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James Hack (R) tests his A Gas for Tuesday's event. He first competed in the Nats in Glenview IL in 1962, when he was 14 years old. James got married and took roughly a 40-year hiatus from modeling. Returning to the Nats has been on James' bucket list, and this year he checked it off! He brings with him his son, Jim Jr. and grandson, William.

**Today's Events:**  
Free Flight



**Tuesday, July 9**

# Free Flight Day 1 Recap

**Day 1** of Free Flight began with mild winds out of the southwest as forecast. The projected wind speed was 5-15 mph and held true for most of the day. Fortunately, the prediction of rain did not come true and the day was very flyable.

The air was tricky at times, however, with drops by fliers that normally run up the maxes.

Ten events were flown across the AMA and NFFS spectrum of glider, rubber power, gas, and electric-powered disciplines.

The excellent volunteers helped pull it all together for CD Joe Mekina at the central scoring area where most events were run. This help included Frannie Masterman, Lisa Pacelli, Paul Crowley, Roy Stewart, Dave Lacey, and Jim Bennett. Also, Aram Scholsberg ran the FIA remote flightline, while Diane Gerspacher ran the Glider Pen for Old-Time Hand-Launched Glider.

My observations were that everyone had fun and that there was flying activity from the initial start time of 8 a.m. right up to when the closing horn sounded at

5 p.m. Plenty of fliers seemed to be busy all day, flying multiple events

Lunch was provided by Mark Carter and his famous hot dogs. It was great to see Carter's Nearly World-Famous Hot Dog's again, which seem to have grown into

everyone's favorite choice for lunch.

No evening flyoffs were needed, and the process of handing out the awards proceeded in record time thanks again to the expert volunteer staff that ran the meet today.

7:45 a.m. at the daily pilots' meeting.



There's no shortage of pilots as they line up to process their airplanes.



Having been away from this sport for many years—last flying at the Nats in the 1990s—I found that a lot has changed. This first day as *NatsNews* reporter I learned a lot—getting acquainted with the various new events that have sprung up over the years, as well as observing how much the performance of the models in the events that have remained constant has improved.

I was also amazed at how the AMA has improved the site here at Muncie, not only in terms of the flying site itself, but also in terms of camping and restroom facilities.

It has been a good Day 1 for nearly everyone and I personally look forward to the remainder of the days of the Free Flight Nats!

—Elizabeth Johnson  
reporter/photographer



Cade Fedor, age 10/Junior, is from Grandview TX and flew his F1A today. His first competition was in Seguin TX, where he flew Hand-Launched Glider, and flew in his first Nats when he was eight years old. This week Cade will also fly  $\frac{1}{2}$  A, Hand-Launched Glider, Catapult, P30, F1P, F1G, and F1H. He has lots of support from his grandpa, Mike, and his father, Jeff.

Kyle Gerspacher, age 12/Junior, from Clarksville OH, was the winner of the combined age class (JSO) Old-Time Hand-Launched Glider event. Kyle beat all contestants—including his father, David, who placed third. Kyle has been flying since he was five and his first competition was the Nats in 2006. This week he looks forward to flying Old-Time Catapult, Hand-Launched Glider, Catapult Glider, P30, Mulvihill, and Old-Time Cabin. Kyle's favorite event is P30.



Robert Marier, age 17/Senior, flew his Joe Williams Moffett to third place in the combined Junior/Senior Open event, as well as the Best Senior Award. Robert's time was also good enough for a senior national record. Robert has been flying since he was seven. His first competition was at a Thermal Thumbers of Metro Atlanta meet in 2004. Hannah Marier placed first in Junior  $\frac{1}{2}$  A gas. She has flying since she was four, when her first model was an AMA Cub. Dad coaches them with building the airplanes and mom supports them with the much-needed food, water, and clothing while flying. Robert and Hannah are from Roswell GA.



Alex Stalick, age 13/Junior, is from Altadena CA and has been flying for one year. His first competition was in Lost Hills CA. He is standing with his father, Ted, and is holding his Astro Star.



Brian Pacelli holds his F1B as he hugs his mom, Lisa. Brian has flown models since he was eight years old and flew in his first FF competition in Rocky Hill CT. He was F1B Junior World Champion in 2011 in Slovenia and Open F1B AMA Nats champion in 2012. Last year, Brian was the winner of the top AMA scholarship and will be a sophomore at Muhlenberg College in Allen Town PA. He will be flying in F1B, F1P, and P30. Brian also volunteered his time to be the F1C/F1Q event director on Tuesday.

Ralph Ray with his Old-Time Hand-Launched Glider. Ralph placed fourth.



Gina Barron, age 10/Junior, is from North Haven CT, and has been flying since she was four years old. She hasn't missed a Nats, except last August when she flew in the Junior World Champs in Slovenia. She beat her dad today in F1A and will be flying F1H tomorrow. Gina says that the best part about flying is winning.



Right: Kenneth Warden, from Indianapolis, with his Free Flight chase and recovery pedal car made out of a couple of mountain bikes. It features rear-view mirrors, 18 speeds, speakers, an airplane holder, a rubber stooge, headlight, taillight, basket, and an air horn. Kenneth loves to build and fly stick-and-tissue models. This is his first Nats.



Dan Berry, from Benton AZ, began flying in the mid-1970s but had been away from the hobby for a number of years. He picked it back up in 1998. Dan placed first in both 1/2A Gas and Payload. Dan is shown here with his Payload model which he calls "Pay Me with Beer." Dan claims the secret to its success is the checkerboard pattern on the wings.



Dave Edmonson poses with his Payload model.



Bernie Boehm helps Bill Schlarb check his timer setting for a flyoff. Bill won the event with a good score of 541 seconds.

# Free Flight



Chuck and Linda Powell with their "light 'em up" T-shirts. Frannie Masterman, NFFS treasurer, adds her brilliant smile.

Diane Gerspacher was the event director for Old-Time Hand-Launched Glider. She ran the glider pen and offered candy to the fliers as they turned in scores. Her son Kyle and husband David look on.

Hank Sperzel with his C Nostalgia Gas Ramrod, while his wife mans the starting cart.



Jim O'Reilly was the first to show at the processing table with his Moffett models.



John Lorbiecki, National Free Flight Society (NFFS) president, talks with Dan Berry about his 1/2A Marvel. Dan was the winner of the event.

## Free Flight



John and Ryan Seymour of Radner OH.

Joe Mollendorf was testing to get ready for tomorrow's Rise-Off-Water (ROW) event. His model is a Hydro Star built by Vince Vilardo and designed by Sal Taibi in 1960s. The model flew well and is ready to go for tomorrow.



Billy Reuter, of North Olmstead OH, with his smaller .020 AMA Payload model, as well as his larger 1/2A Nostalgia Payload model.

Bob Hanford, from Broken Arrow OK, winds his Small Mulvihill model. Bob flew late in the day and worked his way into a well-fought second-place finish. Bob is normally seen with a gas model in his hands, but took time to fly rubber today.



Joe Mollendorf with his 1/2A model.



*020Replica*

52

1	Schlarb	Bill	14425	South Bend	IN	541
2	Erridge	Roger	20953	Saranac	MI	342
3	Dock	Denny	514011	Stevensville	MI	327
4	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	298
5	Oliver	John	557832	Pierceton	IN	241
6	Abriss	Alan	53207	Rego Park	NY	225
7	Buchele	Elvin	16590	Sylvania	OH	209
8	Bell	Tom	499747	Houston	TX	147
9	Kelly	Jim	37564	Yorktown	VA	53

*1/2AGasO*

33

1	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	711
2	Hall	Dick	299	Athens	AL	494
3	Parker	Faust	15980	Houston	TX	448
4	Morris	Gil	94509	Columbus	OH	438
5	Brown	Gerald	79269	Henderson	TX	349
6	Bocckinfuso	Jim	10745	Hardy	VA	329
7	Bell	Tom	499747	Houston	TX	329
8	Pallet	Jean	2222	Lake Lady	FL	320
9	Sowder	Bob	22179	Troutville	VA	312
10	Edmonson	Dave	9788	Eagan	MN	304
11	Oakins	Gary	39905	Birchwood	MN	274
12	Jones	David	34983	Pittsburgh	PA	233
13	Mollendorf	Joseph	25875	Amherst	NY	221
14	Smith	Roy E	596719	Kingston	ON	204
15	Marsh	Jack	99723	South Bend	IN	187
16	Murphy	Jack	941945	SLC	UT	90
17	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	51

*cNosGas*

51

1	Seymour	John	12550	Radner	OH	797
2	Fulmer	Keith	31552	Mishawaka	IN	672
3	Mattes	Robert	31928	St. Charles	MO	474
4	Vanderbeek	William	853	Cupertino	CA	458
5	Sheffer	Jackie	287	Little Rock	AR	458
6	Hall	Dick	299	Athens	AL	380
7	Smith	Gene	9584	Stillwater	OK	367
8	Wicks	Gene	5898	Normal	IL	356
9	Marsh	Douglas K.	99724	Granger	IN	343
10	McGinnes	Dean	17788	Lakeland	FL	329
11	Sowder	Bob	22179	Troutville	VA	322
12	Sperzel	Hank	80586	Bellevue	NE	316
13	Marsh	Jack	99723	South Bend	IN	306
14	Davidson	Larry	118	Moneta	VA	303
15	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	115
16	Dock	Denny	514011	Stevensville	MI	76

*ElectricB*

4

1	Jennings, Jr.	James T.	675599	Hendersonville	TN	453
2	Covalt	Richard	32551	Anderson	IN	413
3	Freeland	Mark	212748	Yeego Harbor	MI	302
4	Tomasch	Andrew D.	61444	Northville	MI	288
5	Murphy	Jack	941945	SLC	UT	225

*FIASO*

6

1	Danier	Jama	3025043	Richmond Hills	ON	1288
2	Markos	Charles	5869	Deerfield	IL	1084
3	Hines	Lee	7334	Costa Mesa	CA	1070
4	Ulm	Gene	413507	Fairfax	VA	1059
5	Sifleet	Robert	18326	Glen Rock	PA	1053
6	Barron	Timothy	603557	North Haven	CT	1041
7	Fedor	Jeff	190851	Grandviw	TX	911
8	Barron	Andrew	14095	North Haven	CT	853
9	Jones	Charlie	45287	Avon Lake	OH	400
10	Fedor	Mike	16763	Arlington	TX	307
11	Bertrand	Richard	208088	Guatemala	GU	183
12	Lorbleckle	John E	53956	Hubertus	WI	69

*SMulvihillRubber*

92

1	Perkins	Frank	16827	Tuscaloosa	AL	711
2	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	614
3	Sechrist	David	574560	Bristol	IN	502
4	Mills	David	7717	Atlanta	GA	461
5	Konefes	Ed	53758	Wauconda	IL	458
6	Hardin	Edward	312473	Kingston	TN	407
7	Sneed	Ed	556614	Columbus	OH	345
8	Coffin	Jim	163	Annandale	VA	306
9	Oakins	Gary	39905	Birchwood	MN	224
10	Masterman	Paul	182816	Porter	IN	98

*1/2AGasS*

32

1	Seymour **	Ryan	707418	Radner	OH	459
2	Marier**	Robert	842547	Roswell	GA	455

*FIAJ*

5

1	Stalick*	Alex	999134	Altadena	CA	1102
2	Barron*	Gina	873831	North Haven	CT	899
3	Fedor*	Cade	936871	Grandview	TX	549
4	Fedor*	Colby	754254	Grandview	TX	130

*Moffett*

3

1	Ferwerder	James	83710	Kenosha	WI	1295
2	Ioerger	Thomas G.	94350	Fulton	MD	913
3	Marier**	Robert	842547	Roswell	GA	780
4	Kothe	Herb	6910	Boulder	CO	721
5	Jennings	Jim	54337	Hendersonville	TN	684
6	Sechrist	David	574560	Bristol	IN	541
7	Vanderbeek	William	853	Cupertino	CA	526
8	Konefes	Ed	53758	Wauconda	IL	505
9	Tomasch	Walter	539559	Mishawaka	IN	498
10	Hardin	Edward	312473	Kingston	TN	498
11	Clapp	John	19400	Sayre	PA	422
12	Sneed	Ed	556614	Columbus	OH	354
13	Williams	Joe	247709	Brookville	PA	351
14	Mills	David	7717	Atlanta	GA	334
15	O'Reilly	Jim	9729	Wichita	KS	320
16	Romak	Bud	27032	Lincoln	CA	293
17	Allen	Carrol	8395	Copake	NY	245
18	Shallor	Bill	18710	Royal Oak	MI	240
19	Brown	Gerald	79269	Henderson	TX	193

*OTHL*

56

1	Gerspacher*	Kyle	885651	Centerville	OH	230
2	Pacelli	Brian	788155	Wallingford	CT	200
3	Gerspacher	David	762428	Centerville	OH	146
4	Ray	Ralph	5007	Boulevard	CA	136
5	Powell	Chuck	465518	Benton	KS	116
6	Hale	David	35667	Wilmington	OH	98
7	Schlarb	Bill	14425	South Bend	IN	96
8	Powell	Linda	977828	Benton	KS	90
9	Langelius	Jan	32138	Haslet	TX	89
10	Yost	John	906929	Decatur	TN	76
11	Wicks*	Ian	103377	Normal	IL	51
12	Carey	Debra	998277	Wilmington	OH	33

*PayloadJSO*

2

1	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	336
2	Stalick	Bob	26731	Albany	OR	292
3	Kane	Dan	9192	Marion	OH	270
4	Reuter	Bill	36554	North Olmsted	OH	213
5	Dock	Denny	514011	Stevensville	MI	177
6	Edmonson	Dave	9788	Eagan	MN	172
7	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	118

*1/2AGasJ*

31

1	Marier*	Hannah	931731	Roswell	GA	323
2	Stalick*	Alex	999134	Altadena	CA	287
3	Fedor*	Cade	936871	Grandview	TX	135

# This week's events:

**Wednesday**  
Free Flight

**Thursday**  
Free Flight

**Friday**  
Free Flight

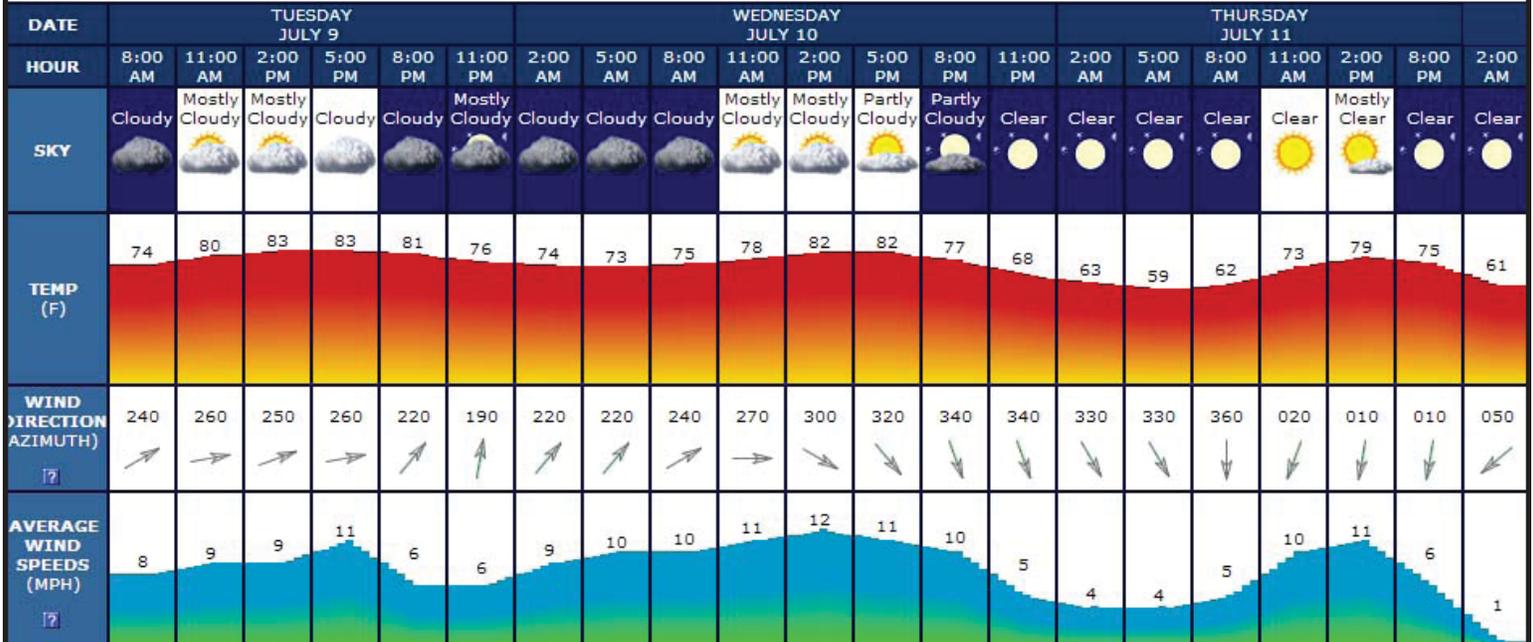
**Saturday**  
RC Scale  
CL Scale

**Sunday**  
RC Scale  
CL Scale

**Monday**  
Control Line  
Pylon

## Aviation Weather Forecast at Muncie, Indiana

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Testing his model for the Satellite 226 One Design event on Wednesday was Dean McGinnes, from Dothan AL.

