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Nats News

Daily Coverage of the 2012 National Aeromodeling Championships



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Today's Events:
RC Scale Aerobatics

Day Three Recap of RC Scale Aerobatics

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Day 3 of the Scale Aerobatic Nats, dawned as another gorgeous Muncie summer day. Cool overnight temperatures have made for great sleeping weather, helping provide well-needed rest for all the pilots.

It also dawned with a bit of a crosswind that picked up as the morning went on. Up first were the Unlimited and Advanced class unknowns, followed by the Intermediate and Sportsman classes.

While the wind added another layer to the already challenging unknown sequences, the pilots handled it well.

An unknown sequence is a series of maneuvers that are handed out to the pilots either the same morning or the evening before they fly them. No practicing is allowed! They sure make for a bit of extra stress.

After the unknowns, the day progressed into the known sequences. These are the sequences that the pilots have known and have been able to practice before the contest. This doesn't make them easy when you are standing in front of Nats judges with the sole job of picking your flight apart!

The day did bring some serious challenges for a couple of pilots and also helped shine a light on a big part of the International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC).

Victor Lysakowski, in Intermediate class, and Andy Fomin, in Unlimited class, had issues with their airframes while in flight, and both airframes were lost. It's something no one ever wants to see, but we realize it is part of the hobby.

Well, Jerry Hailey in Intermediate class, and Kevin Garland in Unlimited class, stepped up without hesitation and offered their own airframes to Victor and Andy to use ... to compete against them! Hats off to Jerry, Kevin, and the IMAC family for stepping up and helping out fellow competitors in need.

Once the flying was completed, the day came to an end with our annual Nats banquet. Held in the National Model Aviation Museum, the pilots and guests took some time to wander the museum and then sat down to a delicious barbecue dinner!

CD Gil Major discussed the day and gave well-deserved thanks to the scorekeepers, judges, and line bosses—without their efforts the contest could not go on.

IMAC President Wayne Matthews then stood up and spoke a

few—well maybe a bit more than a few—words about IMAC and where the organization is and where it is going. Wayne then presented the IMAC President's trophy to Phylliss and Charles Youngblood, whose tireless work has helped IMAC continue to grow to a great organization.

Wayne then made the formal announcement that in September 2014, the International Aeromodeling Center and IMAC will be hosting the first IMAC World Championships. Check out details at www.mini-iac.com.

There was a special presentation to John Schroder. John's contributions to the hobby and the youth in the hobby are far beyond the scope of this newsletter in their depth. Thank you, John, for all you do!

Then *two* unknowns were passed out for flying on the final day. The pilots and guests headed back to the hotels and campgrounds to study and get some rest. See you on Thursday. *///*

Top three at the end of Day 3.

Unlimited

Kurt Keolling
Frank Noll
David Moser

Advanced

Joey Hayes
Matt Balazs
Primo Rivera

Intermediate

Geoffrey Donati
Chuck Edwards
Victor Lysakowski

Sportsman

Alex Sessions
Ward Miller
Avery Poole









This week's events:

Friday
RC Scale
CL Scale

Saturday
RC Scale
CL Scale

Sunday
RC Scale
CL Scale

Monday
RC Pylon
CL Nationals

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