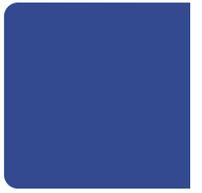


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After overcoming so many challenges to get our 2015 RC Aerobatic Nats started, Event Director Bob Kane had a smooth start on our third day of competition. The sun was shining, the sky was clear, and the winds were light. The temperature and humidity were even low.

**The Crew:** Site 1 had the combined crew of Sites 1 and 3, while Bobby Stout's Site 4 crew moved into Site 3. With two flightlines, the double staff on Site 1 was most welcome. The crews of Tim Jesky and Jerry Plyer (Site 1) and Jeff Hill and Bob Mairs (Site 3) kept everyone safe and the flights running smoothly.



Nine father-and-son teams came to the 2015 Nats. Our final two sets of fathers and son are Oscar and Oscar Cespedes and Bill and Greyson Pritchett.



Oscar and Oscar Cespedes.



Bill and Greyson Pritchett.

There is always the question of what to do in between rounds? Like Rosemary Ells, some read.



Others, like Jim Willing, have found a special way using what we call a yoyo. On closer inspection, Jim's yoyo is nothing like the toy we had as children. It is as high-tech as his Bravo.



Others find family and friends' dogs and enjoy being with them.



As the third day begins to wind down, many of us turn toward home. Check out this deluxe trailer with a special tile floor.



Some who would be flying on Thursday tended to Site 4. Rain closed the site for Monday morning's competition flights, but by Wednesday afternoon, three days of sun have dried out the runway very well. Danny Landis, Chip Hyde, and AC Glenn seized the opportunity to get in some practice flights for the two Unknown sequences they would be flying tomorrow.

AC was flying. Chip was making up maneuvers and calling them out to AC as he would finish the previous maneuver. Danny would make observations about variations in the maneuvers.



As the flying ended, our thoughts turned to the evening banquet at Vera Mae's. We would learn how the pilots finished in Intermediate, Advanced, and Masters. The eight finalists for FAI would also be announced, along with a drawing for the morning's flight order. The two Unknown sequences would also be announced.





The finalists in Intermediate are (L-R): first, Jeff Worsham; second, Lawrence Tougas; third, Nick Marson; fourth, Gerald Hood; and fifth, Dana Beaton.



In Advanced, the finalists are (L-R): first, Greyson Pritchett; second, Blake Hilson; third, Derek Emmett; fourth, Jon Bruml; and fifth, Oscar Cespedes.



In Masters, the finalists are (L-R): first, Robert Caglia; second, Chris Gini; third, Brenner Sharp; fourth Joe Walker; fifth, Robert Green; sixth, Sean Marsh; and seventh, Chuck Hochhalter.

**Eight pilots** in FAI qualified to fly in the finals on Thursday. This is a new day and a new contest for these eight pilots. The scores of the last three days served to give these eight pilots a place in the finals. Now all is new.

The eight pilots are: AC Glenn, Chip Hyde, Dave Lockhart, Peter Collinson, Mark Hunt, Matt Kimbro, Dan Landis, and Joey Hayes.

—Jim Quinn



