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# RC AEROBATICS BEGINS

On Saturday, Event Director Bob Kane thought Site 4 would be open for flying on Monday. On Sunday, Bob's decision was just the opposite.



The road leading to the site was already closed because of water across it. There was a new "lake" on the south side of the road as well. Two major thunderstorms on Saturday did not help the situation. The beautiful lake as we enter the International Aeromodeling Center is also crossing the entrance road. All of that notwithstanding, Bob Kane says all is ready for an early start Monday morning.



Nick Marson and his wife, Diane, traveled from Texas to the AMA's International Aeromodeling Center for the first time. Diane accompanied him along with his beautiful Prolog. She was helping him unload for the courtesy weight and measure Sunday morning. Soon they would be in the museum getting an additional benefit to the trip.



**Courtesy weight/measurement:** Charlie Barrera brought his Angel's Shadow to John Fuqua and Don Ramsey. His Shadow was well under the 5,000-gram and the 2-meter limits. During the week, additional checks will be made at the flightlines after competition flights to be sure minimum requirements are met.



**Practice:** After all of the rain on Saturday, there was plenty of sunshine and light winds for pilots to practice before the 5 p.m. meeting.

AC Glenn came with a new airplane this year, an Allure. The team of Bryan Hebert and Brett Wikizer designed the Allure. To be sure it met his exacting specifications, Bryan took several trips to the manufacturer to ensure everything was right. AC was still trimming his Allure and getting some solid advice from his father, Albert.



Photos by the author.

**Ice cream social:** Bill Pritchett is showing Tim Jesky the “proper” way to eat ice cream at AMA. After all, Bill is the perfect person for the job being AMA’s Education Director.



The event was a great success and a very special thank you goes to Mike Mueller and F3A Unlimited for donating the ice cream, and so much more, to our F3A World Championship team.



**Pilots meeting:** Finally, we needed a pilots’ briefing so we could be ready for an early morning start to the actual competition. Bob Kane briefed us on all the safety considerations, flying procedures, and other topics for a safe and challenging week of flying.

Bob introduced Jon Carter, the National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics (NSRCA) president, who thanked the membership and AMA for all of their support of our national competition. Jon is also our judges’ chairperson, so specifics regarding judging were also clarified.

Bob also introduced Mark Atwood, the World Team Manager, who gave words of thanks and mentioned several products the team is selling to help support its traveling expenses to Switzerland on August 1. Literally thousands and thousands of dollars’ worth of merchandise has been donated for an online auction that we can all access from the NSRCA website.



**F3P:** Before we get to our first day of flying for 2015, we pause to look back to a history-making event for aerobatic flying and AMA. Through the herculean efforts of Dave Lockhart and the steadfast cooperation of AMA Executive Director Dave

Mathewson and AMA President Bob Brown, we sent our first-ever F3P Indoor Aerobatic Team to Poland. The team included RC Gitter, Devin McGrath, and Ryan Clark. The amazing Joseph Szczur represented us as the US Junior competitor.

—Jim Quinn





