

Great Indoor Duration sites – Kibbie Dome, Moscow, Idaho, USA.



Since it was built in 1981 the Kibbie Dome has hosted an annual, open to all, indoor flying competition, Andrew Tagliafico has been CD since that time I believe. Most classes of indoor duration flying are contested here. Moscow Idaho is at an elevation of 2700' this keeps duration times down a little over lower sites. However this in no way detracts from what is a fantastic venue. In summer the weather is wonderfully warm, indoors the Dome seems to stay around 22 – 23 degrees and is beautifully bright having had insulated glass brick ends incorporated. The ceiling height is 140' to the tiles and in the centre of each end is not a danger to models. The floor area has 12 tennis courts marked out and seems about 400'square, including the bleachers.

Moscow, ID played host to the 1996 F1D World Championships and with luck a proposal to hold the 2016 WCs will also succeed.



Here you can see the lurking dangers of the otherwise fantastic Kibbie Dome.

The lateral hanging net supports are at about 120' and are suspended from cables -these effectively divide the flying area into three. The central hanging scoreboard, again suspended from cables, above which there is a square "hole" in the ceiling tiles. It is possible for a model to enter the void above the tiles at the edges of this square. Generally in the main portion of the dome it is not likely that a largish model will fly into the gap above the tiles.



CD - Andrew Tagliafico, Ed Berray and Larry Coslick.

The "Brits" have made several trips over to Kibbie where we have been made really welcome by all.

We are planning another foray there in 2015, we expect around 8 of us to go and would encourage others to join us and make it a truly international event. Seattle is a lovely place to holiday and my wife and I want to spend some time exploring the locality before going up to Vancouver. Just contact me in the first instance if you need any help.

From the left:- Bob Bailey, Geoffrey Lefever, Dorothy Robinson, Rodney O'Neill and Peter Ing.



Downtown Seattle with Mt Rainier in the distance.