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Modern F1B Wakefield requires some serious rubber-band winding. Some wisely do it away from the model!



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Free Flight Day 5

Today's Events: Free Flight

THE WEATHER did as promised and provided

the necessary conditions for a good day of flying. The heat rose into the low 90s, but the humidity remained low. The winds increased to a bit blustery at times.

The wind direction shifted throughout the day, requiring a change of flightline. It eventually settled in out of the west—not the best vector for drift. However, it wasn't too bad and off-field expeditions weren't too extensive.

Catapult Glider proved to be the most popular category by large margins with over 50 fliers. Conditions were tricky, and the relatively low scores reflect the pens being located in the troublesome southwest corner. Regardless, 38 adults flew, with Tim Batiuk (CA) taking the top spot with 515 seconds. Kurt Krempetz (IL) followed for second with 310 seconds, and David Hale (OH) took third with 295 seconds.

The Juniors were led by Nathan Vucovich (PA) with 199 seconds, and the Seniors, Tyler Moore (CA) with 290 seconds.

As is always the case, the gas fliers kept busy all day with a multitude of events. AB Classic Gas drew the largest field with 14 fliers with Gerald Brown (TX) topping the list with 987 seconds. Dan Berry (AR) was about one minute behind for second, and Ronnie Thompson (AL), likewise, for third.

Early $\frac{1}{2}$ A NosGas drew only one fewer contestant, 13, but produced closer results, with Roger Erridge (MI) winning with 374 seconds. Bob Sowder (VA) placed second with 355 seconds, and Dan Berry (AR), third with 338 seconds.

The large C Gas category drew eight fliers with Ronnie Thompson (AL) scoring far ahead for first with 1,136 seconds. Jim Demeritte (FL) placed second with 880 seconds and Gerald Brown, third with 733 seconds.

OT ABC Cabin gave tightly bunched results with Bud Romak (CA) winning with 326 seconds.

The FAI's F1P event drew four fliers with Glenn Schueider winning first with 814 seconds. Vic Nippert (NY) won Cargo, going away from the pack with 2,175 seconds.

Nostalgia Rubber drew a very respectable field of 16 with the redoubtable Ed Sneed (OH) coming out on top with 780 seconds, followed by Joe Williams (PA) placing second with 744 seconds, and Ed Hardin (TN), third with

539 seconds.

The F1B Wakefield is being decided this morning after the two leading fliers maxed out late Wednesday. We'll report that Friday.

The new-rules E-36 category promised greater participation this year, and the results didn't disappoint. Thirteen contestants brought revamped and well-tested models to fly. It's very good to see such widespread adoption of new electric technologies in a Free Flight entry-level event!

A very impressive victory was won by Dan Berry (AR) with 688 seconds against a very qualified field. Bob Mattes (MO) placed second with 548 seconds and Dick Ivers, third with 547 seconds. Well done, sirs!

Who can say what will happen on the flying field Thursday. It stormed all night until late morning, and at the time of this writing, there are clear and sunny skies. However, more storms are forecast for later in the day.

A full card of events is scheduled today, including HLG, Dawn Unlimited, F1G, F1J, Electric A, A Gas, $\frac{1}{2}$ A Classic Gas, and the FAC's Golden Age Military, OT Rubber Cabin, and WW II Mass Launch.

It should be a very busy day under uncertain conditions. And we all hope it doesn't rain-out the NFFS barbecue and raffle this evening! Regardless, we'll have a report tomorrow. *///*



Aram Schlosberg (NY) with an authoritative javelin launch of his F1B Wakefield.



Two electric-power experts, Dick Covalt (IN) and Bob Mattes (MO), with their new-rules E-36s. Bob placed second.



The modern F1B Wakefield model in repose—poised and ready for action and a very elegant device.



Campbell Custom Kits was up and running.

Graham Selick (GA) and his new-rules E-36 at rest.



Campbell Model Supply was up and running, too.

Ronnie Thompson (AL) seems justly proud of his AB Classic Gas model. He placed third.



Two catapult glider experts, Jan Langelius (TX) and Dick Peterson (CA), take a break from the tricky conditions.



The Catapult Glider pen was busy all day. The category drew 53 fliers!





The happy winners in Early 1/2A NosGas, in order: Roger Erridge (MI), Bob Sowder (VA), and Dan Berry (AR).



The bubbly winners in Nostalgia Rubber: David Mills (GA), Bud Romak (CA), and Ed Sneed (OH), first place.



The all-California winning Catapult Glider Team: Lee Hines, Rocco Ferrario, and Tim Batiuk.



The boisterous winners in AB Classic Gas: Dan Berry (AR), Gerald Brown (TX), first, Ronnie Thompson (AL), and Bob Hanford (OK).



Proud young men and Senior Catapult Glider winners, in order: Tyler Moore (CA), Robert Marier (GA), and Sam Smetzer (CA).

Two happy kids and Junior Catapult Glider winners: Larson Ringlien (MN) and Wyatt Riddle (OH).



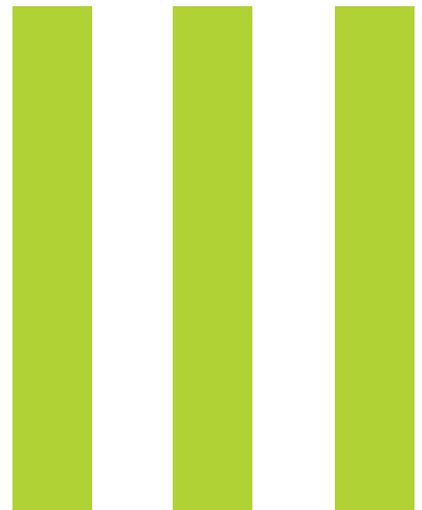
Free Flight flightline.



Jean Paillet (FL) and Jim Bocckinfuso (VA) and their AB Classic Gas models. Both flew impressively.



Young Brian Pacelli (CT) receives his check as one of the 2012 AMA Scholarship winners. Last week, he won the Junior World F1B Championship, too! Also pictured are AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson and AMA Education Director Bill Pritchett.



RC Electric Concludes



An Ava landing.

Bob Johnson's Radian.



TODAY WAS the final event of the 2012 Electric Nationals; Class B-LMR. The pilots' meeting was run by CD Jack "Papa Smurf" Iafret. Afterward, the six pilots who came to fly headed off to the flightline.

In Class B-LMR, the motor run is deducted from the flight time. So the pilot has to decide just how high is high enough to get the 10-minute max. The shorter the motor run, the longer the flight time.

The weather forecast called for light winds all day which did not turn out to be correct. The winds became stronger as the day progressed, leading to longer motor runs to get high enough to find the elusive lift.

Many flights were flown to the limits of eyesight in distance and height. This

gave an advantage to the larger wingspan planes. Landing became a challenge, as more than a few landings were short of the tape.

At the end of the day, Arthur "Lucky Duck" Mackiewicz won the event flying his Ava. Don Richmond came in second even after having to go to his backup plane due to a radio issue. In third, taking home his first Nats wood, was Art Earl. Congratulations to all of the winners!

This brings to an end to the 2012 Electric Nationals. It was a very fast and fun-filled four days for this Event

Director/reporter. I want to thank all my CDs: Greg Prater, Rob Glover, Jack Iafret, and my wife Kim, who was the scorekeeper for all the events. Also, thanks to all of the AMA staff that helped me during the week, and the *NatsNews* staff members who make my photos and words look great! See you all next year! *///*

Arthur Mackiewicz's Ava.



Papa Smurf and CD Jack Lafret.



Dan Maxwell deep in concentration while flying his plane.



Don and Arthur enjoy their hot dog lunch provided by Mark Carter.



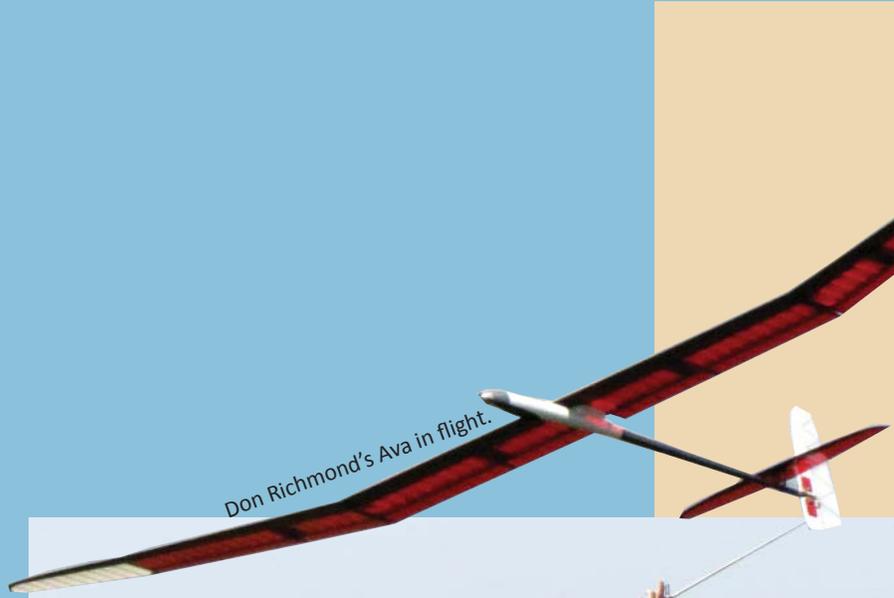
CD Jack Lafret and scorekeeper Kim Franz discuss a scoring dilemma.



Electric Soaring B-LMR winners: L-R, Arthur Mackiewicz (1st), Don Richmond (2nd), and Art Earl (3rd).



An early round landing by Ed Franz.



Bob Johnson skillfully flying.



Ed Franz and Don Richmond (foreground), Arthur Mackiewicz, and Art Earl (background).



Don Richmond launches his Ava.

Pilots' meeting held by CD Jack Lafret.



This week's events:

Friday
Free Flight

Saturday
RC Helicopter
(practice only)

Sunday
RC Helicopter

Monday
RC Helicopter

Tuesday
RC Helicopter

Wednesday
RC Helicopter

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Scores

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ABC Classic

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1	Brown	Gerald	79269	Henderson	TX	987
2	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	865
3	Thompson	Ronnie	327893	Athens	AL	720
4	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	710
5	Demeritte	Jim	5487	Palm Bay	FL	678
6	Marsh	Jack	99723	South Bend	IN	477
7	Paillet	Jean	2222	Lake Lady	FL	453
8	Bocckinfuso	Jim	10745	Hardy	VA	427
9	Werner	Henry	6524	Tucson	AZ	344
10	Smith	Gene	9584	Stillwater	OK	289
11	Pangell	Rick	16165		CO	242
12	Harper	Charles	38220	Blanchester	OH	217
13	Stewart	Roy	20380	Princeton	IN	120
14	Oakins	Gary	39905	Birchwood	MN	120

B Sailplane LMR

1	6277	ARTHUR MARKIEWICZ	ENCINITAS	CA
2	6135	DONALD G RICHMOND	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
3	5669	ARTHUR J EARL	MAHOMET	IL
4	5514	ED J FRANZ	BURLINGTON	KY
5	4353	DANIEL J MAXWELL	MAHOMET	IL
6	4127	ROBERT L JOHNSON	FOND DU LAC	WI

Early Half ANos

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1	Erridge	Roger	20953	Saranac	MI	374
2	Sowder	Bob	22179	Troutville	VA	355
3	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	338
4	Fulmer	Keith	31552	Mishawaka	IN	336
5	Vollmer	Allan	7771	West Haven	CT	330
6	Buchele	Elvin	16590	Sylvania	OH	307
7	Edmonson	Dave	9788	Eagan	MN	266
8	Marier**	Robert	842547	Roswell	GA	258
9	Fedor	Mike	16763	Arlington	TX	228
10	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	209
11	Schueider	Glenn	1648	Diablo	CA	191
12	Acton	David	79560	White Plains	NY	186
13	Jordan	Elmer	3165	Troy	OH	99

ANos Gas

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1	Davidson	Larry	118	Moneta	VA	1470
2	Bane	Ruth Ann	63176	Lyndonville	NY	1467
3	Smith	Gene	9584	Stillwater	OK	820
4	Fulmer	Keith	31552	Mishawaka	IN	791
5	Troutman	Mark	264864	Galveston	TX	600
6	Watson	Bob	5075	Morton Grove	IL	470
7	Marsh	Jack	99723	South Bend	IN	437
8	Marsh	Douglas K.	99724	Granger	IN	373
9	Darling	Clark	125532	Carmel	NY	360
10	Sowder	Bob	22179	Troutville	VA	357
11	Schueider	Glenn	1648	Diablo	CA	356
12	Edmonson	Dave	9788	Eagan	MN	353
13	Harper	Charles	38220	Blanchester	OH	315
14	Smith	Roy E	596719	Kingston	ON	304
15	Erridge	Roger	20953	Saranac	MI	210
16	Jordan	Elmer	3165	Troy	OH	120

HHCATS

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1	Moore**	Tyler	968227	Napa	CA	290
2	Marier**	Robert	842547	Roswell	GA	237
3	Smelzer**	Sam	954297	Napa	CA	233
4	Samarlo**	Ricardo	917392	Napa	CA	210
5	Vucovich**	Daniel	844281	Lititz	PA	188
6	Guzman**	Anthony	917393	Napa	CA	181

E-36

1	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	688
2	Mattes	Robert	31928	St. Charles	MO	548
3	Ivers	Richard	683557	West Newton	MA	547
4	Arland	Richard	92102	West Des Moines	IA	528
5	Selick	H. Graham	12064	Athens	GA	527
6	Covalt	Richard	32551	Anderson	IN	465
7	Sechrist	David	574560	Bristol	IN	452
8	Reinhart	Pete	9585	Austin	TX	452
9	Freeland	Mark	212748	Yeego Harbor	MI	451
10	Richardson	Mike	29768	Westfield	IN	437
11	Crawford	Dohrman	1965	Dunwoody	GA	360
12	Murphy	Jerald	917	Manitou Springs	CO	326
13	Coffin	Jim	163	Annandale	VA	54

Cargo 21

1	Nippert	7999	Lake Kalrine	NY	2175
2	Acton	79560	White Plains	NY	466
3	Stalick	26731	Albany	OR	405

C Gas 20

1	Thompson	327893	Athens	AL	1136
2	Demeritte	5487	Palm Bay	FL	880
3	Brown	79269	Henderson	TX	733
4	Hall	299	Athens	AL	717
5	Bell	499747	Houston	TX	662
6	Sperzel	80586	Bellevue	NE	319
7	Clawson	31101	Palm Bay	FL	240
8	Marsh	99723	South Bend	IN	182

Art Earl finally notices there is a duck on Arthur Mackiewicz's hat!

