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**Scale Aerobatic Nats**

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Note: All AMA NATS Scale Aerobatics pilots will be required to fly by the 2011 Scale Aerobatics Sound Rules which will be implemented by Kent Porter, Event Director for the contest.

# NATS NEWS

Daily coverage of the 2010 National Aeromodeling Championships



David Moser is a multiyear Nats competitor, traveling from Florida to have a go at the Championship!

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Corey Ford flew in his first IMAC contest in June, winning in Basic. He now joins us at his first Nats! Corey is going to be a face to watch. Leo Pilachowski's LPP in flight.



I look at the calendar and it sure doesn't feel like a year, but it appears that it is. A year has passed since the Scale Aerobatics Nats have descended on the National Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana. A year has passed since we have said goodbye to friends, both old and new.

A year has passed ... and it sure went quickly! But that year *has* passed and it is time for the Scale Aerobatic Nats 2010 to begin!

The entry list has some of the usual suspects—past champions, regular competitors—and it holds many new names as well.

I remember my first Nats. Before things began, I thought out loud ... this is just like a regional contest, just with a few more pilots. When that day was over, I realized, and have

# RC SCALE AEROBATICS: PROCESSING DAY



Brendan Jones is flying in Unlimited Class. Brendan was the 2007 Sportsman Class Champion.



Riley Kissenberth returns as the 2009 Sportsman Class National Champion and Bennett Cup Winner.

been reminded many times, that this is not a regional contest. This is *the Nats!*

The entries are in and it is great to see folks from all over this country and beyond, signed up to give it a go at the prestigious title of National Champion. All of the classes are stacked with many pilots who have been to the Nats year after year to prove their merit here.

Jason Noll, Kurt Koelling, Ryan Clark, Riley Kissenberth, Brendan Jones, and John Schroeder are just a few of the past champions who are descending on Muncie on July 4 for the beginning of the Scale Aerobatic Nats, and rumor has it that at least one competitor has been competing at the Nats since 1961 and won his first Nats in 1963! If that doesn't point out the seriousness of the Nats, nothing will!

July 4 brings not only a 360-degree view of about eight different fireworks shows from the camping area at Stage Center, but it brings the pilots' meeting and the opening fireworks of competition that are sure to come.

New engines, new airframes, new radios—the Nats has always been a showcase of great products and the Scale Aerobatic Nats are no exception. Four cylinder, 200cc gas engines are becoming quite the norm, as are 120-inch, 123-inch, 125-inch, 126-inch, or even larger wingspan airframes!

All of this while trying to adhere to the International Miniature Airplane Club (IMAC) ideals and mandates regarding sound and footprint. IMAC has always been on the forefront of RC competition as it relates to sound and footprint and strives to continue in this trend.

Past years have brought us extreme heat, extreme cold, and wind. There always seems to be wind. Who will combat it the best? The next four days will tell. Keep posted to future reports to see what happens next.

Plain and simple ... this is *the Nats*; there are no excuses here!

See you on the flightline!

—Curtis Cozier



Lyndel Roe is a regular at the Nats and always brings his good humor and a smile!





Left: John Schroeder competed in his first Nats in 1961 and won his first Nats in 1963! John has been a regular ever since! Now that is dedication.

Below: Jason Noll and John Schroeder are regular fixtures at the Nats!



Jason Noll returns as a multitime champion and is a force to be reckoned with at any contest in which he competes!



Above: Ryan Clark, the 2009 Intermediate Class Champion, returns in Advanced Class.



Left: Kurt Koelling is a multitime champion and he surely has brought his A game once again to the Unlimited Class.