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Daily coverage of the National Aeromodeling Championships



Connor Yucovich, the picture of steely aggression, at the HLG pen. I can't wait until this boy gets a little size on him; he could be dangerous. Don DeLoach photo.

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# FREE FLIGHT THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

In the world of Free Flight competition, Mother Nature sets the stage and we all just play upon it. Thursday's competition was no exception. A massive storm blew through Wednesday night and rain, wind, and lightning assaulted the field. Before it was over, in excess of three inches of rain was left on the field. The wind, more than 60 mph at times, wrecked havoc on the campers and rattled the RVs.

These heavenly precursors made for a day of difficult tactical flying. Winds were out of the west, and while moderate most of the day, brought unpredictable turbulence. Thermals were small, fickle, and hazardous to pick, further complicating matters. Many tried and few succeeded. As a result, scores across the board were relatively low for a Nats. Anyone taking home a trophy from Thursday has something of which to be proud.

As always, the day started early with perhaps the purest of all rubber power events, Dawn Unlimited. This class provides for one launch at dawn with a model of virtually no restrictions. (And as the launch is done at the crack of rosy-fingered dawn, this will be a second-hand report.) Most fliers build a model just for this class and the weight must be down to an absolute and dire minimum, and the models are usually quite large, sometimes in excess of 300 sq. in. wing area. Paul Andrade (Highland Park, CO) won this year with a one-flight total of 455 seconds with his special purpose model, his first Nats win in the class after many years of effort. Good job, Paul!



Dan Berry (Benton, AR) receiving questionable advice from Dohrman Crawford (Dunwoody, GA). Dan placed third in HLG in spite of Dohrman's help. David Mills photo.

Only four fliers maxed out and made it to the fly-offs. In spite of a very ugly, injured, and swollen calf, Tim Batiuk (San Juan Capistrano, CA) earned a heroic victory with 548 seconds. Jim Buxton, no stranger to the podium, trailed closely with 543 seconds. The kids didn't blanch under the conditions, either. Senior Anthony Guzman (Napa, CA) and junior Daniel Vucovich (Lilutz, PA) thrashed about mightily for victories of 307 and 339 seconds in their categories, respectively.

Coupe d'Hiver (FIG) was a hard slog until the end, too. Out of a field of 26, only two fliers made the fly-offs, Eddie Vanlandingham flying to a win with 840 seconds with John Clapp following in second with 665 seconds. Both were flying the latest offering from Gorban, very lovely and finely engineered machines, among the best in the world, and certainly the best in the US Thursday.

Another rubber event, OT Rubber Cabin, produced another good show with twelve fliers. These large rubber cabin models



Hand Launch Glider, an event requiring athletic prowess, also demands a good bit of sitting and talking. Mills photo.

Sometimes the effort required to win was an all-day grind. Such was the case in the Hand Launch Glider pen. The work began early for the 43 fliers and continued to very late in the afternoon. There was no better laboratory to see how difficult thermal detection was.

from before WW II are real crowd-pleasers. Required to launch from tables, the results are often dramatic. Roger Gregory won with his well-seasoned Cleveland Gull. Ed Sneed won second with an equally grizzled veteran, a big Lanzo or Korda, but I'm not sure.

As always, there was a full dance card of gas events and many took part. Boys, toys, and noise will always flail about in good company. The one-design event, the 1/2A Gas Country Boy this year, brought out a solid field of eight fliers, with Denny Dock (Stevensville, MI) coming out on top with 480 seconds. ABC Pylon was won by Bill Vanderbeek (Cupertino, CA) with a lovely, stretched Zipper, amply prodded along with an ignition K & B 40. Jim Bocckinfuso (Hardy, VA) outflawed a field of 26 to win 1/2A NosGas with a hot Geef with a Cox Medallion up front. Jack Marsh won A Gas with 832 seconds, presumably with a Maverick, his weapon of choice. The gas power high time can be claimed by Bob Hanford for his marathon work in F1P; his score of 1133 seconds came from an Astro-Pearl, somewhat of an out-of-the-parts-bin concoction, but it did what was necessary.

The electric event of the day, E-36, was won by Vic Nippert (Lake Katrine, NY) with 300 seconds. Following close behind was Rex Hinson (Inverness, FL) with 269 seconds and David Acton (White Plains, NY) with 256 seconds.

At the time of publishing, the F1B (Wakefield) and F1J fly-offs still were underway, so no final results are available. These will be covered by Don tomorrow. Also, look for the FAC results from Wednesday, too.

—David Mills



Tim Batiuk, Lee Hines, and Don DeLoach braving the conditions in the HLG pen. Tim achieved the most hard-fought victory in recent memory. Mills photo.



Mills photo.



Hannah and Larson Ringlien (Charlotte, NC) enjoying a well-earned lunch outside the HLG pen. Mills photo.

David Mills Photos.



# SCORES AND STANDINGS

Please note: All scores are unofficial until tabulated by Nats Headquarters.

## AGas

1	Marsh	Jack	99723	South Bend	IN	832
2	Thompson	Ronnie	327893	Athens	AL	710
3	Paillet	Jean	2222	Melville	NY	638
4	DeMeritte	James	5482	Palm Bay	FL	455
5	Brown	Gerald	79269	Henderson	TX	450
6	Morris	Gil	94509	Columbus	OH	350
7	Sperzel	Hank	80586	Bellevue	NE	346
8	Scott, Jr	Guy	10682	Albany	IN	238

## 1/2 A Country Boy

1	Dock	Denny	514011	Stevensville	MI	480
2	Smith	Roy E.	7759	Kingston	ON	444
3	Smith	Gene	9584	Stillwater	OK	356
4	Selick	H. Graham	12064	Athens	GA	342
5	Ronney	Philip	65464	Northridge	CA	316
6	Vanderbeek	William	853	Cupertino	CA	285
7	Reuter	Bill	36554	North Olmsted	OH	271
8	Baughman	Gary	4147	Marietta	GA	42

## FIGSO

1	Vanlandingham	Eddie	664918	Mansfield	TX	840
2	Clapp	John	19400	Sayre	PA	665
3	Williams	Joe	247709	Brookville	PA	596
4	Sechrist	David	574560	Bristol	IN	595
5	Konefes	Ed	53758	Wauconda	IL	583
6	Lacey	David	25895	Alexandria	VA	579
7	Masterman	Paul	182816	Porter	IN	575
8	Radziunas	Kathy	751798	Northford	CT	563
9	Vaccaro	Tom	327506	Plantsville	CT	552
10	Ferwerda	James	83710	Kenosha	WI	548
11	Markos	Charles	5869	Deerfield	IL	527
12	Hoffman	Mark	150445	McKinney	TX	511
13	Matsuno	Chris	62927	St. John	MO	502
14	Pivitt	James	56606	Taylor	MI	391
15	Joyner	Louis	71244	Richmond	VA	386
16	Richardson	M.D.	18650	Dayton	OH	380
17	Jones	Ryan	590967	Avon Lake	OH	340
18	Pivitt	Richard	86371	Taylor	MI	301
19	Hardin	Edward	312473	Kingston	TN	231
20	Simon	Greg	71097	Commerce Twp	MI	170
21	Ghio	Walt	15325	Stockton	CA	115
22	Kamla	John	76130	Seattle	WA	109
23	Ioerger	Thomas G.	94350	Fulton	MD	102
24	DeLoach	Don	175015	Colorado Springs	CO	99
25	Gerszewski	James L.	367788	New Berlin	WI	56
26	Murphy	Jerald	917	Maniton Springs	CO	3

## FIGJ

1	Ringlen*	Larson	865223	Cgarkitte	NC	334
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## E-36

1	Nippert	Vic	7999	Lake Katrine	NY	300
2	Hinson	Rex	1954	Inverness	FL	269
3	Acton	David	79560	White Plains	NY	256

## 1/2 A Classic J

1	Vucovich*	Daniel	844281	Lititz	PA	327
2	Marier*	Robert	842547	Roswell	GA	292
3	Pappas*	Trevor	945787	Napa	CA	47

## HalfANosGas

1	Bocckinfuso	Jim	10745	Hardy	VA	1012
2	Sowder	Bob	22179	Troutville	VA	840
3	Kluiber	Rudy	10945	Lakewood	OH	814
4	Wicks	Gene	5898	Normal	IL	472
5	Erridge	Roger	20953	Saranac	MI	451
6	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	449
7	Marier*	Robert	842547	Roswell	GA	431
8	Kruse	Larry	52107	Lawton	OK	350
9	Watson	Bob	5075	Morton Grove	IL	350
10	Mollendorf	Joseph	25875	Amherst	NY	350
11	Fulmer	Keith	31552	Mishawaka	IN	349
12	Ronney	Phillip	65464	Northridge	CA	347
13	Smith	James P.	1120	Mishawaka	IN	345
14	Marsh	Jack	99723	South Bend	IN	340
15	Davidson	Larry	118	Moneta	VA	330
16	Dock	Denny	514011	Stevensville	MI	321
17	Lapraik	Scott	881197	Portland	TN	311
18	DeMeritte	James	5482	Palm Bay	FL	288
19	Smith	Gene	9584	Stillwater	OK	266
20	Christensen	Gene	831325	Elk Grove	IL	208
21	Reuter	Bill	36554	North Olmsted	OH	190
22	Stone	Blaine	862815	chesterfield	MO	187
23	Baughman	Gary	4147	Marietta	GA	187
24	Bane	Brad	54695	Lyndonville	NY	120
25	McGinnes	Dean	17788	Lakeland	FL	82

## 1/2 A Classic O

1	Sperzel	Hank	80586	Bellevue	NE	714
2	Bane	Brad	54695	Lyndonville	NY	694
3	Mattes	Robert	31928	St. Charles	MO	581
4	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	460
5	Christensen	Gene	831325	Elk Grove	IL	428
6	Brown	Gerald	79269	Henderson	TX	360
7	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	351
8	Mollendorf	Joseph	25875	Amherst	NY	344
9	Thompson	Ronnie	327893	Athens	AL	336
10	Frothingham	John	654663	Brunswick	ME	299
11	Paillet	Jean	2222	Melville	NY	273
12	Baughman	Gary	4147	Marietta	GA	257
13	Juhl, Sr.	James E.	25866	Boca Raton	FL	250
14	Oakins	Gary	39905	Birchwood	MN	245
15	Lapraik	Scott	881197	Portland	TN	215
16	Reuter	Bill	36554	North Olmsted	OH	163

## OTRubCabin

1	Gregory	Roger	30566	Bretwood	CA	535
2	Sneed	Ed	556614	Columbus	OH	504
3	Stewart	Roy	20380	Princeton	IN	465
4	O'Reilly	Jim	9729	Wichita	KS	456
5	Hardin	Edward	312473	Kingston	TN	360
6	Ferwerda	James	83710	Kenosha	WI	350
7	Scnobrich	JOHN	604608	Lake Bluff	IL	338
8	Andrade	Paul	28900	Highland Ranch	CO	331
9	Gerszewski	James L.	367788	New Berlin	WI	312
10	Nelson	Paul	49147	Gerogetown	MA	293
11	Bennett	Robert	19642	Hampton	VA	291
12	Buchele	Elvin	16590	Sylvania	OH	272

**OHLGO**

1	Batiuk	Tim	L135	San Juan Capistrano	CA	548
2	Buxton	Jim	75154	Hilliard	OH	543
3	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	468
4	Covington	Mark	780868	Colo springs	CO	445
5	Schlarb	Bill	14425	South Bend	IN	355
6	Buddenbohm	Stan	189385	Westminister	CA	353
7	Yost	John	906929	Decatur	TN	351
8	Hines	Lee	7334	Costa Mesa	CA	343
9	Lewis	Jim	119	Macon	GA	341
10	Gerspacher	David	762428	Centerville	OH	335
11	Langellius	Jan	32138	Haslet	TX	318
12	Krempetz	Kurt	69866	Bartlett	IL	301
13	Mekina	Joe	16734	Donnelsville	OH	299
14	Simon	Evan	71096	Commerce Twp	MI	299
15	Barron	Andrew	14095	North Haven	CT	294
16	Peterson	Richard	151145	San Clemente	CA	292
17	Peadon	Tom	3313	Ft. Worth	TX	285
18	DeLoach	Don	175015	Colorado Springs	CO	283
19	Juhl, Sr.	James E.	25866	Boca Raton	FL	265
20	Reynolds	Todd	833092	Collorado springs	CO	254
21	Mathis	Dick	828033	Thibodaux	LA	253
22	Juhl	Joseph A.	25863	Delray Beach	FL	223
23	Ringlien	Andrew W.	76902	Charlotte	NC	211
24	Reynolds	Randy	528	Colorado Springs	CO	207
25	Bays	Kit	3150	Winterville	NC	180
26	Krempetz	Kenny	559200	Bartlett	IL	168
27	Crawford	Dohrman	1965	Dunwoody	GA	161
28	Ringlien	Jeff	569054	Northfield	MN	69
29	Griner	J.B.M.	10506	Indianapolis	IN	34
30	Mills	David	7717	Atlanta	GA	0

**OHLGJ**

1	Vucovich*	Daniel	844281	Lititz	PA	339
2	Pappas*	Trevor	945787	Napa	CA	336
3	Vucovich*	Nathan	844282	Lititz	PA	193
4	Smeton*	Sam	950504	Napa	CA	184
5	Gerspacher*	Kyle	885651	Centerville	OH	158
6	Ringlen*	Larson	865223	Cgarkitte	NC	146
7	Marier*	Robert	842547	Roswell	GA	120
8	Marier*	Hannah	931731	Roswell	GA	53
9	Ringlen*	Hannah	865222	Charalotte	NC	39
10	Vucovich*	Connor	908616	lititz	PA	35
11	Barron*	Gina	873831	North Haven	CT	8

**OHLGS**

1	Guzman**	Anthony	917393	Napa	CA	307
2	Samaro**	Ricardo	917392	Napa	CA	188

**ABCPylon**

1	Vanderbeek	William	853	Cupertino	CA	598
2	Sperzel	Hank	80586	Bellevue	NE	553
3	Bocckinfuso	Jim	10745	Hardy	VA	355
4	Edelstein	Robert	14489	Grande Ledge	MI	345
5	Romak	Bud	27032	Lincoln	CA	321
6	Rohrstaff	Al	501823	Kalamazoo	MI	305
7	Harshman	Dan	58861	Cincinnati	OH	298
8	Jordan	Elmer	3165	Troy	OH	294

**DawnUnlimited**

1	Andrade	Paul	28900	Highland Ranch	CO	455
2	Romak	Bud	27032	Lincoln	CA	388
3	Ioerger	Thomas G.	94350	Fulton	MD	308
4	Juhl	Joseph A.	25863	Delray Beach	FL	221
5	Frothingham	John	654663	Brunswixk	ME	88
6	Marier*	Hannah	931731	Roswell	GA	61

**FIPSO**

1	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	1133
2	Fedor	Mike	16763	Arlington	TX	1094





The winner's circle in ABC Gas Pylon. Left to right: Robert Edelstein, Jim Bocckinfuso, Hank Sperzel, and Bill Vanderbeek, the winner. DeLoach photo.

The winner's circle in HLG, the many vanquished, unseen. Left to right: Jim Buxton, Tim Batiuk (the winner), Dan Berry, Mark Covington, and the perennial Lee Hines. DeLoach photo.



The winner's circle in 1/2A NosGas. Left to right: Gene Wicks, Rudy Kluibler, Bob Sowder, and Jim Boccinfuso, the winner. DeLoach photo.



Left: The winner's circle in OT Rubber Cabin. Left to right: Roy Stewart, Jim O'Reilly, and Roger Gregory, the winner. (Ed Sneed not pictured.)

Below: The winner's circle in A Gas. Left to right: Jack Marsh (the winner), Jean Paillet, and Ronnie Thompson. DeLoach photos.



Don DeLoach photos.



Rocco Ferrario and his kids from Napa, CA. They had a very busy week. Photos this page by Don DeLoach.



Wading through the beans, looking for a model, you and all your friends. Not the most fun and glamorous part of Free Flight modeling, but necessary, nonetheless. Don DeLoach photo.

