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RC Sailplane Day 3

2 Meter

Photos by Gordon Buckland.

After a very violent electrical storm on Monday evening the flying site was decidedly damp for the start of 2M on Tuesday. With an early 9 a.m. start after the 8:30 pilot meeting, the ground was not quite warm enough to start many thermals so the task for the early round pilots was to decide where on the field to look for lift.

Jody Miller was in Flight Group A and he decided that the downwind gravel parking lot and slope facing toward the warming sun was the most likely source of warmer air, so that is where he headed while the remainder of his group mainly went upwind over the probably rather wet and therefore, colder corn. Jody's read was a very good one as he found good lift got his time and hit a great 92 landing to win the group and the round. Many of the following groups went back to the same area and found good enough air to get their 10-minute max and return safely to the LZ. The wind was light at around 5 to 7 m.p.h. but, as we know in Muncie, it would not stay that way all day.

The LSF volunteers worked together like a precision timepiece to move each group through quickly and Round One

was completed in about 50 minutes, which is fabulous considering there were seven groups flying 10-minute rounds. This was achieved by the overlap where the launching group was in the air each time while the previous group was preparing to land. At the conclusion of Round 1 the score sheets were posted and the top five were Jody Miller first on 1092, Josh Glaab second on 1090, Larry Jolly third on 1088, Gordon Buckland fourth on 1087, and Luis Bustamante fifth on 1086. In fact 23 of the total of 44 pilots made the 10-minute max to start it off very tight at the top in excellent conditions with fairly gentle lift.

Round 2 began immediately and, though the lift was cycling and sometimes weak, many maxes were once again obtained by flying downwind to the parking lot and finding the sweet patches of air being expelled by the warmer ground facing the sun. Group A was won by Larry Jolly with a 6:58-89 while Group B saw all nine pilots easily make the 10-minutes downwind in an excellent cycle of up air.

The 2 Meter class is an excellent way for any soaring pilots to gain valuable thermal experience as most aspects of flying the task are magnified with these smaller

twitchier models. You simply have to make better decisions (and more quickly) to achieve the same result with these smaller models. Furthermore, lift cannot be followed as far downwind as the models are too small. This means that as the wind comes up to 10 and 15 m.p.h. we are often faced with having to leave a thermal just five minutes in, to return upwind through sink with a definite need for more good air to make the time.

It is very challenging in Muncie with the increasing wind every day and that's what makes 2M such an absorbing event. Group C was won by Jody Miller and his old Laser with another excellent downwind foray yielding a 10:00-91. Group D saw Mike Fox shoot a great 96 landing to take the group and high score for the round. Group E was dominated by Josh Glaab with an 86 landing and Group F was won by Robert Burson with the only max in the group absolutely burying his opponents. Top five after two rounds were Jody Miller first on 2183, Josh Glaab second on 2176, John Diniz third on 2158, Mike Fox fourth on 2150, and Gordon Buckland fifth on 2148.

Round 3 saw the wind picking up adding much difficulty to the task and less pilots making maxes. In fact only 15 were recording during the entire round. Luis Bustamante who has placed highly in 2M at the Nats in previous years flew an excellent round to win Group A. Craig Greening set his stamp on the contest flying Pete Goldsmiths Duck to a 10:01-86 win in Group B. Group C saw every pilot max with Larry Jolly taking the top points. Group D contained Jerry Robertson who had been quietly flying his 2M perfectly all day and his 9:59-64 took the honors. Group E was won in a low scoring sink cycle by Jack Wallner with a 6:23-75 and E was dominated again by Josh Glaab to take the top points.

With three rounds in the books we stopped for a short lunch break and many studied the scores and wondered what might have been. Josh Glaab (Sprite) had propelled himself into first place with three good rounds to be on 3243; Craig Greening (Duck) had not put a foot wrong all morning either to be second on 3229. Gordon

The first flight group walks out to the winches.



Buckland (Duck) was in third with three solid rounds on 3222. Larry Jolly (Sprite) was close behind in fourth with 3219, and Robert Burson was in fifth with 3203.

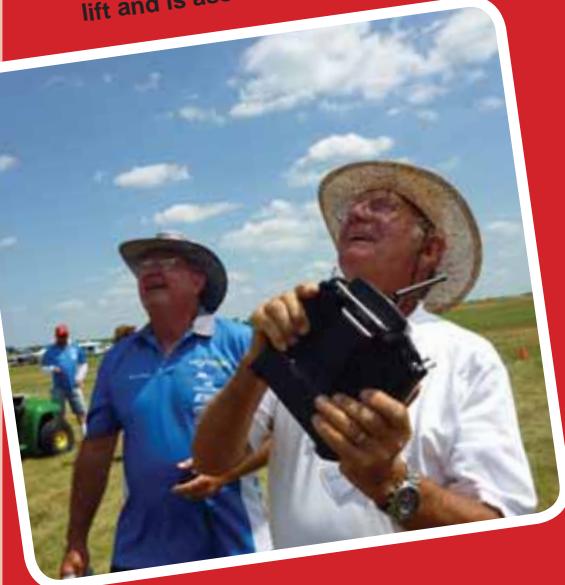
The shade was a good place to be during lunch with temps in the mid-90s and it was rather difficult to drag ourselves out of the shade after lunch to begin Round 4. No doubt the wind had increased markedly and the Round 4 pilots began to get pounded if they didn't find lift quickly. Some zero rounds were recorded as pilots failed to make it back to the LZ and the legendary Muncie sink claimed their models. It was important to make a read, go to that spot immediately after launch, and make it work. Sometimes there simply wasn't a read to be made and pilots pushing forward upwind never found a honey hole to get them out. Just ten 1,000-point flights were recorded during the entire round and four off fields saw many changes in the leader board. The leading pilot after Round 4 was Craig Greening on 4296 flying a Duck he had never flown before. Larry Jolly was super consistent to keep posting maxes and was second with 4286. Mike Fox moved up to third on 4218 with Jerry Robertson quietly going about his work to be fourth

on 4193. Fifth place was a very deserving Kent Nogy who is fairly new to soaring after flying powered models for many years.

Round 5 saw more pilots making time as the lift cycles roared through the flying area but as we know in Muncie with lift comes horrid sink in between, and we also saw a number of notable pilots leave their models well outside of the LZ for zero scores. Group A was won by Gordon Buckland with a 9:58-71. Craig Greening saw himself solidly at the top with another great flight (9:58-50) to win Group B. Group C was amazing sink almost everywhere with no one able to better Dave Beach's 6:04-50. Group D included the wily Josh Glaab who can sniff out lift anywhere and he was the only max in his group.

Group E was narrowly won by Johnny Berlin (Duck) and Group F once again saw Larry Jolly take the top honors courtesy of a 10:00-74. At the conclusion of Round 5 Larry had flown enough consecutive maxes to be atop the score sheet on 5360 with Craig

Don Richmond flies his ship into lift and is assisted by Larry Jolly.



John Nelson calls time for Terry Edmonds.



Dan Myers prepares to throw John Lucke's Duck.



Ed Wilson the 2M CD sends another flight group out to the winches.

Ed Wilson addresses the pilots with the field rules and safety requirements prior to the first round.



Jack Wallner takes the stance to launch his Sprite, while Johnny Berlin walks the line and requests each pilot to launch.



Jody Miller gives Junior pilot Dillon Graves some pointers during an early round.

Greening right behind on 5343. Jerry Robertson continued to turn in maxes to be third on 5193 while Josh Glaab sat in fourth place on 5174. Tom Broeski flying a Sprite also was Mr. Consistent and his five scores gave him 5028 points.

Round 6 was probably the most difficult round of the day with windy conditions and lift/sink cycles racing through the Soaring site dumping many 2M ships to terra firma before their 10 minutes was up. Only 10 maxes were recorded during Round 6 and five more off fields saw zero scores recorded again. Kelly Johnson became a new face in the top five with 6457 points while Jerry Robertson remained in fourth on 7006. Josh Glaab was third on 7302 points and Craig Greening second on 7417. Larry remained the top dog with a score of 7492.

The heat was really unbearable also and Horizon Hobby kindly donated an arsenal of water cannons so the winch trolls could cool off between retrieves. It was a lot of fun as adults and kids alike

were cooled down by jets of iced water from these fabulous summer fun devices. The winch trolls work all year driving golf carts to and from the winches and Sue Stump is to be congratulated for the huge effort she puts in to entertain these kids and keep them motivated to do this work in such heat.

CD Ed Wilson announced that Round 7 would be our last today and Steve Lucke produced the best result in Group A with a 10:03-89. Group B saw Peter Goldsmith and Josh Glaab duking it out downwind with Josh just edging Peter with a 9:57-43. Group C saw the best of Peter Schlitzkus today with a 9:54-81 and Group D was dominated by Rick Bothell.

Group E was another of those rounds where everybody launches and goes the wrong way to a big sinkhole, while one contestant goes the other way and buries them. Kelly Johnson found the good air to make a 7:25-30 while the remainder of the group were picking up their planes in the LZ inside 4 minutes.

The final group for the day was Larry Jolly's opportunity to stamp his authority on the contest. That he did with a masterful display of air reading to take his Sprite downwind and back upwind and downwind again to record the only max of the group and a 58 landing. This meant Larry posted seven maxes for the day to lead the contest with 7492 points while Craig Greening was the only other pilot also with a clean slate in second on 7417 points. Josh Glaab is in third place overnight on 7302, and Jerry Robertson fourth on 7006. Fifth place is filled by Kelly Johnson on 6457 points.

This first day of 2M was a typical Muncie contest day with all the elements that makes it a great test of soaring skills. Great lift, horrid sink, windy conditions, and often difficult reads to find a ride home. Tomorrow looks to be the perfect weather for a great 2M finale. Come and watch the fun. →

—Gordon Buckland

Winches!

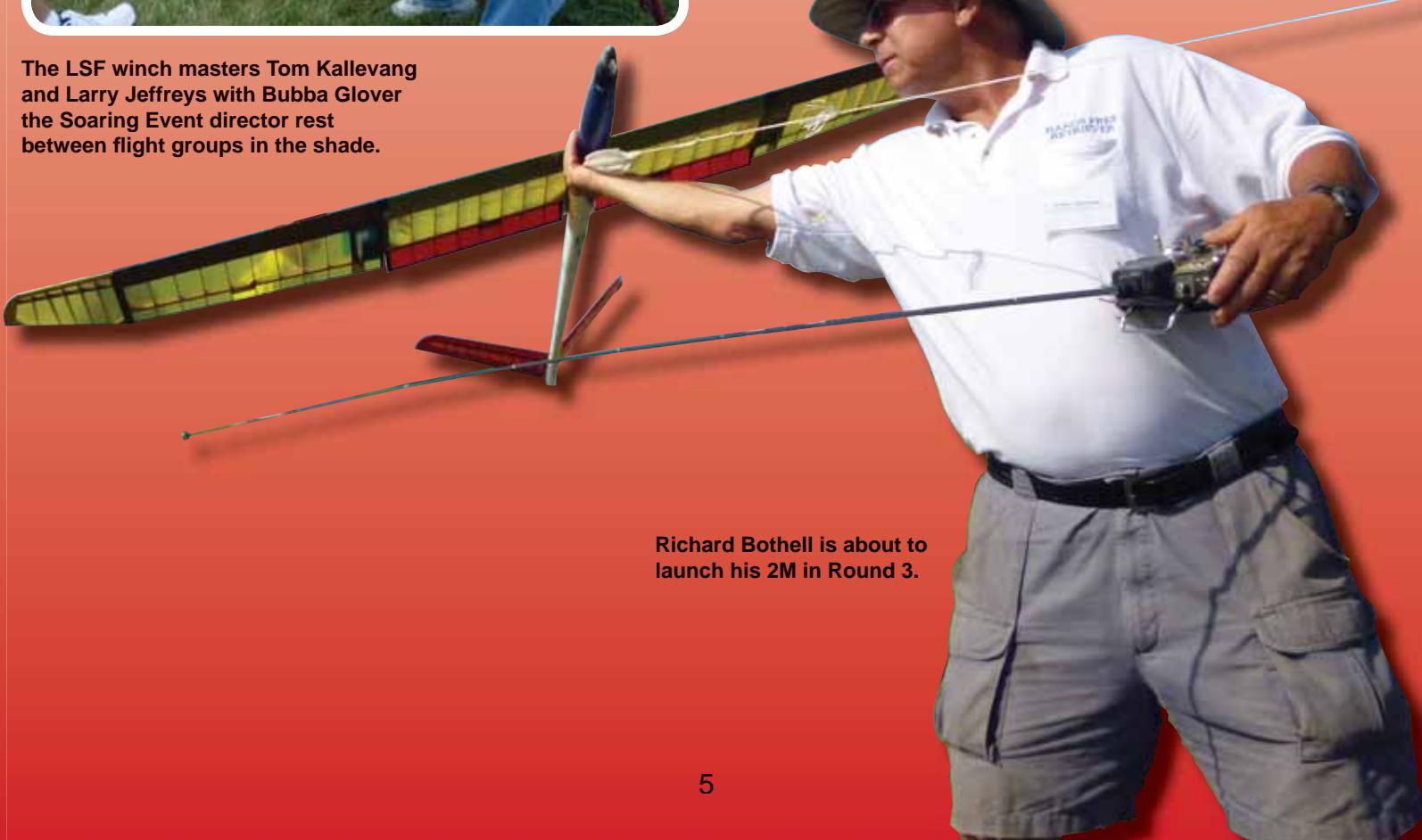
Tim Gess and his son were vendors at the Nats and had a unique and revolutionary launching system on display.



The LSF winch masters Tom Kallevang and Larry Jeffreys with Bubba Glover the Soaring Event director rest between flight groups in the shade.



The LSF volunteer winch masters test the 2M winches and line prior to the contest.



Richard Bothell is about to launch his 2M in Round 3.

Luke Glaab made some great thermal turns and brought his Miles home for a 7:06 flight time.



Larry Jolly lines his Sprite up for a great landing score.



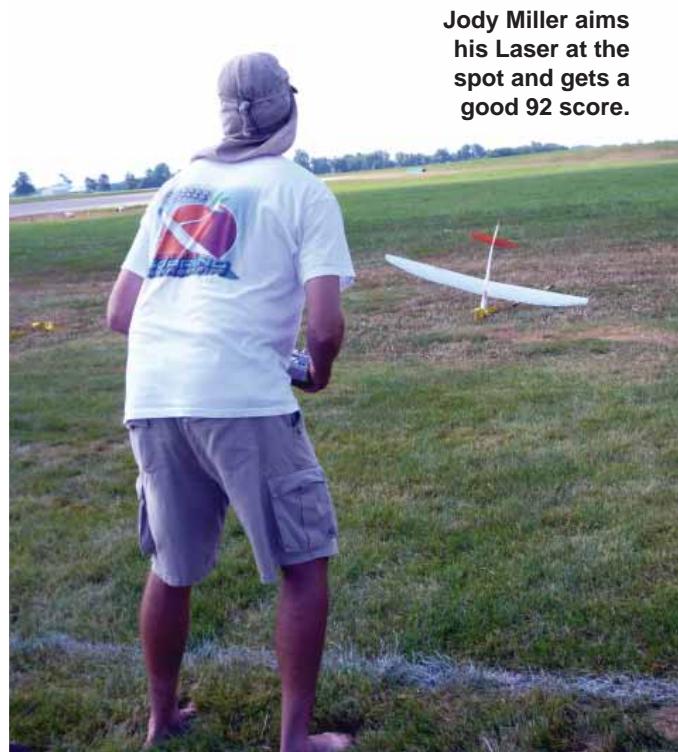
Robert Robinson prepares to launch his Kennedy Composites Sprite.



Josh Glaab Jr. is maturing into an excellent pilot and is seen piloting his 2M on launch here.



Jody Miller aims his Laser at the spot and gets a good 92 score.





John Lindsay and Janice Gross are a fabulous scoring team with scores entered and score sheets posted rapidly every day.



Marna (she who must be obeyed) explains the procedures for obtaining the score cards etc., during the event.



Horizon Hobby kindly donated a bunch of various-sized water cannons for the winch trolls to have some fun and cool off at the same time.

Stay Cool!

The water being pumped and sprayed by this group of kids was not just water; it was chilled water.

The kids and some of the adults had a great time getting wet and doing some wetting.



Unofficial Scores

Please note that all scores are unofficial until tabulated by Nats staff.

2M score sheet after
seven rounds.



2011 AMA / LSF SOARING NATION

July 10 - July 17

2 Meter



Edwin Wilson - Contest Director

Rob Glover - Soaring Event Director

Total # Drop Rounds =

46

RESULTS

Place	Contestant								Total	LSF Contest Points
		Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Total Drop		
1	Larry Jolly	1,052	1,079	1,067	1,074	1,074	1,058	0	7,492	5,100
2	Craig Greening	1,088	1,086	1,067	1,047	1,000	1,074	0	7,417	4,950
3	Josh Glaab	1,086	1,067	876	1,055	1,085	1,043	0	7,302	4,776
4	Jerry Robertson	1,051	1,064	1,000	1,000	770	1,043	0	7,006	4,489
5	Kelly Johnson	985	1,065	1,049	291	1,024	1,030	0	6,457	4,051
6	John Diniz	1,082	854	1,000	883	1,048	477	0	6,420	3,942
7	Tom Broeski	1,055	998	887	1,065	290	1,047	0	6,365	3,823
8	Gordon Buckland	1,061	1,074	616	1,071	722	706	0	6,337	3,722
9	Charles (Mike) Fox	1,096	1,005	1,063	445	1,081	508	0	6,252	3,588
10	Kenneth Bates	990	1,039	359	1,054	1,032	436	0	5,953	3,337
11	Kent Nogy	1,048	1,066	1,000	629	0	954	0	5,769	3,157
12	Steve Lucke	1,079	943	770	768	0	1,084	0	5,708	3,048
13	John Berlin	0	710	723	1,042	1,040	1,008	0	5,575	2,902
14	Peter Goldsmith	1,084	1,000	511	0	1,022	1,022	0	5,412	2,745
15	David Beach	411	1,051	0	1,050	1,063	1,071	0	5,335	2,635
16	John Nelson	608	898	1,046	1,041	455	97	0	5,162	2,480
17	Luis Bustamante	1,039	1,036	263	887	272	515	0	5,098	2,382
18	Dan Myers	998	474	523	992	553	997	0	4,930	2,237
19	Jody Miller	1,091	0	1,000	1,035	600	0	0	4,818	2,122
20	Richard Bothell	671	280	736	990	607	1,000	0	4,766	2,036
21	Terry Edmonds	1,070	516	403	1,000	424	338	0	4,756	1,968
22	Robert Robinson	835	414	965	399	559	524	0	4,693	1,879
23	Randall Everly	219	992	831	412	0	958	0	4,454	1,724
24	Robert Burson	1,071	1,057	422	291	442	0	0	4,358	1,629
25	Larry Jeffery	995	984	64	665	599	0	0	4,318	1,556
26	Jerry Gross	355	723	237	992	993	503	0	4,272	1,483
27	John Lindsay	357	985	358	594	315	573	0	4,216	1,407
28	Don Richmond	537	595	701	1,039	338	642	0	4,165	1,334
29	Peter Schlitzkus	988	380	854	815	52	1,073	0	4,162	1,278
30	Ron Kukral	995	460	188	1,024	646	306	0	3,918	1,151
31	Jack Wallner	735	1,075	0	354	657	290	0	3,705	1,039
32	Mike McGowan	360	715	997	0	724	0	0	3,427	915
33	Mike Stump	0	454	1,058	219	1,000	218	0	3,402	863
34	Arthur Hill, Jr	373	771	436	589	263	406	0	3,392	815
35	Chuck Pinnell	826	297	203	723	398	333	0	3,301	749
36	Josh Glaab Jr.	564	868	301	177	0	988	0	3,292	703
37	Jerry Griffith	652	998	0	0	538	566	0	3,261	653
38	Rob Glover	1,040	531	385	0	0	267	0	3,245	606
39	Gil Gauger	173	1,001	599	347	63	426	0	3,163	549
40	Philip Giesecking	1,000	363	259	253	344	567	0	3,158	506
41	scr Don Harris	998	998	0	0	0	0	0	3,040	446
42	William Christian	340	186	177	332	444	636	0	2,522	337
43	Luke Glaab	426	317	73	350	242	710	0	2,489	299
44	John Lueke	507	407	97	491	125	0	0	1,902	203
45	Skye Malcom	656	0	339	0	542	268	0	1,805	169
46	scr Paul Perret	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	532	43



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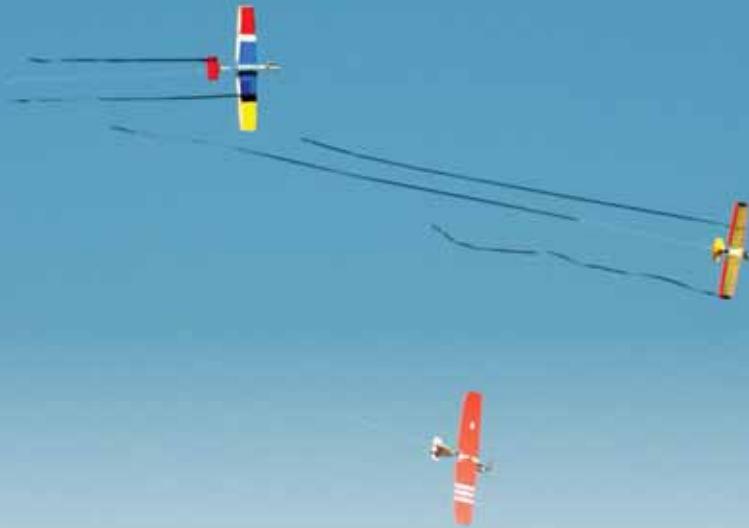
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Place	Contestant								Total	LSF Contest Points
		Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Total Drop		
1	Peter Goldsmith	1,066	1,035	1,088	932	990	835	0	6,976	6,100
2	Kent Nogy	1,025	1,013	1,011	1,077	814	1,000	0	6,950	5,978
3	Craig Greening	1,014	1,000	1,077	758	1,072	998	0	6,912	5,846
4	Steven Meyer	987	1,007	1,031	740	1,052	990	0	6,875	5,716
5	Robert Burson	716	1,021	1,086	942	1,000	937	0	6,760	5,524
6	Larry Jolly	1,027	1,081	1,080	1,082	1,032	680	0	6,728	5,401
7	Charles (Mike) Fox	1,059	1,071	1,053	765	627	1,065	0	6,678	5,265
8	Jerry Robertson	1,064	997	1,086	1,000	672	831	0	6,650	5,148
9	John Diniz	1,035	1,000	1,078	868	1,042	342	0	6,365	4,836
10	Tom Kallevang	993	1,071	980	702	471	1,066	0	6,276	4,678
11	Richard Bothell	1,044	1,074	1,088	702	370	1,000	0	6,271	4,585
12	Don Cleveland	1,013	1,021	1,044	737	289	1,053	0	6,183	4,432
13	Steve Lucke	1,072	1,066	1,059	990	437	1,031	0	6,173	4,336
14	Gordon Buckland	995	1,041	1,023	1,027	948	544	0	6,167	4,243
15	Terry Edmonds	1,053	992	1,026	1,026	998	0	0	6,095	4,106
16	Rob Glover	1,016	1,033	998	1,042	442	1,057	0	6,084	4,012
17	John Nelson	1,023	998	1,029	997	0	981	0	6,028	3,888
18	Peter Schlitzkus	995	1,087	1,000	727	1,000	203	0	6,021	3,798
19	Doug Pike	998	1,000	987	801	706	437	0	5,969	3,679
20	Bernard Coleman	855	998	985	857	0	1,032	0	5,722	3,445
21	Randall Everly	875	1,076	1,032	658	544	523	0	5,708	3,355
22	Tom Scully	980	1,000	769	754	1,036	660	0	5,702	3,269
23	Jerry Gross	755	1,065	1,032	607	771	964	0	5,669	3,169
24	John Lindsay	1,025	1,017	1,000	1,066	334	0	0	5,504	2,998
25	David Beach	1,009	998	1,100	918	458	0	0	5,481	2,907
26	Mike McGowan	343	630	993	645	799	1,035	0	5,438	2,806
27	Jack Wallner	824	1,000	980	473	761	735	0	5,330	2,674
28	Paul Perret	978	0	1,036	836	841	682	0	5,253	2,560
29	Skye Malcolm	1,057	980	657	1,022	558	411	0	5,090	2,408
30	Tom Broeski	368	487	1,083	547	782	682	0	5,024	2,305
31	Ron Kukral	614	1,033	997	888	612	725	0	4,974	2,210
32	Don Richmond	0	1,006	0	1,042	925	860	0	4,912	2,112
33	William Latham	985	284	987	766	408	555	0	4,909	2,041
34	Charles McCann	1,012	998	503	667	279	769	0	4,726	1,897
35	Bill Cunningham	808	997	898	984	533	497	0	4,717	1,826
36	Kenneth Bates	340	1,058	535	1,075	0	677	0	4,677	1,743
37	Edwin Wilson	609	783	993	467	0	771	0	4,623	1,657
38	Dan Myers	993	443	1,030	565	385	342	0	4,600	1,583
39	Marc Santos	454	545	513	976	553	525	0	4,394	1,449
40	Barry Kennedy	1,000	1,028	177	440	471	231	0	4,330	1,366
41	Don Harris	1,061	1,000	998	910	0	0	0	4,325	1,302
42	Alan Schwerin	342	993	973	424	514	793	0	4,039	1,158
43	Norman Poti	1,085	396	339	792	452	463	0	4,005	1,091
44	Chuck Pinnell	995	183	416	538	697	610	0	3,729	962
45	Stewart Swanson	1,075	322	1,086	619	593	0	0	3,695	900
46	scr David Leach	0	796	997	708	737	0	0	3,460	794
51	scr James Velleman	281	982	960	0	0	302	0	2,899	457
52	David Shaw	1,075	0	0	432	285	587	0	2,780	399
53	scr Philip Giesecking	656	195	987	579	0	0	0	2,586	334
54	scr Sanford Searl	227	271	988	0	0	0	0	1,486	170
55	scr Hugh Urmston	233	15	0	0	0	0	0	248	25
56	Scr Arthur Hill, Jr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	scr Harold E. Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58	scr Jack Lafret	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
59	scr James Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	scr Jared Stalls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	scr Todd Jurhs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RC Combat Wrap Up Report

Photos by Don Grissom.



It is time to say good bye to another year of RC Combat. It was a great year with a lot of good weather and flying. We were able to get all the rounds in for all the events. And in some cases we were able to get ahead which made Saturday an early finish.

We ended up with five rounds to complete in Limited B with 10 pilots starting the day. After getting a little late start because of a missing generator, we were able to get going around 9 p.m. Once again it looked like William was the one to beat, and it really showed with some of the rounds he was getting.

Once we completed the day it was time to give out the awards for Limited B with fifth place going to Nick Windsor with a score of 2,372 followed by Andy Runte in fourth place with his score of 2688.

The surprise third place went to Eric Gilkey who had two bad rounds for the day giving him a score of 2,863. Chris Gunter, with a very strong performance in his first Limited B event, came

in second with a score of 3,000.

So as you would know it, William Drumm III came in first place with his score of 3,824. This gives him three out of the four classes won this year. The only event he did not win was 2948, which went to Eric Gilkey, but since William did not fly scale, this next year could be a good year when he does.

I once again want to thank Jill Aldridge for flying in from England and keeping up with all the scores for the event. It would be so hard trying to maintain this event without her help.

We also want to thank Bob Loescher for his hard work in keeping Combat growing throughout the year and making sure this event is put on.

There are many RC Combat events held throughout the country and if you want to see any or learn more about RC Combat, you can go to www.rccombat.com.

Thanks for having us and hope to see you again next year. →
—Don Grissom





This is one way to cool off! Eric Gilkey.



William
Drumm III
Winner of
Limited B,
Open B,
and SSC.

Andy Runte.



Don Grissom
has to pack
up the van
and the truck.

Bob still cannot get his throttle fixed on his plane.

