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Jeff Hood's big Hand Launched Stick. Hood photo.



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Friday's Schedule

Easy B
F1L
Mini Stick
Peanut Scale
* Dime Scale
* FAC Scale
* Indoor Towline Glider
* WW I Mass Launch

Saturday's Schedule

Manhattan
Pennyplane
Helicopter
* No Cal
* Ornithopter
* WW II Mass Launch
* Coconut Scale

* UNOFFICIAL EVENTS

The Raffle Was a Huge Success!

Tim Lavender's Smyrna FAC took over the morning floor with a wild array of NoCals, Coconuts, Scale models, and even an intentionally backward-flying Gee Bee R1.

They competed in Bostonian, giving the "experts" a run for their money. Emil Schutzel edged out rival/pal Richard Miller for top honors, primarily through a spectacular 5:20 flight.

The second annual raffle, held after lunch, was a huge success. Once again A2Z Corp came through with a tremendously generous donation of merchandise, including more than 20 of the latest laser-cut versions of classic Peck-Polymers kits, SO planes, and IMS duration designs; exquisitely machined Jim Jones and McLeod style balsa strippers; and boatload of other goodies.

These guys have done a wonderful job of not just perpetuating the tools and models we treasure, but adding modern updates to make them even better. Check out www.Peck-Polymers.com to see the huge, growing list of must-have model airplane stuff.

Ray Harlan kicked in a few of his fine products, including a balsa stripper, thickness gauge, boron, and covering. He even donated a couple of professional quality one-off tools that he's known for constructing, such as a special boron glue applicator.

Jeff Hood contributed a set of balsa packs from Hood's Wood, grouped by model. There were ones with F1D motorstick, tailboom, and spar wood; EZB prop and spar sheets; A6 specific selections; and several others. Jeff's cutting technique is getting better with every sheet, and these looked great—smooth texture and uniform thickness.

Some of the contestants pitched in with kits and tools from

Raffle prizes from A2Z Corp. Hood photo.



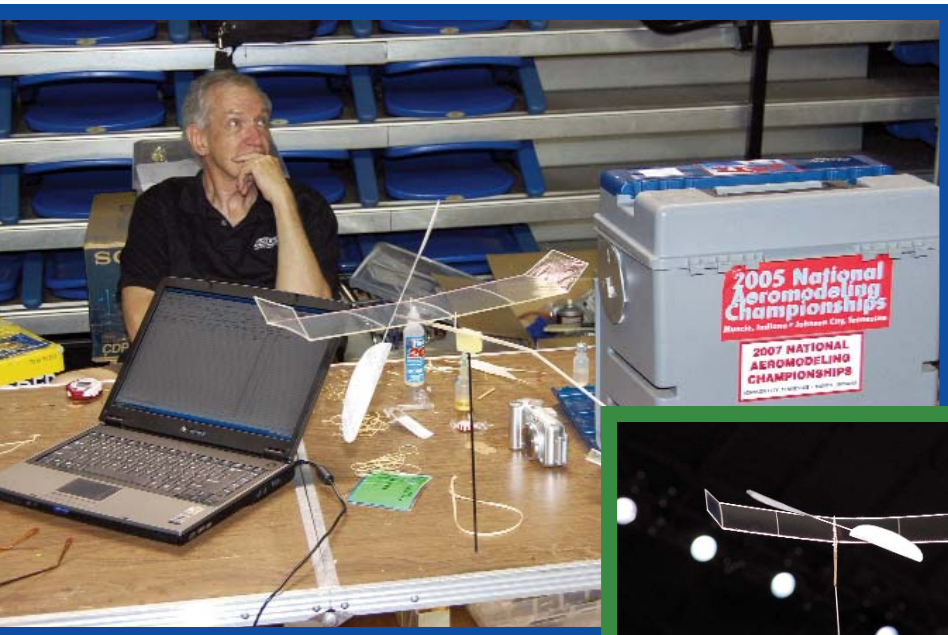
Tim Lavender watches over his FAC crew. Hood photo.



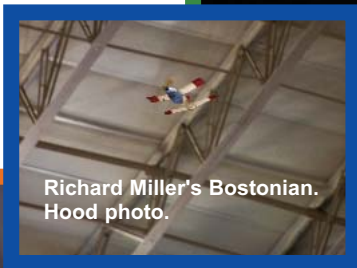
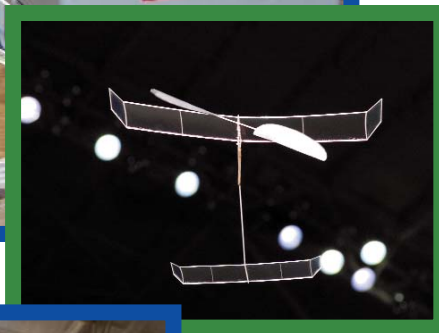
Above: The main flightline. Hood photo.



Left: Tom Sova finished third in F1D. Hood photo.



Bill Gowen contemplates F1L. Hood photo.



Richard Miller's Bostonian. Hood photo.



Towline Glider. Hood photo.



Smyrna FAC. Hood photo.

their workshops. Jim Buxton's vintage EZB was a hit with its condenser paper covering and Pirelli rubber.

At the final tally, approximately \$500 was raised from the raffle to help perpetuate USIC during these lower participation years. In addition, Roy White of Y2K Films sent a check for \$600 and previous Event Director Tony Pavel added \$100.

I believe we have made an emphatic statement that, even during times of decreased attendees, we are committed to the future of Indoor Free Flight and the USIC / AMA Indoor FF Nats. Now, we just need to get some more people out to enjoy this spectacular site—both new competitors and previous participants.

Day 2 of F1D began with Tom Sova and reigning National Champion Brett Sanborn locked in a tie for first place. With the third best time breaking the tie, every subsequent flight had a good chance of shifting the results.

Early leader, Larry Cailliau, blew up a model while hooking up the motor and lost one or two others to steering difficulties. He threw in the towel after a valiant effort.

Just when it looked like Sanborn was going to pull off a repeat win, Jim Richmond took out a new model and ripped off a smoking 11th hour flight to jump into the lead (sound familiar?).

Brett had one last chance to retake the top spot. With time running out, he launched his last flight, needing a 34:15 to overtake Jim. His model got higher than his previous 33:59 flight, gently bumping the main girder a few times. It was close, but he ended up just 5 seconds short. Jim Richmond is 2009 F1D National Champion, with Sanborn edging out Sova for second place.

Jeff Hood built a full fledged HLS, complete with huge wingspan and bracing. It looked majestic in the air, but soon suffered the fate of so many of these large models: wing collapse trouble before he had a chance to enter any official times. He commented, "You never told me these things were so frustrating!"

Still, Jeff was heard talking to several of the experienced HLS fliers about bracing technique. I'm sure we'll be seeing more big models from him.

Larry Loucka used his Intermediate Stick to take the HLS win, with Nick Ray in second place using his F1D.

Stay tuned for more action. F1L, EZB, Mini Stick, and others events take place on Friday.

—John Kagan

Scores and Standings

Please note: Scores are unofficial until tabulation is confirmed.

Sort by Name		35cm					Enter time in hh:mm:ss format (e.g. 0:23)		Sort by Place	
Name	AMA #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place		
Collins, Walt	249365	10:35	20:28	11:01	7:58	19:41	20:28	4		
Harlan, Ray	131	26:56	25:40				26:56	1		
Loucka, Larry	1210	19:02	25:08				25:08	3		
Sova, Tom	473169	24:04	9:33	26:09	26:46		26:46	2		
Wrzos, Chester	20454						DNF			

Sort by Name		Bostonian							Enter time in hh:mm:ss format (e.g. 0:23)			Sort by Place	
Name	AMA #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	2nd Best	Flt Total	Charisma	Total	Place	
Schutzel, Emil	508384	5:20	3:59	4:28	4:17		5:20	4:28	9:48	1.20	11:46	1	
Miller, Richard	179518	4:21	4:21	4:31	1:34		4:31	4:21	8:52	1.15	10:12	2	
Diebolt, John	5286	3:52	3:53	3:28			3:53	3:52	7:45	1.16	8:59	3	
Rash, Fred	63458	2:26	3:16				3:16	2:26	5:42	1.11	6:20	4	
Barker, John	2095	2:33					2:33		2:33	1.14	2:54	5	
Bakay, Carl	478659									1.17	DNF		
Buddenbohm, Stan	91905										DNF		

Sort by Name		F1D						Enter time in hh:mm:ss format (e.g. 0:23)			Sort by Place	
Name	AMA #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Best	2nd Best	Total	Place	
Richmond, Jim	4936	22:40	33:52	33:27	35:06			35:06	33:52	68:58	1	
Sanborn, Brett	748651	33:16	34:16	34:06	33:59	34:10		34:16	34:10	68:26	2	
Sova, Tom	473169	31:28	33:16	35:06				35:06	33:16	68:22	3	
Cailliau, Larry	79985	27:05	18:56	34:01	32:05	14:11	9:30	34:01	32:05	66:06	4	
Ray, Nicholas	770974	20:40	12:08	26:15				26:15	20:40	46:55	6	
Kagan, John	469254	32:21	31:00					32:21	31:00	63:21	5	
Mzik, Larry	3687	9:34	12:28	16:28	15:28			16:28	15:28	31:56	7	

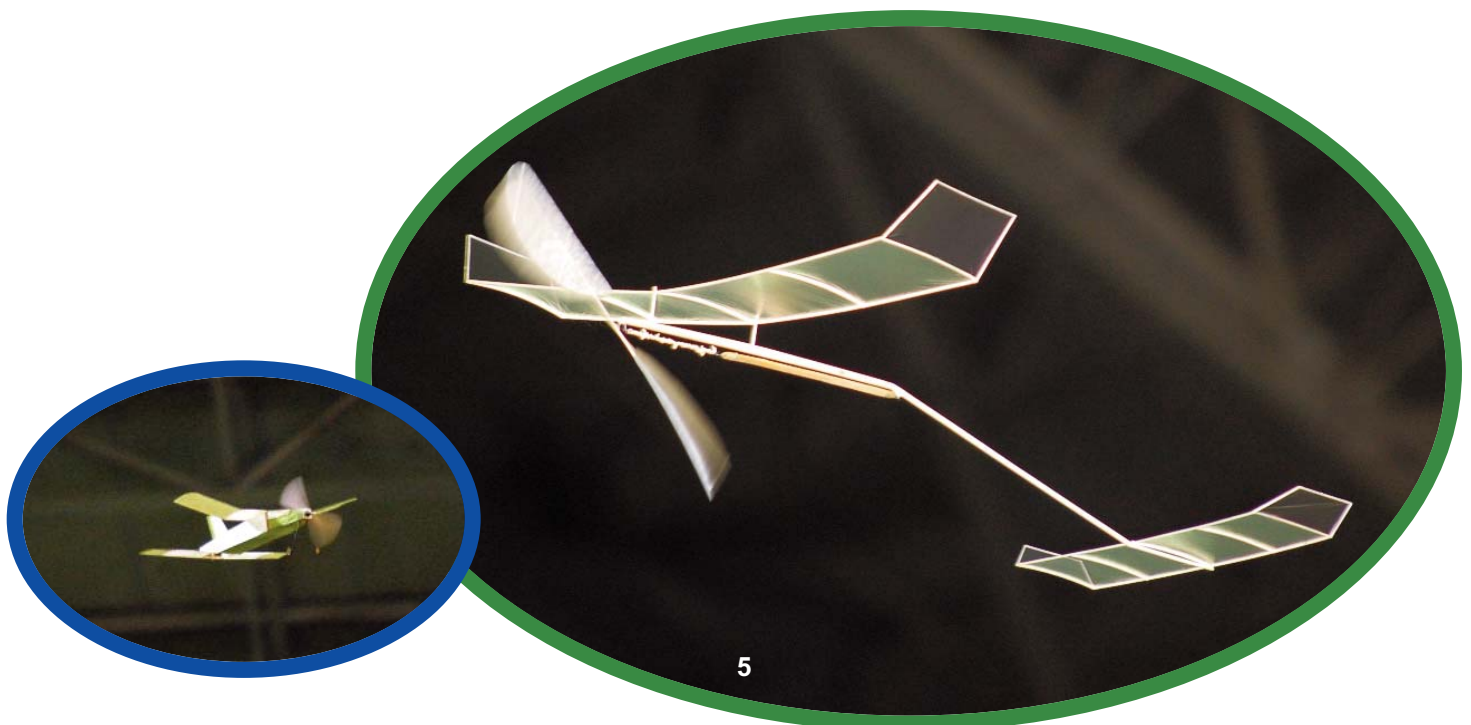
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Name	AMA #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Flight 7	Flight 8	Flight 9	Best	2nd Best	Total	Place		
Buxton, Jim	75154	77.2	76.1	73.9	10.0	77.2	80.4	80.2	11.2	77.0	80.4	80.2	160.6	1		
Batiuk, Tim	92675	77.7	0.2	78.8	80.3	79.8	56.5	76.5	77.2	77.8	80.3	79.8	160.1	2		
Buddenbohm, Stan	91905	82.1	71.3	70.8	72.3	73.4	74.8	11.1	0.0	73.9	82.1	74.8	156.9	3		
Lewis, Jim	119	65.2	71.7	64.0	37.8	72.0	45.9	21.3	61.1	73.2	73.2	72.0	145.2	4		
Krempetz, Kurt	0	61.0	64.2	30.3	27.2						64.2	61.0	125.2	5		
Peterson, Richard	151145	55.6	58.2	49.7	47.9	46.8	49.8	53.9	51.9		58.2	55.6	113.8	6		
Yost, John	906929	14.8	41.4	42.4	49.0	45.4	54.5	42.4	43.0	9.0	54.5	49.0	103.5	7		
McCord, Jeff	790876												DNF			
Mekina, Joe	16734												DNF			
Ray, Ralph	5007												DNF			
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Sort by Name		HLS				Enter time in hh:mm:ss format (e.g. 0:23)			Sort by Place	
Name	AMA #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place		
Loucka, Larry	1210	32:55					32:55	1		
Ray, Nicholas	770974	25:08	8:15	22:46	28:54		28:54	2		
Harlan, Ray	131						DNF			
Hood, Jeff	824593						DNF			
Richmond, Jim	4936						DNF			

Sort by Name		Std. Cat											Enter time in Seconds.Tenths format (e.g. 1			Sort by Place
Name	AMA #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Flight 7	Flight 8	Flight 9	Best	2nd Best	Total	Place		
Ray, Ralph	5007	75.8	78.3	93.1	89.3	85.4	89.4	91.6			93.1	91.6	184.7	1		
Krempetz, Kurt	69866	84.7	88.5	88.3	31.7	90.3	86.5	49.2	92.2	92.0	92.2	92.0	184.2	2		
Buddenbohm, Stan	91905	86.1	86.9	87.3	13.9	86.7	87.7	88.7	87.2	87.3	88.7	87.7	176.4	3		
Batte, Tom	17842	71.3	70.5								71.3	70.5	141.8	4		
Markos, Charles	5869	1.0	57.0	58.0	34.0	64.3	65.4	65.1	69.9		69.9	65.4	135.3	5		
Peterson, Richard	151145	53.1	80.5								80.5	53.1	133.6	6		
Kagan, John	469254	58.8	60.5								60.5	58.8	119.3	7		
Yost, John	906929	36.7	43.6	45.1							45.1	43.6	88.7	8		
Kagan, Mike (Jr)	0	32.2	25.9	42.2	41.0	40.8	43.6				43.6	42.2	85.8	9		
Johnson, Tem	16707	71.2									71.2		71.2	10		
Miller, Richard	179518	54.6	13.7								54.6	13.7	68.3	11		
Kagan, Brandon (Jr)	0	13.4	25.1	31.8							31.8	25.1	56.9	12		
Buxton, Jim	75154												DNF			
Gowen, Bill	6157												DNF			
Lewis, Jim	119												DNF			
Mayes, Jim	28485												DNF			

Sort by Name		Unl. Cat											Enter time in Seconds.Tenths format (e.g. 1			Sort by Place
Name	AMA #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Flight 7	Flight 8	Flight 9	Best	2nd Best	Total	Place		
Buddenbohm, Stan	91905	6.7	84.0	106.5	16.2	100.4	104.4				106.5	104.4	210.9	1		
Krempetz, Kurt	69866	94.9	93.3	95.0	95.3	94.5					95.3	95.0	190.3	2		
Ray, Ralph	5007	86.0	89.0	89.0	77.3	90.1	89.2	84.9	74.5		90.1	89.2	179.3	3		
Lewis, Jim	119	33.6	51.2	72.3	88.7	6.6	81.0	83.7	51.7	83.8	88.7	83.8	172.5	4		
Batte, Tom	17842	65.1	68.1								68.1	65.1	133.2	5		
Peterson, Richard	151145	10.2	74.3								74.3	10.2	84.5	6		
Mayes, Jim	28485	32.0	45.0								45.0	32.0	77.0	7		
Achee, Ken	5001												DNF			
Gowen, Bill	6157												DNF			
Johnson, Tem	16707												DNF			
Yost, John	906929												DNF			

Sort by Name		Unl. Speed											Enter time in Seconds.Tenths format (e.g. 8			Sort by Place
Name	AMA #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Flight 7	Flight 8	Flight 9	Best	Place				
Collins, Walt	249365	8.2	7.9	8.0	8.0						7.9	1				
Boone, Jack	107857	11.7	10.6								10.6	2				
Diebolt, John	5286	10.6									10.6	2				
Peterson, Richard	151145	13.4	11.3								11.3	4				
Markos, Charles	5869	11.5									11.5	5				
Italiano, Tony	0										DNF					
Slusarczyk, Chuck	2643										DNF					

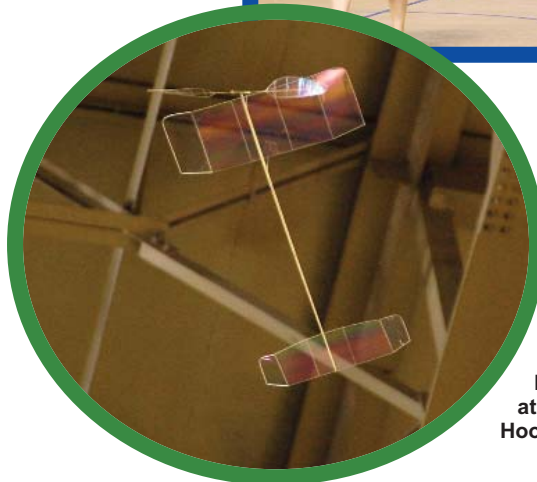




Fred Rash ready to fly his Bostonian. Hood photo.



Tim Batiuk keeps an eye on Jim Buxton. Hood photo.



F1D National Champion Jim Richmond's model at the roof. Hood photo.



Chuck Slusarczyk is using Indoor planes as Physical Therapy for a recent stroke. Hood photo.



Left: Jim Lewis working and flying. Hood photo.



Carl Bakay gets his Andy Mitas designed A6 ready. Hood photo.



Shawn Daniels with his Coconut model. Hood photo.

