



NatsNews

Daily Coverage of the 2011 National Aeromodeling Championships

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Today's Event: RC Scale Aerobatics



Unknown, unknown, unknown! That is what's weighing heavily on every pilot's mind this morning as the Finals kick off. Yesterday was probably the most productive day of competition, thus far, and when Gil Major announced the leaders at the banquet last night it was plain for all to see. The competition has been tight, but the camaraderie has been even tighter. Bonds and friendships have been formed that will last a lifetime at this contest and I am proud to be here and involved. I am already looking forward to seeing everyone again next year and hopefully at many contests in the interim.

Team Horizon's father son duo of Ivan and Nicolas Pinzon were hard at it yesterday, calling for each other, assisting other pilots as the need arose, and flying their own sequences. This is their fourth year at the Nats.

Geoffrey Donati is here for his first Nats and is flying very, very well. He has been flying RC for a year and has already made his way to the Nats! Way to go,

Geoff and good luck!

Team Futaba's Joe Smith is in Muncie for his first Nats as well, and has been flying for two-and-a-half years. In that period he has won the King 50, 3-D Smackdown, King of the Fest, and placed first in the Brazil International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC) contest. 3DHobby Shop, Castle, Motrolfly, Desert Aircraft, Vess, Higher Plane Productions, B&E Graphics, Snap On RC & Glowire are all supporters of Joe's. Great job Joe and we wish you the best in the points race!

The Wednesday night banquet was good fun and the barbeque was awesome! IMAC President Wayne Matthews presented Ty Lyman and Marian Berninger with the President's Award for their distinguished service, passion, and commitment to the preservation, education, and future development of the IMAC Organization, its directives, and fellowship. Congratulations to you both! You are both very deserving of all of our appreciation!

The Nats team staff issued the

Unknowns for finals and all pilots quickly transitioned to practice mode. Good luck guys and we'll see you at the finish line.

The scores from last night are showing IMAC Sportsman Class pilot Jerry Hailey in his reigning position of first, Tom Burndrett in second, and Geoffrey Donati in third. Intermediate Class see's Corey Ford holding his first-place slot, Mark Samyn very near in second, and Michael Karnes nipping at their heels in third place. Benjamin Batts is leading the pack in the Advanced Class with Matt Balazs in second and Louis Matustik in third. Unlimited Class competitor Kurt Koelling is on top of the pack in first, David Moser is climbing up to second, and Brian Sanik is four points behind in third.

Good luck guys and have fun!

—Chris Hockaday

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Faces in the Crowd



IMAC Banquet







Welcome to the International Aeromodeling Center

<p>Sites 1 2 6</p> <p>CLOSED</p>  <p>Control Line</p>	<p>Site 3 Center Stage</p> <p>RC Multipurpose Spread Spectrum; 72 MHz; 50/53 MHz</p>  	<p>Site 4</p> <p>Spread Spectrum Only</p> <p>When not previously scheduled</p> 	
<p>Site 5</p> <p>Gliders</p> <p>72 MHz: Check with Host at Site 3 for Frequency Board Location</p>  	<p>Site 8</p> <p>Park Flyers</p> <p>Spread Spectrum; 27 MHz</p> 		



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