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# NATS NEWS

Daily coverage of the 2010 National Aeromodeling Championships



Left to right: Phil Cartier and John Gibson. Wayne Mc Daniel photo.

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# CL COMBAT: WRAP UP

Photos by Wayne Mc Daniel.

**Today is Friday**, last day of the NATS for us, we are flying Fast Combat. I know other people are going to write about this, but it was really strange this morning when I drove onto the site—about 100 Boy Scouts were sitting outside of the museum. I continued driving down the road and I look over at the Combat site, all the tables and chairs are gone, the blue scoring stand is gone and I am thinking have they cancelled something and haven't told me?

Then I see the blue scoring stand broke in half 100 yards from where I saw it last night. I look around and all of

the port-a-potties are lying on their sides. I am thinking what did the Boy Scouts do? They were having a camp out last night. Then Brenda pulls up and tells me that they had high winds last night and tore up a number of things. That ruined a good theory, it ends up the Boy Scouts had to spend the night in the new Claude McCullough Building.

Back to my Combat report. I want to thank all of my Judges: Brad La Pointe, Lou Scavone, Larry Scarinzi, Patrick Gibson, Mike Gibson, Phil Cartier, and Chris Gay.

The best match of the day: Jeff Rein

and Phil Cartier, just a good minute and half of mayhem.

Planes used store bought, mostly from GRS and Foamies. Engines: Foras and Nelsons. This may be the last year of the big dog motors in Fast Combat. There is a rule change proposal to fly F2D motors in 328 only. I hope it does not pass, but that is just me.

Overview: Except for the low attendance everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, in fact I don't think anyone was overly upset over anything. So make plans to attend next year. See ya!

—Wayne Mc Daniel



Left to right: Patrick Gibson, Wayne Mc Daniel (not in photo), Mike Gibson, and Chris Gay.



Early morning. Planes lined up in the pits.



Left to right: Jeff Rein and Don McKay from the Seattle, Washington, area.



Left to right: Don McKay and Jeff Rein getting ready for the first match.



Larry Scarinzi and Mary Cartier.



Winners—First Place: Don McKay, Second Place: Jeff Rein, Third Place: Don Sopka.



# RC PYLON

Photos by Alexandria and Matt Russell.

With yesterday's B matrix preliminaries over, today is the big day. Finalists started flying bright and early this morning to fine tune their set up before racing starts today. We have seen some great competitors this week and are looking forward to watching them go head to head in what promises to be the most exciting racing we've seen. Everyone is going fast and everyone wants to win, but by the end of the day we will have only one Q-40 winner, and only one national pylon champion.

Most everyone here has been in Muncie practicing and racing for over a week. Although it can be tiring, we all enjoy the opportunity the Nats offers. None of our fun would be possible without officials and course workers to help out and keep everyone in line. Gary Freeman Jr. was this year's CD and he did a wonderful job of keeping up the pace and resolving conflicts. Gary put a ton of work in to make this race possible and we are all very grateful for his leadership. To run the matrix we had David Doyle, who spent hours at the computer, trying to make sure everyone was on track and happy. Thanks David for your time. The Canadians also did their share, Hank

Kauffman kept the course system running, and Ed Smith volunteered to sit in the sun and start the races this week.

We also wanted to thank the AMA for providing such a beautiful field and facilities for our competition. The course workers this week were top notch; they learned quickly and did their jobs well, even through the sticky heat. Again, thanks to all who helped make this contest possible, we couldn't do it without you.

—Alexandria and Matt Russell



Our wonderful starter Ed Smith and his assistant Logan.

Fred Burgdorf, owner of APC props, shows off his plane before competition Saturday morning.



Quickie-500 winner  
Ralph Ranaldi with  
his caller Lloyd  
Burnam.



Canadian Roy Andrassy's bright  
orange Sweet Vee is hard to miss.

Gary Freeman has done  
a great job as our  
Contest Director this year.



# CL AEROBATICS

Photos by Allen Brickhaus

The day went quickly due to the format flown on Friday, July 16. Advanced flyers flew on two circles with one flight on one venue and then another on the other circle. Both scores are added together since two sets of judges are reviewing and scoring the pilots.

The Advanced winner is Eric Viglione scoring a total of 998.0; second went to Paul Winter of London UK with a 983.5; third is Eric Taylor with a 969.5; fourth was captured by Adrian Dominguez with a 965.5; fifth to Enrique Diez and a 965.0. The next fifteen placement went to: Mike Schmitt; John Paris; Jason Greer; Steve Fitton; Mike Grebb; Scott Reynolds; Dennis Vander Kuur; Greg Voumard; Robert Harness Jr.; William DeMauro; Roger Wildman; Dennis Heinzman; James Borelli; Donald Ogren and Scott Condon.

The top five Open flyers who will advance on to the Open Finals on Saturday are: Bill Werwage, Doug Moon, Matt Neumann, Kenny Stevens and Richard Oliver. The next fifteen finalist are: Howard Rush, Kent Tysor, Dan Banjock, Bud Weider, Josias Delgado, Robert McDonald, Frank McMillan, Mike Scott, Randy Smith, Allen Goff, Frank Williams, Joe Gilbert, Jose Modesto, Gene Martine and Windy Urtnowski. The Junior, Senior and Open Finals will be held Saturday morning.

—Allen Brickhaus



Paul Winter is assisted by his other UK friend, as John Benzing holds for Paul's launch.



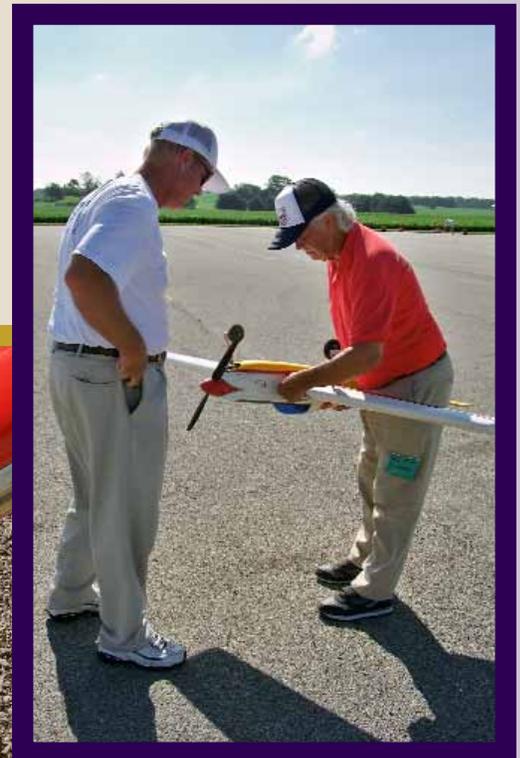
Windy Urtnowski sets a calm façade as he is in line to fly next on the Open qualification day.

Kent Tysor is withstanding the strain of pull testings his model.



Above: Bob McDonald takes the time to clean his model Apogee IV after one of his qualifying flights.

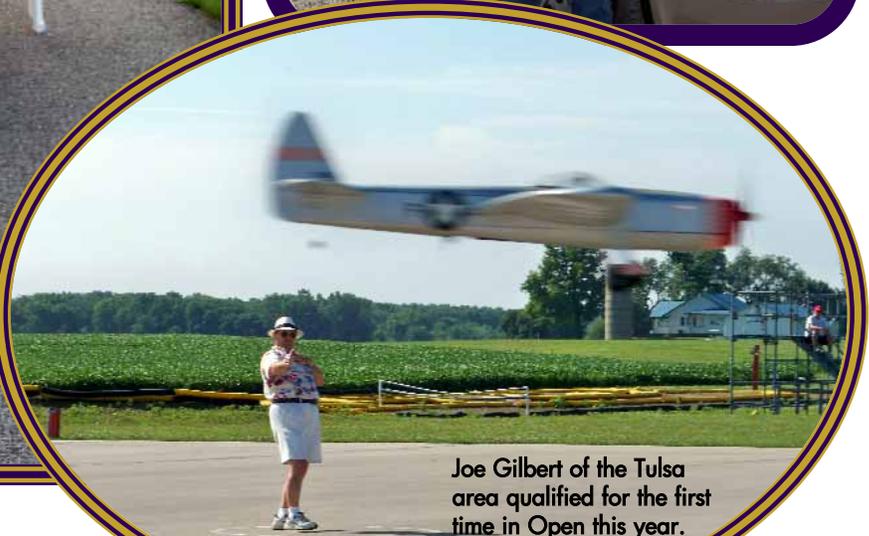
Right: Frank McMillan wins Old TimeStunt on Monday at the AMA Nats unofficial event.



Andrian Dominques awaits his flight with his wife on the "L" pad at the Advanced Finals.



Below: Roger Wildman is selected for the Pilot's Choice in Classic on Tuesday of the control line Nats' week.



Joe Gilbert of the Tulsa area qualified for the first time in Open this year. Good job Joe!

Allen sits with one of his best buddies. Ben Mills of Ozark Missouri is the son on James and Beth Mills.

