

# IPMS Santa Rosa 2004 Summer Picnic

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**The IPMS Santa Rosa members and families settle in for a beautiful summer afternoon picnic.**

We had a great turn out for the third annual IPMS Santa Rosa picnic. Once again, the picnic was held at beautiful Spring Lake. The picnic is a great chance to get to know each other a little better, meet the families and enjoying a fine summer afternoon by the barbecue. This year's entertainment consisted of the famous "Carrier Landing" Contest, a Parts ID Contest, door prizes and games for the kids.



**Mmm... You can just smell that Filet Mignon...!**



**"Ya know, we could sneak some modelling in right now... The wives won't find out..."**

The Carrier Landing Contest was a huge hit. From the fertile imagination of Jack Riggart, this consisted of attempting to guide a model sliding down a wire to hit the picnic table "carrier deck" as close to the 3-wire as possible. (The model contained a felt pen to leave a mark on the "deck".) The model, a 1/32 scale FW 190, was generously, but incongruously, provided by Erik Mark. Everyone gave it their best, but in the end, a steady hand and quick reflexes were more important than knowing what a carrier aircraft *should* look like!



**Pilot Maureen Downs pretty much wipes out the fantail!**



**Gary Ellis and Tom Berto study the carrier landing characteristics of the Focke Wulf Fw190D-9. Huh?**



**Erik and Sonia seem to disagree as to who caught the third wire...**

Everyone was having such a good time, we stayed until the park rangers kicked us out.



**As everyone is leaving, Randy grabs another plate because no else is in line...**

Our thanks to all those who attended and especially those who contributed to the activities, help set up, and plan the event.

Don't miss next year's!

**Photos by Jack Riggart**

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