

May 27, 2011

Friday

WW I Mass Launch

Dime Scale

Science Olympiad*

Towline Glider

MiniStick

EZ-B

F1L*

A-Rog*

*unofficial events



Kang Lee's HLS, aka EZB.



Inside:



Indoor Nats Day 2



Larry Cailliau—2011 F1D National Champion.

Bostonians ruled the morning air. Emil Schutel won the event, and Tom Iacobellis' Lakehurst Express topped the mass launch.

The rest of the day belonged to F1D and Hand Launch Stick.

Those of us who passed on first day F1D flights learned, once again, that good flying conditions can be fleeting. We just started to get underway when the tornado sirens started blaring and we had to evacuate the building for a couple of hours.

We were supposed to huddle in the hallways, but several of us said "forget that" and went outside to watch the show. The locals didn't seem too concerned. Although there were no

funnels, the storm front that washed over the dome was pretty dramatic and entertaining.

When we finally returned, the air was still churning inside. Test flights quickly blew over the stands, and even a 7-minute test hop required several steers. Tom Iacobellis and Larry Cailliau decided to put to full motor flights, and both seemed to benefit from the swirls. Tom posted close to 31 minutes, and Larry was over 34.

As things settled down, the rest of us got official flights going. Time was running out and not many people even had their first pair of scores on the board.

Jim Richmond's variable-diameter

propeller does wonders for his times, but has a bad habit of locking onto the steering line. He spent several minutes trying to get one flight off the string and, when he finally gave up and started to reel it in, the mischievous model popped off.

I had a few partial motor flights that were under a very conservative altitude, but the full motor version got high way too quickly and hung up. The first two flights were a bust. Max Zaluska also had a recurring date with the ceiling and we spent a lot of time retrieving.

It was interesting to compare the techniques: Max likes to position his balloon close to the model and quickly pull it away, using the suction to pull



Tom Iacobellis is kicking his F1D program into high gear, with his sites set on a World Champs team spot.

the model loose. I prefer to use a small Mylar balloon, planting it on the ceiling nearby and using the line to gently work the plane free. Both methods brought our and other's aircraft back safely.

Event Director Abram Van Dover extended the flying time by half an hour to make up for the lost evacuation time, allowing us to get some good evening flights in. Larry's 34 and 33 back were good for the win. I posted a pair of 32s for second, and Richmond held on for third.

HLS is the no-rules, unlimited Indoor FF event. This usually means giant fragile ships capable of epic times. Under these conditions, however, almost everyone chose to use their best models from other categories. Leo Pilachowski flew an FIL, Kang Lee used his EZB, and I flew my already-set-up FID.

Ray Harlan had the only purpose-built ship, and it was both beautiful and freaky. It featured biplane wings as well as a double stabilizer. It made me feel like I was looking at it cross-eyed.

Kang's EZB earned him third place with a 27. Ray flew about 30 for second place. I duplicated my top FID flight for the win.

Ray Harlan and Emil Schutzel talk Bostonian.



Ray Harlan's primary HLS.



Leo Pilachowski's HLS looks a lot like an F1L.



Chuck Markos' Modern Civil Production ship.



Tom Sovo is an F1D vet.



Still no Wi-Fi password, so the USIC webcam remains in the box.

Raffle prizes arrived from Tim Goldstein of A2Z (including a dual-ratio winder, prop pitch gauge, incredible .003" balsa, and other tools and supplies); Ray Harlan of Indoor Specialties (featuring a micrometer balsa stripper, digital thickness gauge, and other building essentials); and Jeff Hood of Hood's Wood (graded building packs of custom-cut indoor balsa). It's not too late! If you have any flying buddies on-site, call them today and have them buy you some tickets: 1 for \$1, 7 for \$5, and 15 for \$10.

Charlie Slater arrived with his kids, Morgan and Soren. David Aaronstein arrived with his son, Zevi.

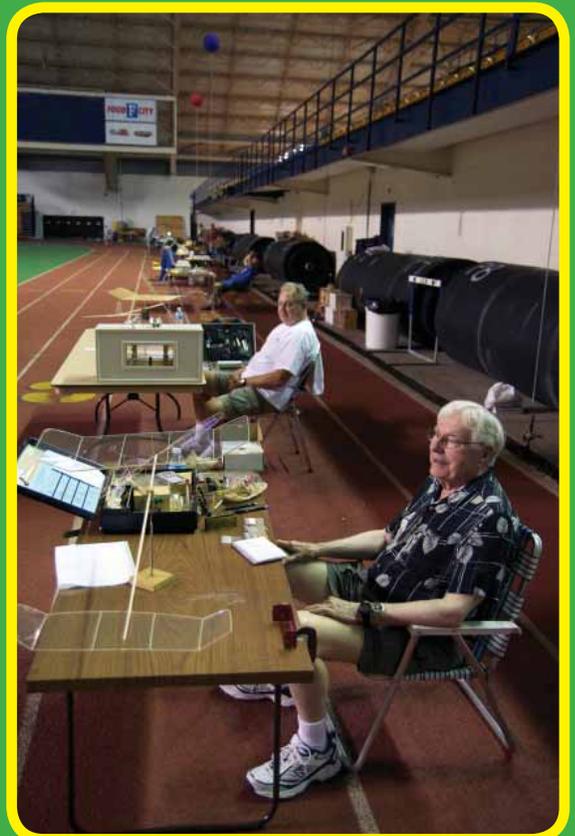
Lots more flying to come—stay tuned! →



Tim Warren makes a small adjustment to his RTP model.



Bob Warmann prepares for the afternoon events.



A pair of F1D World Champs: Larry Cailliau and Jim Richmond.

Ray Harlan's mind-bending, double-double HLS.



John Kagan was all about F1D today.



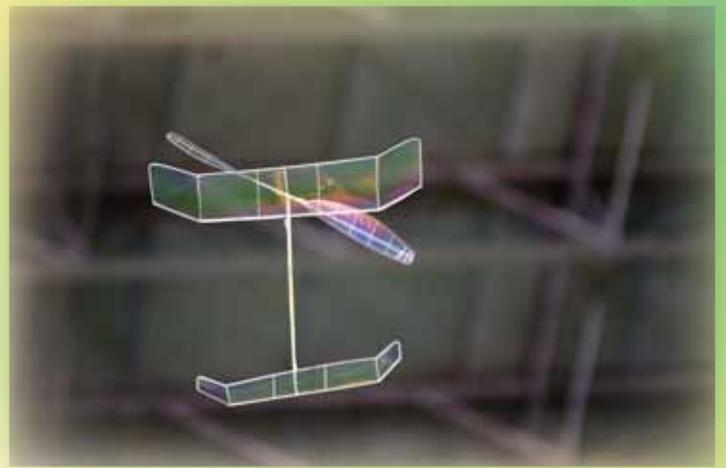
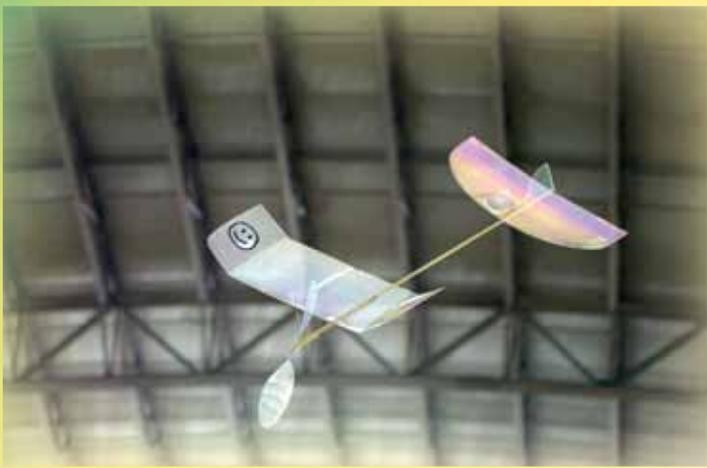


Jim Richmond's F1D world champion model.



Bill Gowen is taking names in A-6.





Top Left: Zaluska's F1D

Top Right: Jim Richmond's F1D.

Bottom Left: Ray Harlan's HLS.

Middle Right: Kang Lee's HLS.



Kang Lee.



Tim Lavender's Smyrna FAC club.

