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Most years we have several pilots from Canada flying with us. AMA and MAAC have a wonderful relationship. One of our favorite competitors from Canada is Harry Ells. He travels south with his wife, Rosemary, and together they make a great team at any F3A competition. Harry is flying his original-design Twisted V2.0. The picture doesn't do the quality of this handmade, one-of-a-kind airplane justice. Harry is a real craftsman. The V2.0 was a necessary upgrade from his V1.0. The V1.0 was the other half of the midair with Brandon Sobolewski's Integral last fall.

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A man with a mustache, wearing a white polo shirt with 'Nats' on it and a grey baseball cap, sits on the grass next to a large, multi-colored model airplane. A woman in a red tank top and a grey bucket hat sits behind him. The model airplane is purple, green, and white, with 'Twisted V2.0' written on its side. In the background, there's a grassy field, a road, and some parked cars.

Today's Events:
RC Aerobatics

Wednesday, July 24

RC Aerobatics

Jim Quinn, reporter/photographer

Matt Stringer has been flying the NSRCA-style Precision Aerobatics for just a few months. His IMAC background, however, is extensive. At age 18, Matt has been flying RC for six years. He started by watching people at a local park flying foamies. He went off to build several blue foam-core foamies.

Matt enjoys our style of flying because it is fresh, but at the same time familiar. He is working on an upgraded Episode, the prototype of which he is flying very well at this year's Nats. Matt's goal is to come back in 2014 for the team trial and be part of our 2015 World Championship team. We wish this newcomer to the world of NSRCA the very best. Matt is currently flying the Masters sequence.



Another new hand on the other end of the facility is Cody Powell. He traveled to AMA's Aeromodeling Site with his mother, grandmother, and younger brother. They hail from Niceville FL. Like Matt Stringer, Cody also started flying with a foamie. Cody's was a little bit bigger, but that didn't prevent him from multiple crashes and repairs.

He is a self-taught pilot who soloed on that foam Cessna 172. This is Cody's second trip to our Nationals. Last year he came with a Wind S-50. This year he is totally serious and now is flying an electric-powered Visa. He's here to see how he ranks with other Intermediate pilots from across the country. Judging from the scores so far, he compares favorably with any Intermediate pilot anywhere. Cody thinks coming to the Nats is a great experience, no matter where you finish.

Because his arm was in a cast was no reason to prevent Don Lobeda from flying his Black Magic VF3 at this year's Nats. We certainly must admire this young man's courage and determination to fly with us, cast and all.



Now, let's meet all those wonderful people who do all the work to keep us flying this week.

Behind the scenes, but ever vigilant overseeing every aspect of our week of competition, is the director of Radio Control for AMA, Wayne Yeager. Many of us know Wayne for the amazing job he has done so wonderfully and for so many years giving us the Weak Signals R/C Expo in Toledo OH. Wayne is also very well known in the Pylon racing aspects of our sport/hobby. Wayne and Al Williamson usually split the duties for the six weeks of our Nats each year.



Site 1 (above) has the great team of Tim Jesky and Bob Kane. This team will have to break up for 2014 when Bob becomes the event director.

Site 3 (below) also has veterans returning with Terry Terrenoire and Ed Lane. Ed was here last year and Terry is returning after a few years off.



Site 4, as always, has Bobby Stout leading things off with Gerald Hood replacing Leslie Hochhalter who is in the "White Whale" this year.

In the “White Whale” scoring trailer once again this year is Linda Jesky, with Leslie Hochhalter taking over for Jennifer Hatton.



Showing her great skills for doing all the scoring solo at Site 4 again this year is Tara Stafford.



Now for the ED. By that do I mean the Event Director for our Nats, or do I mean the Executive Director for the AMA? You can pick Archie Stafford (R) for ED or Dave Mathewson (L) for ED. The choice is yours. Jim Quinn is assisting Archie with his ED duties, which leaves Archie free to fly.

Now let me introduce you to the pet guardians from yesterday's contest.

Pablo's pet guardian is Ken Velez.



Cyrus's pet guardian is Bob Moulder.



Louie, Haddie, and Obie's pet guardian is Ronda Tipton.



Oliver's pet guardian is Brian Strachan.



Echo's pet guardian is Sharon Lelito.





Because there were no winners who were able to identify five pet guardians, a new contest is now running for the next 24 hours.

Whose shoe are we looking at?

Wednesday is the final day of competition for Intermediate and Advanced. Those awards will be given out at the banquet later Wednesday evening. The eight finalists for Masters and FAI will also be announced this evening. Wednesday will see all of the pilots flying their best to give it one last try to improve their placement in the final standings.

Photos by Jenni Orebaugh.



This week's events:

Thursday
RC Aerobatics

Friday
RC Helicopter

Saturday
RC Helicopter

Sunday
RC Helicopter

Monday
RC Helicopter

Tuesday
RC Helicopter

"FOOD" IS AN IMPORTANT PART
OF A BALANCED DIET.

-Fran Lebowitz

SITE 1

Ed's Hot Dogs

SITE 3

Caldwell's

SITE 4

Slop-on-Top

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Smooth landings.

