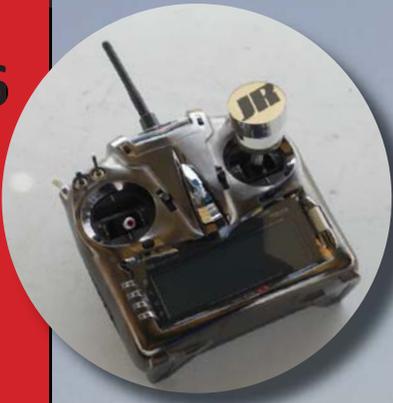


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Curtis' special
single-stick
transmitter.

Twenty-time National
Champion Curtis
Youngblood.



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RC Helicopter

Today's Events:
None

The 2012 Nats season has come to a close!

THE 2012 AMA Heli Nationals is over, and we all had great times, made new friends, had many laughs, and some managed to take home some beautiful hardware.

For a newcomer like Steve Petrotto, it had to be surprising to win a Nats trophy in his first attempt. For

veterans in F3C that came short of making the team, a bit of sadness, but at the same time happiness to see a refreshing change of the guard in the guys that will represent the US in the next World Championships.

After the contest was over, the guys had some fun doing high-speed demos, taking team pictures, and laughing all the way to the ground watching a terrible food challenge that consisted of watching Dwight Shilling eating and choosing from among various non-palatable snacks bought by several contestants to determine what Mr. Shilling would not likely

eat ever again. Needless to say, it was a very fun time. Thanks, Tim for putting on the “Shilling Food Challenge” for us to watch.

Perhaps one of the best moments in the contest was right after the end of Daniel Hiatt’s last round routine when his dad, Cliff, hugged him knowing that Daniel achieved something he’s been working very hard for the over five years—a spot in the US Team.

I won’t bother recounting the details of who came in what place, but instead I want to emphasize the human aspect of the Nats. At the end of the day, it is not as much about who was the best, or who won, but about the friendships, the bonding, the good times that we had while we were here in Muncie.

Congratulations to the 2012-2013 US F3C Team: Curtis Youngblood, Nick Maxwell, and Daniel Hiatt. A huge thanks goes to all the judges, and to Craig Bradley and his wife, Karen, who every year come out and put up this great event. In many ways, this was best Nats ever. *///*





Steve Petrotto, 1st place Sportsman.



Dennis Purduski, 2nd place Expert.



George Ford, 2nd place Sportsman.



Tim Tripoli's shadow, 3rd place Expert.

Scott Gray, 2nd place FAI.



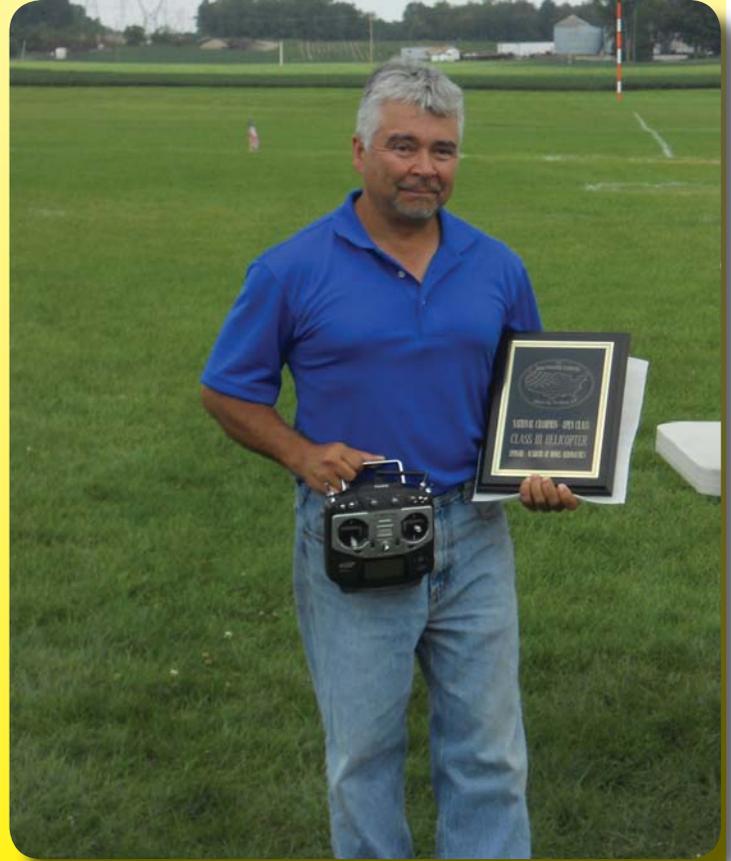
Don Miller, 1st place Advanced.



Nick Maxwell, 3rd place FAI.



Curtis Youngblood, 1st place FAI.



Santiago Panzardi, 1st place Expert.



US F3C Team (L-R) Nick Maxwell (2nd), Curtis Youngblood (1st), Daniel Hiatt (3rd), and Wayne Mann (4th/alternate).

Father and son team, Daniel and Cliff Hiatt.



Great gentleman, Gordie Meade.



Scott Gray and Nob Muraki after a fun, high-speed demo.



Bill Tinsley with Scotty Gray after the most entertaining flight of the week.

Shilling Food Challenge



Thank you to CD Craig Bradley and wife, score tabulator, Karen. RC Helicopter Nats could not happen without you!



Standings for FAI F3C

2012 F3C Team Selection Final

Place	Pilot							Score
1	Curtis Youngblood							3000
Normalized	1000	1000	1000	996.1686	1000	1000	996.1612	
Raw	259.5	255	260.5	260	257	259.5	259.5	
2	Nicholas Maxwell							2945.973
Normalized	953.7572	976.4706	953.9348	1000	933.8521	969.1714	1000	
Raw	247.5	249	248.5	261	240	251.5	260.5	
3	Daniel Hiatt							2845.084
Normalized	911.368	927.4509	919.3858	942.5287	906.6148	934.4894	980.8061	
Raw	236.5	236.5	239.5	246	233	242.5	255.5	
4	Wayne Mann							2757.354
Normalized	911.368	935.2941	948.1766	963.6015	904.6693	903.6609	898.2726	
Raw	236.5	238.5	247	251.5	232.5	234.5	234	
5	Cliff Hiatt							2719.784
Normalized	894.027	878.4314	928.9827	869.7318	766.5369	928.709	890.595	
Raw	232	224	242	227	197	241	232	
6	Dwight Shilling							2666.538
Normalized	876.6859	884.3137	923.2245	883.1418	889.1051	880.5395	850.2879	
Raw	227.5	225.5	240.5	230.5	228.5	228.5	221.5	
7	Nob Muraki							2585.478
Normalized	836.2235	835.2941	808.0614	783.5249	906.6148	843.9307	834.9328	
Raw	217	213	210.5	204.5	233	219	217.5	
8	Gordie Meade							2467.355
Normalized	732.1772	870.5883	800.3839	850.5747	797.6653	786.1271	829.1746	
Raw	190	222	208.5	222	205	204	216	
9	Mike Goza							2346.908
Normalized	768.7861	798.0392	771.5931	783.5249	789.8832	772.6397	758.1573	
Raw	199.5	203.5	201	204.5	203	200.5	197.5	

4 rounds of Schedule P, drop the lowest round, normalized.

3 rounds of Schedule F.

4 total scores, drop the lowest.

Standings for FAI F3C

2012 AMA Helicopter National Championship

Place	Pilot	Score						
1	Curtis Youngblood	3000						
Normalized		1000	1000	1000	996.1686	1000	1000	996.1612
Raw		259.5	255	260.5	260	257	259.5	259.5
2	Scott Gray	2954.343						
Normalized		973.025	988.2353	980.8061	986.59	988.3268	974.9518	980.8061
Raw		252.5	252	255.5	257.5	254	253	255.5
3	Nicholas Maxwell	2945.973						
Normalized		953.7572	976.4706	953.9348	1000	933.8521	969.1714	1000
Raw		247.5	249	248.5	261	240	251.5	260.5
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Raw		190	222	208.5	222	205	204	216
10	Tim Diperi	2348.788						
Normalized		786.1271	803.9216	737.0441	726.0536	756.8093	789.9807	783.1094
Raw		204	205	192	189.5	194.5	205	204
11	Mike Goza	2346.908						
Normalized		768.7861	798.0392	771.5931	783.5249	789.8832	772.6397	758.1573
Raw		199.5	203.5	201	204.5	203	200.5	197.5
12	Rolando Perez	2326.797						
Normalized		304.4316	772.549	792.7063	768.1992	784.0467	764.9326	760.0768
Raw		79	197	206.5	200.5	201.5	198.5	198
13	Bill Tinsley	2037.848						
Normalized		707.1292	719.6078	765.8349	726.0536	610.8949	689.788	514.3954
Raw		183.5	183.5	199.5	189.5	157	179	134

4 rounds of Schedule P, drop the lowest round, normalized.
 3 rounds of Schedule F.
 4 total scores, drop the lowest.

Standings for Advanced

2012 AMA Helicopter National Championship

Place	Pilot	Score						
1	Don Miller	6000						
Normalized		1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Raw		136	134.5	135.5	142.5	128.5	157	155.5

7 rounds of Advanced, drop the lowest round.
 6 total scores.

Standings for Sportsman

2012 AMA Helicopter National Championship

Place	Pilot	Score						
1	Steven Petrotto	6000						
Normalized		1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Raw		154.5	162.5	157.5	176.5	169	170	170.5
2	George Ford Sr.	5111.527						
Normalized		854.3689	827.6923	822.2222	813.0311	789.9409	826.4706	967.7419
Raw		132	134.5	129.5	143.5	133.5	140.5	165
3	David Sweat	0						
Normalized		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raw		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7 rounds of Sportsman, drop the lowest round.
 6 total scores.

Standings for Expert

2012 AMA Helicopter National Championship

Place	Pilot	Score						
1	Santiago Panzardi	5934.911						
Normalized		1000	934.9113	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Raw		149	71	176	158	166	160.5	171.5
2	Dennis Purduski	5770.126						
Normalized		812.0806	1000	909.0909	1000	945.7831	966.8848	918.3673
Raw		121	150	160	169	157	160	157.5
3	Timothy Tripoli	4881.918						
Normalized		761.745	870	625	810.6509	837.3494	797.5078	804.6647
Raw		113.5	130.5	110	137	139	128	138

7 rounds of Expert, drop the lowest round.
 6 total scores.

National Aeromodeling Championships

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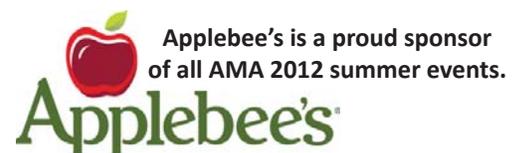
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