

THE 2010 AMA PRECISION AEROBATIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 18- 22, 2010

From: Dave Guerin, 2010 Event Director

On behalf of the AMA, NSRCA, and the entire Nats staff, I am extending an invitation to all of you to attend the 2010 Nats. This event is what Precision Aerobatics is all about - competition, good friends and a great time at the finest model aviation facility in the country. The Nats is an experience you shouldn't miss. This is my seventh year as Event Director and I am proud of the AMA Precision Aerobatic Nationals and the people who work with me to bring you the best event possible. The Nats gets better every year with 2010 looking like it will be another great year. I'm looking forward to meeting more new competitors and seeing old friends again.

So, let's get ready!

Registration

Remember that **June 1** is the early registration deadline; after June 1 the entry fees will double. If you wish to register late, you must do so before **June 25**. This year **NO** entries will be accepted after **June 25, 2010**. Please sign up early as it facilitates the process of preparing flight groupings and judging assignments.

If you do not receive an entry form, you may download one from the AMA web site www.modelaircraft.org. **You cannot enter online**. Print out the form, fill it in and then mail or fax it to AMA. Note that the form is in 2 sections so review it carefully before you send it in

Masters and F3A pilots are **required** to be on 2.4 GHz, spread spectrum this year. Intermediate and Advanced will not be required to make the change until 2011 but, are encouraged to do so. Some of the other SIGs have already required this change. It is a safety issue and is in the best interest of all the competitors.

Schedule of Events

Sunday July 18 - Contestant check-in, NSRCA Judging Certification, Opening Ceremony

Monday July 19 - Thursday July 21 - Competition all classes

Tuesday Evening July 20 - Social Banquet & NSRCA General Meeting

Wednesday July 21 - 6:00pm F3A Finalists Aircraft Check and Unknowns Meeting

Thursday July 22 - F3A & Masters Finals, Awards Presentation and Closing Ceremony

Lodging

Motels in Muncie fill up fast for the Nats dates. Make your plans early to be sure you get the accommodations you need. AMA has arranged special rates with some motels in the area; contact AMA representative Randa Coats at 800-435-9262 ext. 293 for information or assistance with reservations.

Judging

When you are making your plans for the Nats, remember that every US flier competing at the Nats must be a certified judge. Contact your District VP for information on judging clinics in your district. If you cannot become certified before the Nats there will be a judging clinic on Sunday morning, July 18 at 8:00 AM. Anyone attending the Nats from other countries is welcome and encouraged to attend the clinic.

Aircraft Specifications

Please check your equipment before you come to the Nats. The Operations Staff will enforce aircraft specifications as described in the AMA and F3A rules. We do not want to disqualify anyone but, in fairness to everyone, the rules must be enforced. There are 4 specifications that your aircraft must meet in order to be approved: size, weight, aircraft identification (AMA number), and sound.

Practice

On-site practice will be available all day Sunday, July 18. Masters and F3A will use sites 1 and 3. Intermediate and Advanced will use site 4. Please check in before you go to the sites to practice. Off-site practice is the responsibility of the contestants.

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Banquet Information

The Social Banquet and NSRCA General Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, July 20. Time and location information will be included in the pilot's package you will receive at check in. We moved the Banquet to a new location last year, it was a success and we look forward to it being even better this year.

Note, we have arranged with AMA to allow you to purchase your banquet tickets in advance along with your entry. You will notice that your entry form now has a place to include your ticket request. I would encourage you to do so as it will streamline the planning for the banquet. It also makes one less thing that you will need to think about at the Nats. Tickets will still be available on site for anyone who decides at the last minute.

If for some reason you need to withdraw your entry within the time limit your banquet ticket money will be refunded.

Awards and Closing Ceremony

The Awards and Closing Ceremony will be held on site at the conclusion of competition on Thursday July 22.

Volunteers

Your Nats is run by an all volunteer staff and I am extremely proud of the job we do and the way we function as a team. There are many elements that go into making the Nats run smoothly and I am always looking for new talent to bolster our staff. If you will be attending the Nats and would like to share in the Nats experience, I am extending an invitation to you to become part of the team. Please contact me if you are interested.