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Nats News

Daily Coverage of the 2012 National Aeromodeling Championships



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Today's Events:
RC Scale Aerobatics

Day Two Recap of RC Scale Aerobatics

DAY 2 of the Scale Aerobatic Nats started cool with a light wind ... and just like the competition, the day ended up *hot!*

Tuesday started with an Unknown round for all the classes, then five more sequences of Knowns. They are long days, but Event Coordinator Gil Major, Phil Vance, and the line bosses—Frank Ford and Randy Foster—kept things moving without a hitch.

The winds picked up a bit in the afternoon, coming at a cross directly into the pilots' faces, but everyone was able to handle that without a hiccup.

These pilots have been preparing (some up to months in advance) to be ready to put their skills on the line for a National Championship, but the Nats are all about the people. It seems all are good friends and willing to help out fellow competitors in times of need. It is not uncommon for a pilot to offer his or her own airframe to a fellow competitor in need.

This year, we have a few firsts at the Nats. We have one whom we believe is our youngest competitor in the Scale Aerobatic portion of the Nats. At the age of 8, Kal Reifsnnyder, from Florida, is flying in Sportsman Class and is giving the other pilots a run for their money. Look for Kal in the Thursday Freestyle event as well.

Also a first in the Scale Aerobatic Nats, while it took far too long, Jeanette Hibpshman, currently out of Virginia, is our first woman competitor. Jeanette is flying in Sportsman Class as well, and has been flying RC for several years, both helicopters and airplanes.

Jeanette has been competing in the Southeast Region of IMAC and giving the guys a run! She is doing it here, too. Hope to have more ladies out flying with us here in Muncie, Indiana, in the future.

The day ended with a beautiful Muncie summer evening. There

are plenty of folks camping at the field, so night flying, foamies, and just plain fun were the order of the evening.

New Unknowns were passed out for Wednesday and many spent time studying the progressively more difficult Unknowns. We'll see how they play out.

At the end of Day 2 our leaders are:

Unlimited

Kurt Koelling
Frank Noll
David Moser

Advanced

Joey Hayes
Matt Balazs
Primo Rivera

Intermediate

Geoffrey Donati
Chuck Edwards
Victor Lysakowski

Sportsman

Alex Sessions
Ward Miller
Avery Poole



The scores are close though and anything can change! Until Wednesday ... *mm*



RC Scale Aerobatics

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This week's events:

Thursday
RC Scale
Aerobatics

Friday
RC Scale
CL Scale

Saturday
RC Scale
CL Scale

Sunday
RC Scale
CL Scale

Monday
RC Pylon
CL Nationals

Tuesday
RC Pylon
CL Nationals

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