



# NatsNews

Daily Coverage of the 2011 National Aeromodeling Championships

**June 29, 2011**

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# Today's Event: RC Scale Aerobatics

The second day of Giant Scale has come to pass and we are pushing into Day 3. The weather on Tuesday was beautiful, despite very gusty winds and the lineup of pilots made the most of it.

It was plain for all to see that any first-day jitters had been shaken out and all were bringing their game up a notch. I was given the opportunity to scribe for Unlimited Class Judge Ray Faulk during the Class 3 round of Knowns on Tuesday morning and was in awe at the level of flying these guys were bringing to the table.

Nicolas Pinzon's Rolling Circles could not have been better executed. Ty Lyman's precision and grace through the howling wind was unrivaled. Todd Bridges was flying some of the best-looking snaps I have yet to see, and I could go on and on.

I hope to scribe for the other classes today. Our hard-working scoring staff was at it until after 8 p.m., entering the day's flying data. The final scores saw Kurt Koelling holding his position at the top spot in the IMAC Unlimited Class, along with Brian Sanik in second, and David Moser in third.

The Advanced Class held Benjamin Batts in first, while Matt Balazs retained his second-place position, and Louis Matustik was in third.

Day Two's Intermediate Class had Corey Ford flying his way to the top position. Fellow pilot Mark Samyn held on to the second-place slot and Michael Karnes was close behind in third.

The IMAC Sportsman Class standings for the day had Jerry Hailey guarding his first-place position. Geoffrey Donati was trailing closely in tow at second and Tom Burndrett was placed at third in the points race.

Andy Fomin was back in the air after engine troubles kept him grounded for the greater part of Monday's competition. The smile on his face said that he was very happy to be flying on Tuesday. Andy is from New York City and is competing in the Unlimited Class.

Mike Milos had a dead stick during the last maneuver of his third round of Knowns. Flying in very unfavorable wind conditions, but he managed to bring it around and grease it in at the edge of the tarmac. A display of fine energy management and pilot skill!

At the end of competition flying on Tuesday, Frank Noll treated all present with a flight of one of his Scale Jet models. This jet was extremely quick ... nearly as fast as Kent Porter in Ohio. Frank will also be flying in the Scale event at the AMA Nats next week and we wish him good luck.

The 2011 AMA Scale Aerobatics National Championship Banquet will be held tonight at the National Model Aviation Museum's Claude McCullough Center at 7:30 p.m.

—Chris Hockaday

Photos by Chris Hockaday.



More photos from this year's Nats are available at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/modelaircraft>

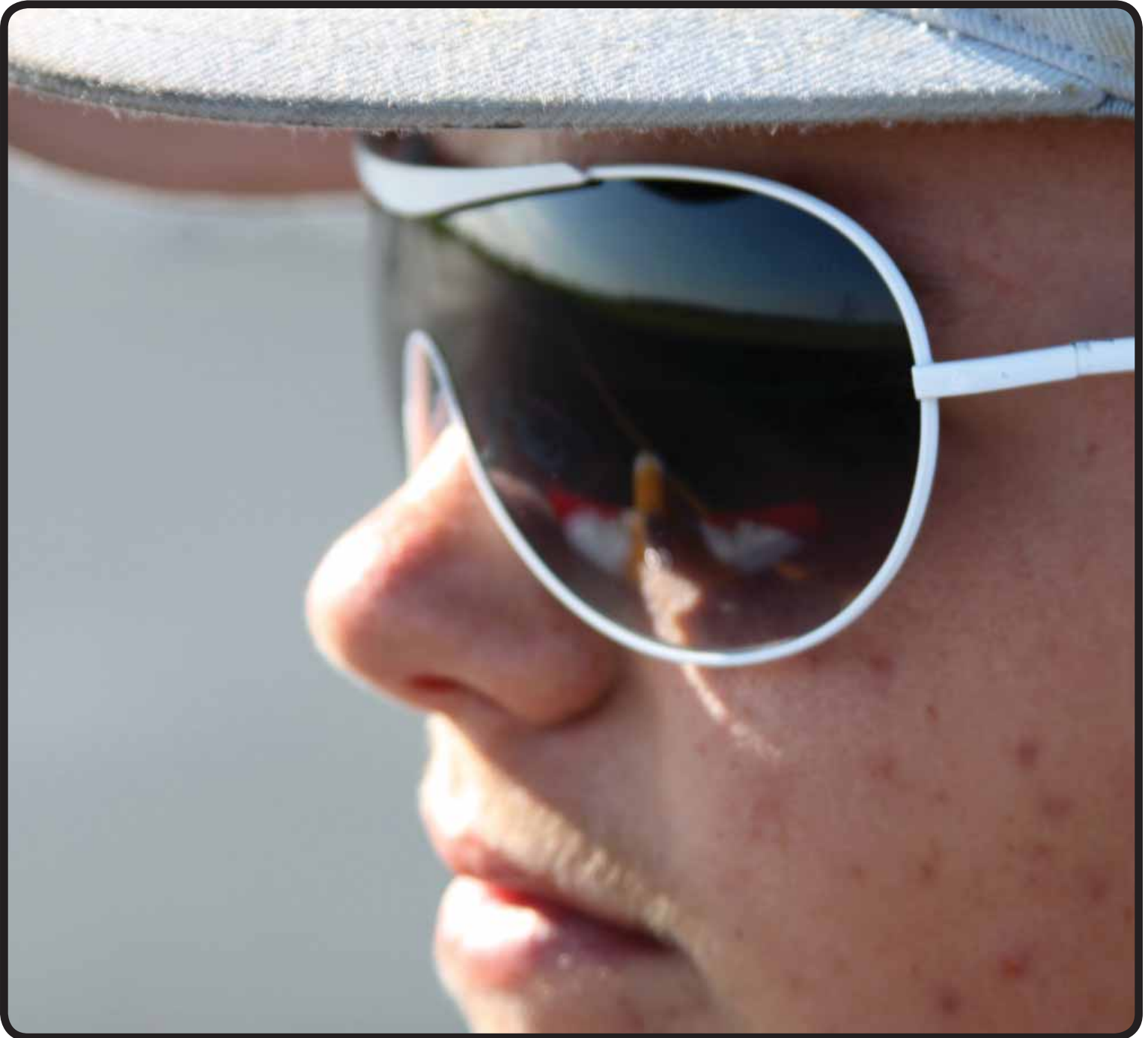


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