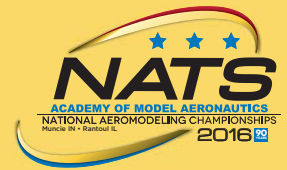


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RC HELICOPTER begins

Text and photos by Mike Unger

Welcome to the preamble to the 90th Academy of Model Aeronautics RC Helicopter Nats. It's hard to believe it has been a whole year since I entered my first Helicopter Nats. Last year I think I learned more in three days about flying helicopters than I did in the previous two years. Well, it looks like this year will be no different.

This year's competition will decide who represents the US at next year's World Championship in the F3C class, as well as the new F3N class.

For those who are new to RC Helicopter Nats competition, a pilot is required to fly a pre-described series of maneuvers in front of three judges. He or she is judged on how well the maneuvers are performed. After seven rounds, the winner is decided based on overall scores.

Sounds simple enough right? Ha! As everyone who has tried

it will tell you, seeing it on paper and making an RC heli behave exactly like the diagram is another matter.

Speaking of another matter, there is a new class this year specifically for you 3-D pilots called F3N. It is similar to the other classes, with the notable exception being that the pilot chooses from a list of 3-D maneuvers. This class has been around in the World Championship for several years, but this year will be the first time that the US will send a team. That team will be decided this week, and based on the number of entries it should be a great show.

I am looking forward to the competition. If you have time this week, we will be on Site 5 flying from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or later as necessary) everyday. Come out and see some of the best in the county. If you can't make it, check back here every morning for all of the results. 🚁



ALES ends

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ALES

Round 7 Combined - 07/29/2016

Plc	Pilot	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1	JOLLY, LARRY	1041.67	1045.00	1050.00	1048.33	1045.00	<1038.33	1045.00	6275.00
2	ROPKE, LANCE	1041.67	<1038.33	1050.00	1040.00	1040.00	1050.00	1041.67	6263.33
3	PROSEUS, RICHARD	1045.00	<1023.33	1045.00	1048.33	1050.00	1040.00	1030.00	6258.33
4	BATES, KENNETH	1030.00	1038.33	1040.00	1046.66	<1016.67	1040.00	1048.33	6243.32
5	RUSO, GUY	1040.00	1043.33	1045.00	<1003.31	1035.00	1018.33	1036.66	6218.32
6	NOGY, KENT	1043.33	1025.00	<0.00>	1018.33	1050.00	1036.67	1041.67	6215.00
7	BEACH, DAVID	<954.52>	1038.33	1030.00	1040.00	1035.00	1025.00	1040.00	6208.33
8	COCHRELL, KERRY	<995.00>	1038.33	1040.00	1050.00	1033.33	1033.33	1010.00	6205.00
9	IAFRET, JOHN	1023.33	1038.33	1021.66	1036.66	1030.00	<945.00>	1035.00	6184.99
10	MARCICKI, JAMES	1045.00	1020.00	1026.66	1031.66	1008.33	<995.00>	1018.33	6149.97
11	STAHL, GORDON	1045.00	1039.99	928.14	1031.66	1043.33	1043.33	<770.90>	6131.46
12	BRISTER, PHILIP	<932.43>	1035.00	1026.66	1026.66	1013.33	1021.67	986.62	6109.94
13	RICHMOND, DONALD	933.33	1048.33	<580.00>	1050.00	1025.00	996.67	1048.33	6101.66
14	ANDERSEN, BARRY	991.62	1025.00	1045.00	1010.00	<950.00>	1000.00	1020.00	6091.62
15	PERRET, PAUL	855.00	1050.00	1039.99	1046.66	<0.00>	1048.33	1043.33	6083.32
16	CLEVELAND, DON	976.67	996.66	1014.99	1018.32	1030.00	1040.00	<598.33>	6076.64
17	REISINGER, DAVID	<671.69>	996.67	994.98	1038.32	1000.00	1008.31	1011.64	6049.92
18	GROVES, MARK	<921.67>	1000.00	1028.33	1001.65	1026.64	980.00	993.33	6029.96
19	KUKRAL, RONALD	1000.00	986.67	998.33	1000.00	<482.47>	1021.67	998.33	6004.99
20	SCHLITZKUS, PETER	1046.67	1041.67	1045.00	1030.00	792.92	<606.01>	1045.00	6001.25
21	MCGOWAN, MICHAEL	1000.00	1010.00	993.33	<793.33>	998.33	998.33	961.54	5961.54
22	KALLEVANG, THOMAS	<651.67>	1036.66	1043.33	1015.00	1035.00	790.00	1036.67	5956.66
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28	HARRIS, DONALD	841.22	<596.67>	1006.66	881.47	1031.67	1035.00	988.33	5784.35
29	MARCICKI, GERALD	975.00	1015.00	1031.65	731.17	986.67	<361.67>	959.87	5699.35
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31	BAUER, BARNEY	<10.00>	980.00	991.67	919.87	1033.33	381.67	770.00	5076.53
32	MAIER, FREDERICK	785.00	<473.33>	898.14	512.52	971.67	993.33	895.00	5055.66
33	VAN ELSLANDER, ROGER	502.91	680.00	622.07	<383.33>	475.00	951.59	1011.67	4243.23
34	SHAW, KENNETH	710.07	991.65	996.66	<0.00>	0.00	0.00	0.00	2698.38
35	PITCHKITES, BEN	656.52	953.33	779.21	<0.00>	0.00	0.00	0.00	2389.06
36	WOEBKENBERG, RYAN	648.24	391.67	565.94	<0.00>	0.00	0.00	0.00	1605.85
37	ADASCZIK, WALTER	<0.00>	0.00	0.00	1041.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	1041.66
38	WOEKENBERG, KATHARI	121.67	65.11	212.37	<0.00>	0.00	0.00	0.00	399.15

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