

# NATSNEWS



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August 3

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Helicopter



Hello from the Nats day two. The competitors here at day two of the Nats had a long day. With the addition of the very exciting F3N class (more on that later), and a solid number of competitors in the other classes, it challenged Craig Bradley and his crew to get three complete rounds of flying in for all of the classes. With the cooperation of everyone, it almost happened with the exception of two classes (Expert and Advanced).

The burning-hot orb in the sky became a bit of a problem at the end of the day. It's that same issue we saw on day one; if you can't see the heli, you can't fly it ...

First up was the much-anticipated F3N Freestyle competition to music. This is just as it sounds. Basically, anything goes. Pilots are judged on difficulty,

harmony, creativity, precision, and safe presentation. Each competitor put on a great show for the crowd and I was really impressed with how well each pilot made his machine work with the music. It was a great combination.

If you weren't there, check out the Nats website ([nats.modelaircraft.org/natsnews-august-3-2016](http://nats.modelaircraft.org/natsnews-august-3-2016)) to see video of Jamie Robertson and Nick Maxwell's Freestyle videos. I apologize for the somewhat-poor video and audio quality. For future events we will need to work on better music and video systems to show off the awesome skills that all of these competitors have.

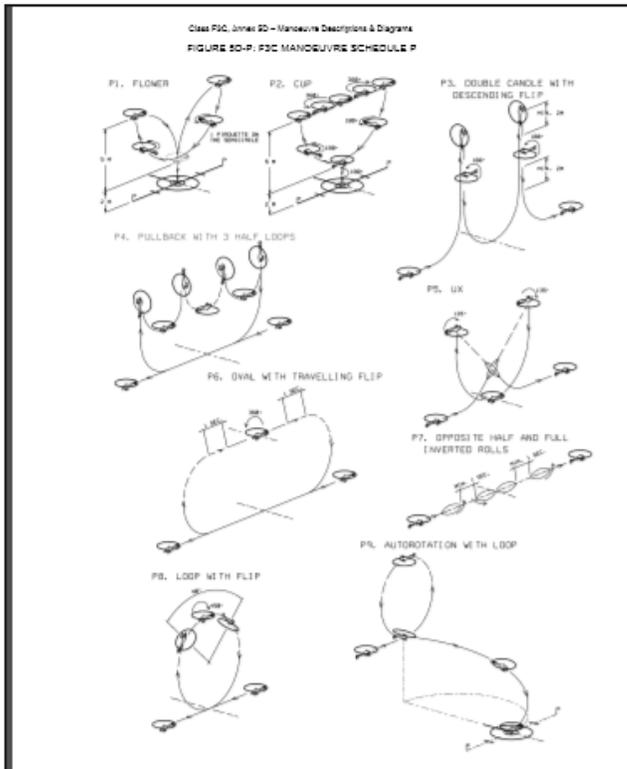
The other big class was F3C. Like F3N, this is the premier precision class in the world. Instead of 3-D maneuvers, however, the pilots do a combination

of hovering maneuvers and several very complex big-air maneuvers. Watching these guys do what they do, do it so precisely, and exactly as described, is very impressive to watch. Included today is an example of some of the maneuvers they are doing this year.

After five rounds of competition the leaders are Nick Maxwell and Daniel Hiatt but Cliff Hiatt and Dwight Shilling are still applying pressure.

The other three classes are Expert, Advanced, and Sportsman. As I mentioned before, only Sportsman got in three complete rounds on day two.

Also, Scale finished up today with its last of three flights. Mike Zaborowski won and Bernard Shaw came in a very close second. Congrats to both for a great show in Scale. 🚁





**Advanced**

- 1 Robert Montee 2000
- 2 Eaton Bryce 1759.405

**F3N**

- 1 Jamie Robertson 2947.538
- 2 Nicholas Maxwell 1986.679
- 3 Devin Hammond 1826.679
- 4 Greg Jackson 1693.937
- 5 Robert Montee 1624.986

**Expert**

- 1 Dennis Purduski 1979.866
- 2 Don Miller 1875.862

**F3C**

- 1 Nicholas Maxwell 2000.000
- 2 Daniel Hiatt 1905.805
- 3 Cliff Hiatt 1830.384
- 4 Dwight Shilling 1768.537
- 5 Nob Muraki 1711.320
- 6 Tim Diperi 1557.115
- 7 Mike Goza 1434.246

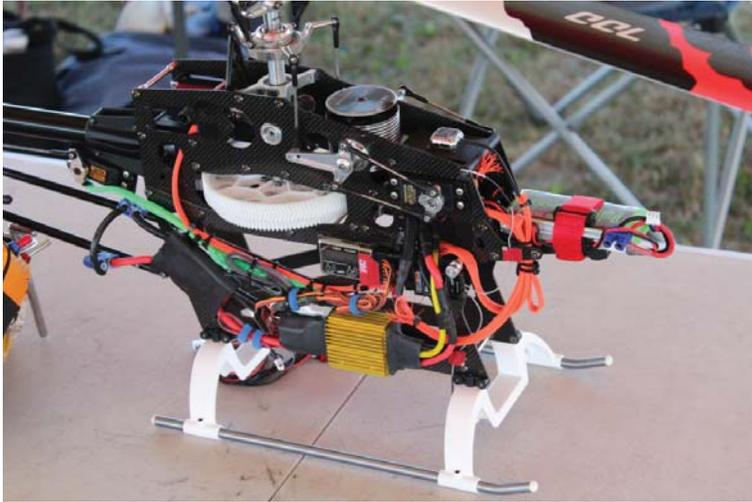
**Scale**

- 1 Mike Zaborowski 1886.806
- 2 Bernard Shaw 1865.337

One round of static, 3 rounds of flying drop lowest normalized

**Sportsman**

- 1 Bernard Shaw 4000.000
- 2 Vincent Drouillon 3854.160
- 3 Peter Bisbal 3797.700
- 4 Dan Brickman 3680.790
- 5 Michael Unger 3608.874



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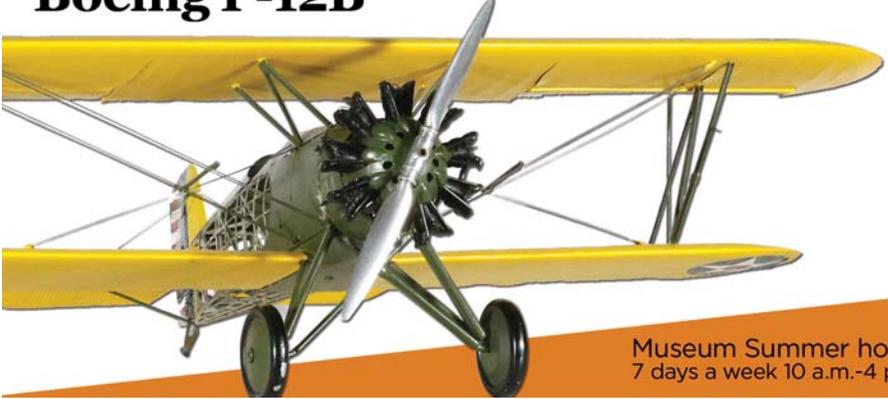
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