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Many CL Stunt fliers believe that the Friday Open finals is the most difficult and challenging test of the entire week. To advance to the Saturday Top 5 Flyoff, a competitor has to fly two pressure flights in a short span of time. Adding to the pressure is the fact that both flights count, and there are no throwaway flights. Make even a small mistake, and you might as well pack up to go home!

While the Open finals were being flown on circles 3 and 4 on the L-Pad, the Advanced finals were being contested on circles 1 and 2. Just like the format used for the Open finals, the Advanced fliers had to fly two flights, with both counting. Unlike the Open class, the Advanced finals determine the

winner and other placings; there is no flyoff on Saturday.

The Advanced finals were a tight contest between Mike Waldron, Joe Daly, John Paris, Will DeMauro, and Vince Bodde, and that's the exact order of the final placings. Mike bested Joe by 1 1/4 points!

Over in Open, the scoring was also very tight, with the eventual Top 5 pilots being (in alphabetical order) Derek Barry, David Fitzgerald, Orestes Hernandez, Kaz Minato, and Paul Walker. The Saturday Top 5 flyoff promises to be one for the ages.

Mike McHenry won the 2016 Rookie of the Year award by being the highest-placing first-time Top 20 pilot. 🏆



Jose Modesto launches Joe Daly's High Voltage original on its first Advanced finals flight. Joe placed in a close second to Mike Waldron.



John Paris burps the Stalker 51 in his 'Bout Time original in preparation for his first Advanced finals flight.



Howard Rush completes a pull test on his electric-powered Impact prior to his second Open finals flight.



Paul Walker launches Chris Cox's ship on an Open finals flight. Chris hails from Canada.



David Fitzgerald fuels his ThunderGazer in the Open pits. He captured a spot in the Saturday Top 5 Flyoff with the ensuing flight.



Matt Neumann prepares to attach the lines to his new Enterprise original. Matt flew extremely well in the finals.



Eric Taylor launches Derek Barry's Dreadnought XL on a flight that netted Derek a Top 5 berth.



Kaz Minato once again will be flying his fabulous F6F Hellcat in the Top 5 on Saturday.



Don Main did a great job at pull testing the Advanced fliers' planes.



And here's our newly crowned Rookie of the Year, Mike McHenry. Mike flew a replica of his father's A-7 Corsair.



Frank McMillan burps the PA 75 in his Paladin.



Mike Schmitt fuels his Paul Walker-designed Impact for an Advanced finals flight.



James Mills (L) and his son, Ben, await James' last Advanced flight. James flew his rendition of the Allen Brickhaus-designed Triumph.



Orestes Hernandez makes a last-minute rpm adjustment on his Legacy/Shark prior to a flight.



Jeanie DeMauro and Atina Modesto had a great time together at the Nats while their husbands flew their toy airplanes!



Bob McDonald had a good Nats experience flying his Apogee VI original in the Open finals.



An intense Chris Rud readies himself for a finals flight. Can you say, "Intense?"



Three-time World Champion Bill Werwage flew this P-47 Thunderbolt in the Open finals.



Rick Huff's electric version of the Gordan DeLaney-designed Profile Pathfinder twin features E-flite electric retracts.



Here are the top three placers in Advanced. That's the Champion, Mike Waldron, on the top step of the podium; second-placing Joe Daly at right; and the third-place finisher, John Paris, at left.

The Heat

On Monday it seemed like this week would last forever, but here we are, the final day of Q-40 and the end of Pylon Racing Nats. As expected, the racing and the weather were very hot.

In these days, the level of talent throughout the field is so high that every regular race heat resembles a trophy flyoff. There was a significant amount of carnage, as usual, but even some who experienced the loss of an airplane early on, like John McDermott, soldiered on and into the finals.

The Flyoffs

After five rounds of intense competition, the best of the best rose to the top, and three separate flyoffs were needed to break several ties within the top 10.

Jeff Robinson, Dan Coe, and Mike Masi raced for ninth place. Robinson took the lead and was clearly the fastest but cut out on the first two laps, leaving Masi and Coe to race. Michael Masi won.

The second flyoff was for seventh and eighth between Danny Kane and John McDermott. Kane cut early and decided

to pull out, leaving McDermott to cruise for the victory.

The last flyoff was for fourth through sixth between Bryan Blanchard, Terry Frazer, and Bill Johanson. This was a very exciting heat to watch, as Blanchard and Frazer took the low line while Johansen flew on top. Blanchard was in the lead but had an early cut, and then Frazer in the rear caught up to the leading pair but also cut, and Johanson stayed clean and won the race.

The Winners

So the top 10 fared as follows: Dan Coe 10th, Michael Masi 9th, Dan Kane 8th, John McDermott 7th, Bryan Blanchard 6th, Terry Frazer 5th, Bill Johanson 4th, Ray Brown 3rd, Craig Korsen 2nd, and your new Q-40 National Champion is Travis Flynn. Travis won in a very convincing manner—losing only one point from a perfect score of 20, and also earning the fast time trophy with a scorching time of 1:00.40 flying a CMAD Miss Dara.

The Heroes

Ray Brown, better known as Rocket, had combined finishes in Q-500

(seventh) and Q-40 (third) that earned him the overall Pylon Nats Champion trophy. Rocket was very instrumental in the success of several of the top 10 pilots by sharing his knowledge of engine tuning. Rocket and his partner, Randy Bridge, are the current reigning FAI World Champions.

Travis has been racing for more than 20 years and has always maintained a high skill level in Pylon Racing. Although he has had many top-place finishes and wins, he never won the Nats.

He is well recognized as the best caller in the sport—having helped others win many national and world titles—and as part of the USA FAI team as a pilot and caller. Travis is also known for his ability to launch an airplane off the line harder and faster than anyone on a consistent basis, and in a spectacular manner. But put all that aside because from now on, Travis Flynn will forever be recognized as a National Champion.

Thanks to all of the workers for making this week happen, and especially to our starters Larry Sylvester and Pete Bergstrom, who worked tirelessly all week in the hot sun while standing on asphalt. 🚗



Mark Parker's original P-51 Mustang.



Santiago Panzardi, Nats reporter.



Starter gives a warning for early push start.



Dan Coe.



Rusty Van Baren and Doug Killebrew await the start.



Doug Killebrew rounding Pylons Two and Three during heat 48.



They don't call it the fun wagon for nothing.



It's always busy around the fueling station.



Brown signals R. Tucker to ease on the needle.



Craig Korsen and Kurt Beachler.



Cranfill watches the countdown as he tunes and Parker holds.



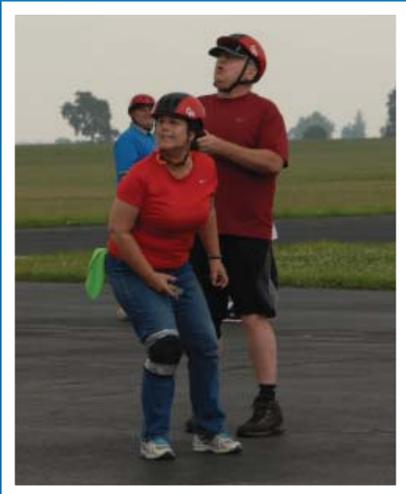
Fast Time trophy winner "Rocket" Ray Brown.



Nats Q-40 Champion Travis Flynn.



Pete Bergstrong.



C. and Joe DeLateur.



Winners (front row) Johanson, Korsen, Flynn, Brown, Frazer; (rear) Scott, Mark and Bryan Blanchard, Burnham, Kane, Masi, McDermott, and Parker.

C/L Precision Aerobatics AMA National Championships, 2016

Event 322 (Open) Semifinals

Contestant	Circle 3		Circle 4		Total Score	Place
	Flight Order	Score	Flight Order	Score		
Derek Barry	6	579	11	580.67		Q
Brett Buck	3	570.33	12	584		7
Chris Cox	11	558	3	558.33		13
Tom Dixon	19	545.33	5	537.33		19
David Fitzgerald	5	587	18	591.67		Q
Joe Gilbert	20	575	6	559		11
Orestes Hernandez	18	589	9	594.67		0
Gene Martine	16	556.33	7	551		15
Robert McDonald	2	545.33	17	569.33		14
Michael McHenry	7	538	15	550		18
Frank McMillan	13	552.67	10	571		12
Kaz Minato	10	576.33	20	587.67		Q
Matt Neumann	9	561	19	578		10
Richard Oliver	1	—	14	—	SCRATCH	20
Chris Rud	4	568.33	16	579.67		8
Howard Rush	8	576	13	580		6
Eric Taylor	14	562	2	527.33		17
Paul Walker	12	577.33	8	590.67		Q
Bill Werwege	17	571	4	573.67		9
Frank Williams	15	560.33	1	544.67		16

2016 Q40 National Championship Finals

Ordered By Points

After 5 Rounds			
Q40 Finals	Name	Low Time	Points
1	Travis Flynn	** 1:00.40	19
2	Craig Korsen	1:04.54	17
3	Ray Brown	1:04.11	16
4	Bill Johanson	1:04.51	F4 15
5	Terry Frazer	1:05.90	F3 15
6	Bryan Blanchard	1:04.87	F0 15
7	John McDermott	1:06.24	F4 14
8	Dan Kane	1:04.38	F3 14
9	Michael Masi	1:08.22	F4 13
10	Danny Coe	1:05.09	F0 13
11	Jeff Robinson	1:06.47	F0 13
12	Roy Andrassy	1:04.87	12
13	Dean Stone	1:05.11	12
14	Rusty Van Baren	1:07.85	12
15	Richard Verano	1:02.65	11
16	Tom Scott	1:03.44	11
17	Jason Duda	1:05.66	11
18	Marty Flood	1:08.55	10
19	Joe DeLaTeur	1:11.53	10
20	Jim Allen	1:04.70	9
21	Brian Batch	C 1:13.23	9
22	Dennis Cranfill	1:03.74	7
23	Chuck Andraka	1:04.42	7
24	Matias Salar	1:06.82	7
25	Gary Freeman Jr.	1:06.89	4
26	Dubb Jett	C 1:13.93	2
27	Matt Van Baren	1:15.03	1
28	Marcus Blanchard	0:00.00	0

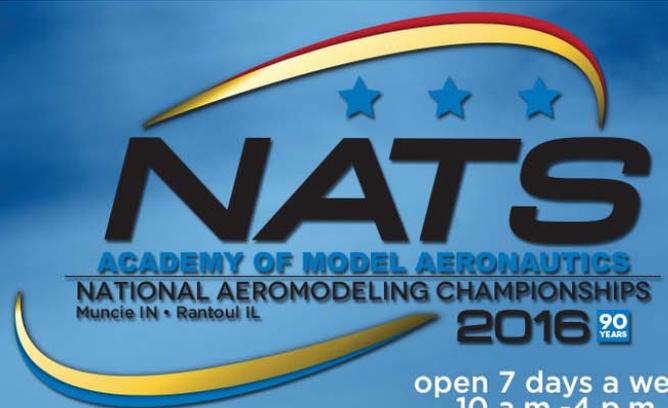
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Event 325 (Advanced) Finals

Contestant	Circle 1		Circle 2		Total Score	Place
	Flight Order	Score	Flight Order	Score		
Vincent Bodde	7	500.67	5	525.5	1026.17	5
Joseph Daly	2	517.33	6	525	1042.33	2
William DeMauro	5	502	3	527	1028.0	4
Richard Huff	8	498.67	1	502.5	1001.17	6
James Mills	3	488.66	9	502	990.67	7
John Paris	4	507.67	8	526.5	1034.17	3
Michael Schmitt	1	424.5	7	518	942.50	9
Greg Voumard	9	475.33	2	484.5	959.83	8
Michael Waldron	6	517	4	526.5	1043.50	1

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Overall Pylon Champion "Rocket" Ray Brown with his wife, Anna, and Jack.

