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Santiago Panzardi ready for Round 6.



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Scale Heli Nats winners.

We reached the end of this year's Helicopter Nats. Although the attendance was one of the lowest, this group still manages to have great fun in combination with some fierce competition.

There were no surprises in Sportsman class. Jim Hall ran away with the win by topping five out of seven rounds. Robert Montee finished second with Bernard "Brian" Shaw in third place. Pete Bisbal, who managed to save his heli from catastrophe when the engine began misfiring on the last round, finished fourth.

Charles Anderson convincingly won the nitro-vs.-electric battle in Advanced, despite a late charge from Eaton Bryce with his Freya X-spec 90. Santiago Panzardi and Dennis Purduski have been swapping Nats wins for the last three years. Dennis won the last time, and by some cosmic faith, it was Santiago's turn to win Expert class, his second ever. Both Charles Anderson and Santiago were flying Minicopter Diabolos.

The best competition was offered by the nine pilots in FAI, notable in any year that combines the F3C Team Trials with the Nats. As I mentioned in earlier reports, Nick Maxwell ran away and hid from the competition from the get go, but the fight for the remaining two spots on the US team was as good as ever.

As he did two years ago, Daniel Hiatt elevated his game with two solid rounds on the last day to lock in his spot to Austria in 2015. The remaining spot was decided by only 19 normalized points out of almost 2,900, with Dwight Shilling as the victor and third member of the team that will represent the US in next year's Helicopter World Championship. Dennis Purduski was selected as the team manager.

After an epic battle of man-vs.-computer, Scale CD Darrell Sprayberry emerged victorious and descended from Mount Sinai carrying the stone tablets with the results of Sport Scale and Team Scale. Michael Zoborowski won Sport Scale with his Agusta 109 and was recognized by all as a great achievement because this was his backup machine. His primary entry was lost only a few weeks before the Nats because of a servo failure.

Brian Shaw was second with his Whisky Cobra, and Eaton Bryce third with another Agusta 109.

Mark Smith took third place honors in Team Scale. Luther Farmer with Eaton Bryce placed second with a Huey, and the last-minute entry of Bob Harris and Nick Maxwell won the Team Scale class to the tune of *Airwolf* team song, which was played on their last and "epic" round, with music provided by the Anderson philharmonic orchestra.

The Shilling Food Challenge

The moment we've been waiting for was here. Will there be something that Dwight would not eat? Someone claimed Dwight has been working out with legendary Rocky Balboa trainers for months in order to prepare for this year's challenge, and even starved himself for five days in order to up his appetite to devour any unsightly gastronomical hurdle that would face him.

After a presentation from Tim Diperi of the perennial trophy crafted by Milanese artists, Dwight was faced with a can of squashed insects and another with dried worms that only raised his hunger. The fiery salsa and chips were no match for him. Then he laughed at the can of dough balls in broth, but there was something special waiting, something never seen before in any previous challenge: preserved duck eggs.

This delicacy looked like something out of the movie *Alien*. I will admit that he had me worried because the color of death gleamed from these "things" as Dwight peeled off the egg shells. Dwight still took a bite of the egg to reveal it was even more sickening looking in the inside, and then he squeezed the remains of the egg on the trash can and a black goo oozed out of it. We had a winner!

Thanks to all who took part in this year's Nats, and special thanks go to Craig Bradley and his wife, Karen, Dave Sellars, Darrell Sprayberry, and all the volunteer judges who sacrificed a week of their time to make this possible.

—Santiago Panzardi

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Nats newcomer Bob Montee.



Tim Diperi calling for Charles Anderson.



Dennis Purduski readies his T-Rex.



Daniel Hiatt after Round 6.



Gordie Meade.



Wayne Mann's E720 before touchdown.

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Nob Muraki and Jim Hall.



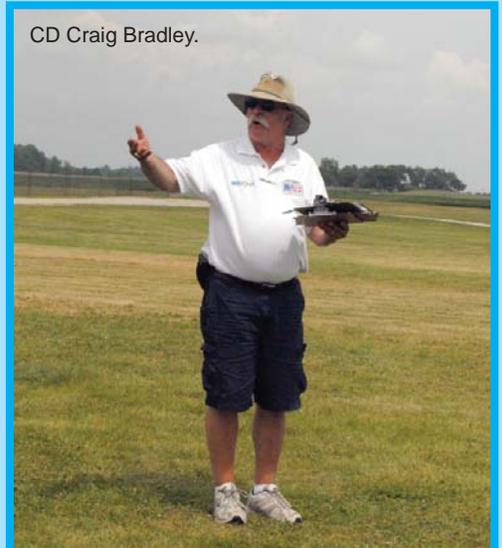
Dwight Shilling grew a second head.



Pete Bisbal calls for Santiago Panzardi.



CD Craig Bradley.



The unveiling of the new SAB FAI helicopter.



Mike Groza finishes the last round.



Shilling Food Challenge

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Mmmm, squashed bugs.



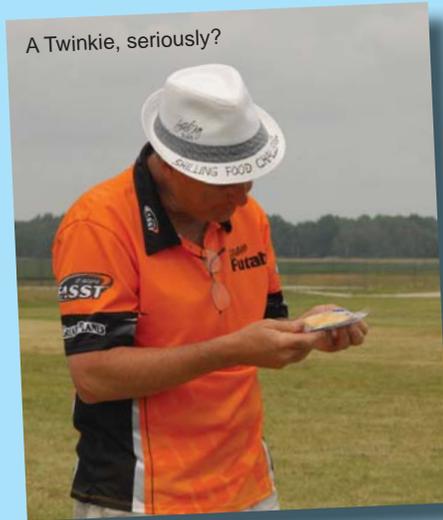
These worms taste a lot like the bugs.



Chips and fiery salsa.



A Twinkie, seriously?



This tastes like potpourri.



These eggs are the worst!



We have a winner: preserved duck eggs.



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Eaton Bryce, second place in Advanced.



F3C Champion Nick Maxwell.



Second place in F3C, Daniel Hiatt.



Third place in F3C, Dwight Shilling.



Bob Harris, first in Open Scale.

Mark Smith, second in Open Scale.



Santiago Panzardi, first in Expert.



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Michael Zoborowski, first in Sport Scale.



Brian Shaw, second in Sport Scale.



Eaton Bryce, third in Sport Scale.



Nick Maxwell and Bob Harris, first in Team Scale.



Eaton Bryce and Luther Farmer, second in Team Scale.



Mark Smith, third in Team Scale.



Jim Hall, first in Sportman.



Bob Montee, second in Sportman.

Standings for Advanced

2014 AMA Helicopter National Championship

Place	Pilot							Score
1	Charles Anderson							5920.949
Normalized	920.9486	1000	1000	1000	1000	408.6956	1000	
Raw	116.5	135	141.5	106	134.5	47	132.5	
2	Eaton Bryce							5725.327
Normalized	1000	877.7778	922.2615	952.8302	921.9331	1000	928.3019	
Raw	126.5	118.5	130.5	101	124	115	123	

Standings for FAI F3C

2014 AMA Helicopter National Championship

Place	Pilot							Score
1	Nicholas Maxwell <i>1524.00</i> <i>1000</i>							3000 #1
Normalized	0	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
Raw	0	507	505.5	511.5	495.5	499	503	
2	Daniel Hiatt <i>1454.00</i> <i>954.068</i>							2907.393 #2
Normalized	0	966.4694	962.4135	961.8768	963.673	951.9038	981.1133	
Raw	0	490	486.5	492	477.5	476	493.5	
3	Dwight Shilling <i>1451.50</i> <i>952.428</i>							2890.925 #3
Normalized	0	954.6351	957.4678	965.7869	955.6004	966.9338	935.3877	
Raw	0	484	484	494	473.5	482.5	470.5	
4	Wayne Mann <i>1435.50</i> <i>944.553</i>							2865.046 #4
Normalized	0	943.787	944.6093	923.7537	975.782	952.9058	963.2206	
Raw	0	478.5	477.5	472.5	483.5	475.5	484.5	
5	Gordie Meade <i>1362.50</i> <i>894.029</i>							2645.777 #5
Normalized	0	884.6154	872.4036	924.7312	0	877.7555	864.8111	
Raw	0	448.5	441	473	0	438	435	
6	Nob Muraki <i>1318.00</i> <i>864.829</i>							2574.27 #6
Normalized	0	841.2229	861.5233	891.4956	817.3562	867.7355	849.9006	
Raw	0	426.5	435.5	456	405	433	427.5	
7	Tim Diperi <i>1229.00</i> <i>806.300</i>							2491.38 #7
Normalized	0	834.3195	799.2087	754.6432	811.3017	832.6653	858.8469	
Raw	0	423	404	386	402	415.5	432	
8	Mike Goza <i>1192.00</i> <i>782.152</i>							2350.868 #8
Normalized	0	770.2169	791.2958	784.9463	723.5116	628.2565	823.0616	
Raw	0	390.5	400	401.5	358.5	313.5	414	
9	Rolando Perez <i>1167.50</i> <i>766.076</i>							2234.262 #9
Normalized	0	750.4931	738.8724	802.5416	759.8385	740.481	710.7355	
Raw	0	380.5	373.5	410.5	376.5	369.5	357.5	
10	Scott Gray							0
Normalized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Raw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Standings for Sportsman

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2014 AMA Helicopter National Championship

Place	Pilot							Score
1	James Hall							5987.461
Normalized	1000	1000	1000	1000	971.6088	1000	987.4608	
Raw	153.5	157.5	170	170	154	163	157.5	
2	Robert Montee							5823.21
Normalized	986.9706	958.7302	932.353	964.7059	952.6813	960.1227	1000	
Raw	151.5	151	158.5	164	151	156.5	159.5	
3	Bernard Shaw							5730.55
Normalized	928.3387	917.4603	929.4117	958.8235	1000	920.2454	993.7304	
Raw	142.5	144.5	158	163	158.5	150	158.5	
4	Peter Bisbal							4681.032
Normalized	739.4137	771.4286	802.9412	820.5883	801.2618	745.3987	507.837	
Raw	113.5	121.5	136.5	139.5	127	121.5	81	
5	Gerald Lawson							0
Normalized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Raw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Round Standings

Contest: 2014 AMA Helicopter National Championship

Round 7

Pilot Class: Expert

Place	Pilot Name	Raw Score	Normalized Score
1	Dennis Purduski	147.5	1000
2	Santiago Panzardi	0	0

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Standings for Scale

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Place	Pilot				Score
1	Bob Harris				1986.111
Normalized	1000	933.0855	1000	972.2222	
Raw	842	251	262	280	
2	Mark Smith				1711.401
Normalized	711.4014	1000	973.2825	1000	
Raw	599	269	255	288	

Another Nats,
another Shilling
Food Challenge.
He's a brave man!

