

F3A WorldNews

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Text and photos by Jim Quinn.

AS WE WERE leaving for the International Aeromodeling Center to get an early start for day two's flying, we had a surprise. There sat a former USA World Team manager, Reeves Lippincott, and his lovely wife enjoying breakfast at the motel.



You might never see either of these people, but nothing happens for this World Championship, or for any of our radio-controlled National Championships, without the help of these two fabulous individuals. Ron Morgan's committee has more than 200 years of experience running these events. Ron (left) has 25% of that total with more than 50 years at the helm. Al Williamson's experience is not far behind. Thanks Ron and Al for making our World Championship so pleasant.



The Answer: Why were all those people standing so still and silent looking to the sky yesterday? Very simply, they were all watching Christophe's afternoon flight on Site 1.

Everyone, even some pets, wanted to be fans at the 2011 World Championships. David Snow and his dad, John, brought their dog, Lani. Dave is one of our USA great Masters pilots.



When Derek Koopowitz asked each member of the NSRCA Board to recommend someone to be the event director for our World Championship, he received 11 emails in response. Each of the 11 board members recommended only one person, Dave Guerin. Dave has just completed seven years as event director for our USA National Championship for RC Aerobatics. There really was no question that Dave was the perfect person for this position. Dave wanted only the best people to assist him so, logically, he chose Tom Miller as assistant event director.



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Some more support people you will never see, do the tabulation of all flights scored during our World Championship. Without them, you would never see a score posted. Thanks to Linda Jesky, Margaret Guerin, and Bob Kane for a super job most-efficiently done.



Finally, today, let's consider a technical consideration. After each flight of an electric-powered airplane, a weight check is performed. Also after each flight, the pilot selects a marble from a bucket. In the bucket are four white marbles and one black marble. Regardless of the power used in the airplane, if a pilot draws the black marble a full technical inspection is performed.



Today, we want to expand our coverage of our Junior World Championship. AMA and the United States of America are honored to have five Junior contestants, allowing us to name a Junior World Champion. To qualify as a Junior you have to be younger than 19. Let's be clear, however. Although the technical title for these five competitors is "Junior" they certainly don't fly like juniors. Yesterday, we met James Nugent from Australia. Today, let's meet Hung Wei Yi.

Hung Wei Yi comes to us all the way from Chinese Taipei. He has been flying RC for eight years, starting when he was 9.

His original teacher was his father. It wasn't long before Chou Tso Yon, a great F3A pilot himself, was teaching Hung Wei Yi the finer points of F3A. He also received excellent support from Chen Chen Feng, the president of Chinese-Taipei Aerosport Federation. His greatest fan, of course, is his mother, Hsu Pi Fen. She is enjoying all the wonderful people she is meeting. She finds our restaurant proportions quite large, but is really enjoying our fruits and vegetables.



Marco Mazzucchelli lives in Italy. Marco has been flying for 10 years. He is now 16, so, yes, he started flying when he was 6. His first teacher was his dad, just like the other two Juniors. Like them, he quickly needed another teacher. His Top-Quark airplane also needed an update to a more aerobatic model. Currently, Marco is flying a Wind S Pro. Of course, it is electric-powered. When asked why he wanted electric power for the Wind S, he simply said, "Everything is better with electric." Marco had a few reservations about our more popular Italian restaurant chains. What is his favorite food in Muncie? Hamburger! Any special kind? "No," he replied, "just a hamburger."

Flying full-size airplanes could be in his future. For now, however, he is looking to pursue his favorite subject in school, art. Give him an airbrush and a fuselage and behold, another Michelangelo appears. Marco's favorite flying partner is his caller, Andrea Villa.



Let's meet a few more teams.

Brazil



Chinese Taipei



Liechtenstein



Argentina



Cyprus



People's Republic of China



Lastly today, let's look at one of our legends, Wolfgang Matt. This is Wolfgang's 24th consecutive World Championship. That spans 48 years! Wolfgang is bringing his latest design, the Peridot, to this World Championship. No grass is growing under the wheels of Wolfgang's models. Currently, he is using a Hacker Q80 to power his Peridot. He has as much experience with electric power as anyone in the world. This is his sixth year powering his airplanes with electric power. As recently as 2010, Wolfgang added another first to his pedigree. He was the first to win a World Championship when he won the World Cup in 2010! You have raised the bar for all of us with your presence at this World Championship. →

—Jim Quinn



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 July 30, 2011
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 (brief comments - 7:20 pm)
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