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A special thank-you to members of **AMA's Flight Support Team**. Our community partners recognize that AMA onsite events bring thousands of visitors during the flying season who spend dollars in our community. Their generous donations help AMA continue to host the many competition events held annually, and in turn, AMA promotes and encourages our members to look for and support members of the **Flight Support Team**.

RC Soaring Begins

The first full day of RC Nostalgia Sailplane National Championships, flown Man on Man (MOM) format, was Sunday, July 19, 2009, in absolutely perfect weather. Nostalgia is a unique event in that the only limitation is that the aircraft must have been available in either kit or plan form before 1980.

Thanks to the nature of these craft, Nostalgia is the most relaxed event of the Nats. The task was a Precision Duration flight to a 25-foot diameter landing circle.

Of the original 21 fliers entered, 17 were able to complete all eight rounds.

Amazingly, in the first round, with only five fliers airborne, two sailaires collided. David Campbell and Johnny Berlin clipped wings trying to work the same developing thermal. Later in the first round, when the canopy blew off at the top of launch and took the rudder completely off the airplane, Don Richmond managed to bring the rudderless craft down safely.

Added appeal and drama was supplied by Tom Broeski, who was attempting his League of Silent Flight (LSF) two-hour Thermal Duration flight. Competition was paused as he approached the two-hour mark so he could perform his landing before the large group of interested witnesses.

He smoothly touched down at the 2:01 mark!

Tom was later rewarded with a cold shower from the water bucket! I am happy to report that his heart survived the shock!

Gordon Buckland (right), assisted by his interested and eager son, flew very well despite a harried and shaky start.

Unfortunately, his son missed the deadline for entry into the events this week, yet he was a very capable and willing volunteer.





The top six contenders departed with trophies and all were quite close until the final round.

The last four rounds saw three lead changes, as one after another of the leaders had unlucky flights. Jerry Shape missed two consecutive landings and appeared out of the running for the top spot, yet flew near-perfect final flights to take the top spot with nearly perfect flight scores and only two missed landings.

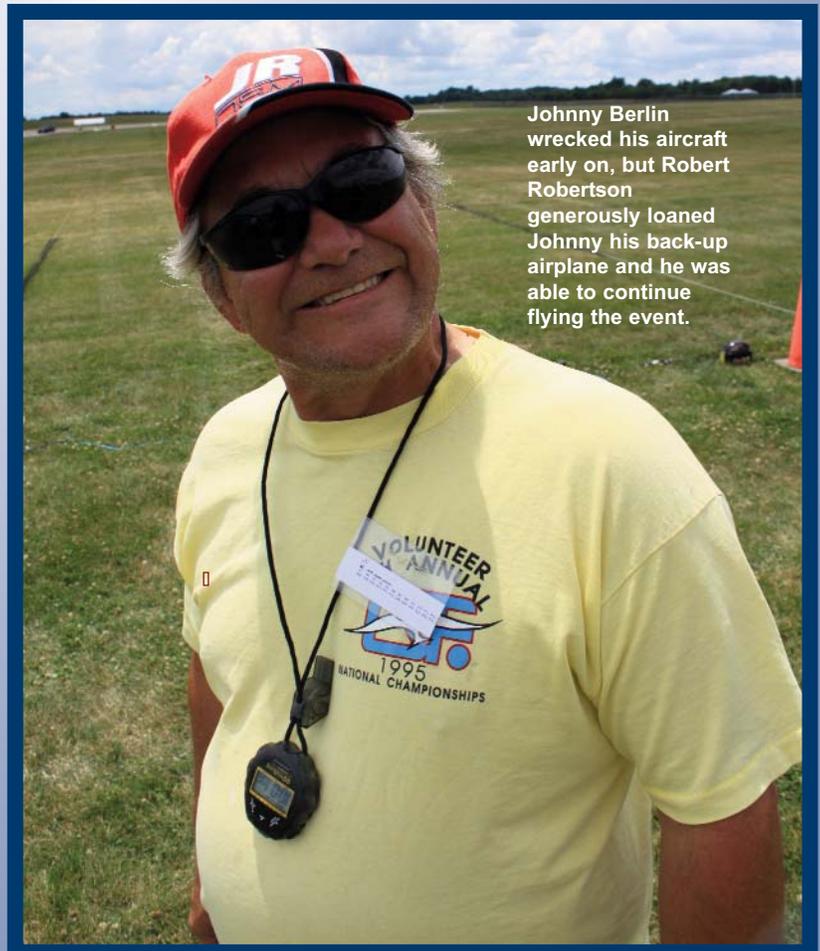
Special thanks go to the AMA support personnel, LSF volunteers, and competitors.

One of the major reasons so many people continue to return to the week of RC Soaring is the fellowship. This hobby certainly

brings out the best in talent, but even more it exposes the generosity everyone has toward his or her fellow competitors. This is the side of competition that those who shy away miss.

There are no losers here. Yes, there is disappointment, as in all competition, yet, in this hobby and this arena, no one leaves without gaining something in friendship, fellowship, and satisfaction knowing they were appreciated.

—Mike McGowan



Johnny Berlin wrecked his aircraft early on, but Robert Robertson generously loaned Johnny his back-up airplane and he was able to continue flying the event.

Scores and Standings Please note: Scores are unofficial until tabulation is confirmed.

2009 AMA / LSF SOARING NATIONALS

July 19 - July 28

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Mike McGowan - Contest Director

Tom Kallevang - Soaring Event Director

RESULTS

Place	Contestant									LSF Contest Points
		Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Total	
1	Shape Jerry	1,025	1,018	1,025	1,000	1,000	1,025	1,025	8,141	2,100
2	Harris Don	1,025	798	1,025	1,000	1,025	742	1,023	7,663	1,883
3	Robinson Robert	1,025	1,020	1,020	1,023	1,022	372	1,025	7,530	1,757
4	Wiese Paul	1,020	1,025	1,025	1,025	1,020	1,023	361	7,514	1,661
5	Hoelcher Bill	1,025	1,025	322	1,025	1,025	1,000	1,025	7,470	1,560
6	Hayes Ray	998	1,025	1,000	1,025	726	775	731	7,295	1,434
7	Sewell Reggie	1,004	1,008	1,025	1,015	526	901	810	6,968	1,284
8	Berlin Johnny	887	1,025	1,025	997	1,025	998	417	6,934	1,192
9	Buckland Gordon	993	0	993	816	1,017	1,000	1,020	6,862	1,096
10	Beach David	1,023	1,000	582	1,000	222	462	1,025	6,339	934
11	Hayes Joseph	1,015	1,025	1,022	1,020	304	468	409	6,251	845
12	Deck James	488	993	988	379	1,000	1,000	260	6,108	750
13	Richmond Don	1,018	1,018	1,022	729	995	824	430	6,036	667
14	Schwerin Alan	871	992	1,025	230	970	1,000	498	6,006	590
15	Scully Tom	1,023	1,023	1,023	0	1,022	89	700	5,898	507
16	Searl Sanford	499	510	0	1,017	1,000	525	348	4,924	363
17	Glover Robert	1,018	1,017	275	326	210	695	312	4,565	280
18	Kallevang Tom (Scratch)	980	1,000	559	1,025	0			4,543	223
19	Campbell David (Scratch)								189	7
20	Herider Bruce (Scratch)								0	0
21	Wilson Edwin (Scratch)								0	0
22									0	0

RC Aerobatics Masters Finals

1 ANTHONY J FRACKOWIAK	2999.82 ROSAMOND	CA
2 ARCH J STAFFORD	2986.54 D HANIS	TX
3 GEORGE ASTERIS	2914.99 CONWAY	SC
4 DAVID F SNOW	2902.24 PALATINE	IL
5 BRANDON C LANDRY	2881.5 BATON ROUGE	LA
6 STEPHEN T BYRD	2847.91 FORT WORTH	TX
7 JERRY BUDD	2832.46 LANCASTER	CA
8 VERNE L KOESTER	2801.09 LIVONIA	MI



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RC Aerobatics F3A Finals

1 ANDREW R JESKY	1 2000 MONROE	MI
2 GORDON D HYDE	2 1993.42 TUCSON	AZ
3 BRETT M WICKIZER	3 1978.27 THE WOODLANDS	TX
4 MARK E LESEBERG	4 1909.27 WASHINGTON	UT
5 DAVID K LOCKHART	5 1908.4 MEDFORD	NJ
6 DONALD J SZCZUR	6 1841.46 CHANTILLY	VA
7 TODD A BLOSE	7 1828.79 WACO	TX
8 MICHAEL B KLEIN	8 1628.85 SHAKER HEIGHTS	OH
9 ALBERT C GLENN	9 1837.43 MEMPHIS	TN
10 DANIEL R LANDIS	10 1825.87 NEW CITY	NY
11 PETER A COLLINSON	11 1814.48 WILMINGTON	NC
12 IVAN KRISTENSEN	12 1779.49 GUELPH	
13 ANDRE J BOUCHARD	13 1765.77 KATY	TX
14 KENNETH G VELEZ	14 1742.11 NEW CASTLE	DE
15 JAMES R KIMBRO	15 1716.82 VISALIA	CA
16 MICHAEL S HARRISON	16 1709.89 HOT SPRINGS	AR
17 MARK P ATWOOD	17 1703.6 AURORA	OH
18 BRYAN P HEBERT	18 1702.48 DENHAM SPGS	LA
19 MARK C HUNT	19 1701.24 TOMBALL	TX
20 MATTHEW KIMBRO	20 1679.91 VISALIA	CA

Classified Ads

We're trying something new this year in *NatsNews*: classified ads. You can purchase a 1-inch, 2-inch, or 3-inch ad to wish someone good luck, say congratulations, or just say sorry about your luck.

The cost is \$5 per inch, and the maximum size is 3 inches. Sizes are shown below. Commercial advertising is not permitted.

If you are interested in purchasing a classified ad or have any questions, contact Liz Helms at AMA Headquarters, (765) 287-1256, ext. 213 or lhelms@modelaircraft.org.

Insertion requests must be received by 9 a.m. the day you wish the ad to appear.

1" Good luck Dad! If you win, can we get a dog?
Samantha and Johnnie

2" Congratulations Eric! That's the best flight you've ever made! We're proud of you and good luck today!

—The Red Mountain Flyers

3" Sorry about your luck, Jack Hartman.

That's just what you did last year! And almost the same place ... look, you can still see the marks on the pavement ... Maybe you can build another to crash next year.

—Gene, Bob, and the Liars Club



