



INDY MID-WEST FINN CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Friday's night party was a blast with pizza and beer. With about 20 other racers telling old stories of past glory on the race courses. (J-24 & Highlander class boats)

Don McGuire arrived 1st from the Chicago area, only a four hour trip. Next to arrived was **Robert Mendenhull** from the New York state a ten plus hour trip. **Bill Upthegrove** and **Phil Tate** pull in around 1:30 am Saturday. Bill came in from the west coast to work on the battle damage to Tate's boat. Phil's boat had been damage at the past mid-winter Finn regatta and needed some tender loving care to put it back in to racing shape.

Our local shop **Sailboat Inc.** donated space and tools so that Bill could fix the major damage to the stern. Our hats are off to these good people.

ON TO RACING, Saturday's wind was from the west-south west blowing around 15-18 mph and shifting every two minutes. Phil won all 3 races this day with Robert and Bill staying very close at the finish. Don & Wayne were having their own battle staying out of last place.

Saturday's night's dinner was good and we dance to a live band to past mid-night. A few of the IUPUI college girls were also on hand and a party was had by all.

Sunday race started around 10am with light 7-10 mph from the west and shifting to the north west. Bob won race 4 with Phil taking 2nd. Wayne loved this wind and won race 5 with a large lead over Phil. Bob took the last race with Bill finishing 2nd.

The Finn's show the colors to other boats with great speed and fast tacking duels. Last years championship had 11 boats on the line. But with the US Nationals only 3 weeks away, and 5 hours from Indy, a large number of Finn sailors choose to stay away. Well that is their lost, we had a great time!

Thank you! ~ to the great RC work by Eagle Creek Sailing Club and to all the Finn sailors that show up.

Phil Tate	1	1	1	2	2	3
Robert Mendenhull	2	2	4	1	3	1
Wayne Myers	4	4	3	3	1	4
Bill Upthegrove	3	3	2	4	5	2
Don McGuire	5	5	5	5	4	5

Note: Bill has the copies of the measurement forms, sail numbers US 900-1100, these were lost for over 5 years. So if you Finn sailors with old boats can't find yours, call or e-mail Bill to see if he has a copy. You will need them for the trials. And by the way, I have my marching orders from the OYC and will be at the US Finn Trials in October. So put your boat and sails in order, and remember this **"The Gods do not deduct from man's allotted span those hours spent in sailing a Finn"** Wayne Myers USA 996