although that is not practical for players from either coast. Flying to Reno is like trying to get home to IND, there are no non-stops except to major cities.



The events in Kansas City went well, but there still appears to be too much time entailed in the roll call and the start of the sponsor sale. This is true of all the majors. I am probably speaking out of turn as I have never tried to organize a large event, but with the computers of today something should be more practical.

Since Del City, I have attended the start of a couple of events here in Indiana but did not play or stay until the end. Since May I have not seen any results published on either web site. Are the promoters not submitting the info? And don't tell me to go to Facebook as I refuse to get involved with that.

I did attend the Super Sam in Afton MO. as it is closer than Michigan and farther than Bourbon. Again, I have not seen any results. There was a three event tournament scheduled for MO. the last of August and I do not know when it was posted but by the time I found out about it I had a family commitment.

Next up is Labor Day week end in which there are at least five events around the country and the start of the college football season so will see you all in December.