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Daily Coverage of the 2011 National Aeromodeling Championships

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# Today's Event: RC Scale Aerobatics

Day one of the 2011 Scale Aerobatic National Championships portion of the AMA Outdoor Nats is on the books. Thirty-six Pilots flew 180 sequences. Each pilot flew their first round of knowns (2 sequences back to back), then they were given an Unknown Round/Sequence to fly, followed by a last round of two additional sequences. The lowest scoring sequence for each pilot was thrown out and the scores were posted.

In Sportsman, we had Jerry Hailey placing first in points, Tom Burndrett in second, and Geoffrey Donati close behind in third. Intermediate saw Corey Ford in first, Mark Samyn in second, and Chris Haas in third. The Advanced Class was Benjamin Batts in first place, Matt "Matty" Balazs in second, and Louis Matustik in third. The Unlimited International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC) class has the defending National Champion Kurt Koelling in first,

Will Berninger close behind in second, and David Moser in third.

Andy Fomin had an engine problem at midday, and a host of fellow competitors saw to it that he could continue flying. Kent Porter, Team Futaba Team Manager Frank Noll, Ty Lyman, and Igor Spektor were all working diligently alongside Andy like a well-oiled machine. It didn't take long and she was purring like a kitten.

A very windy day made for some very interesting crosswind landings. Kurt Koelling's Unknown Sequence landing was one that full-scale bush pilots could only aspire for.

John Schroder was seen wearing the hats of competitor, judge, caller, mechanic, and mentor throughout the day. When he was not flying "Loose Change," he was helping someone else out. He's a true ambassador of the hobby.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who has helped in

one capacity or another this year. It couldn't happen without your support. Mark Jorgenson, Ray Faulk, Tim Attaway, Bill James, and Curtis Cozier were working hard in their roles as staff judges. Also assisting with judging duties were contestant judges Ryan Gonsoulin, Alex Porter, Chris Haas, Wayne Mathews, Brian Sanik, and John Schroder. Volunteer judges so far have been Kent Porter, Marian Berninge, and Cam McCausey. Our Nats line bosses are Randy Foster and Frank Ford. The scoring staff for the year is Dave Langridge and Terri Foster; and we can't forget Gil Major, Phil Vance, and Curtis Cozier, who are like conductors of the Philharmonic, keeping everything on track and on time.

Everyone is doing a tremendous job and you are all appreciated so much in your efforts. If I left anyone out, I sincerely apologize.

—Chris Hockaday

Photos by Chris Hockaday.



# Faces in the Crowd











