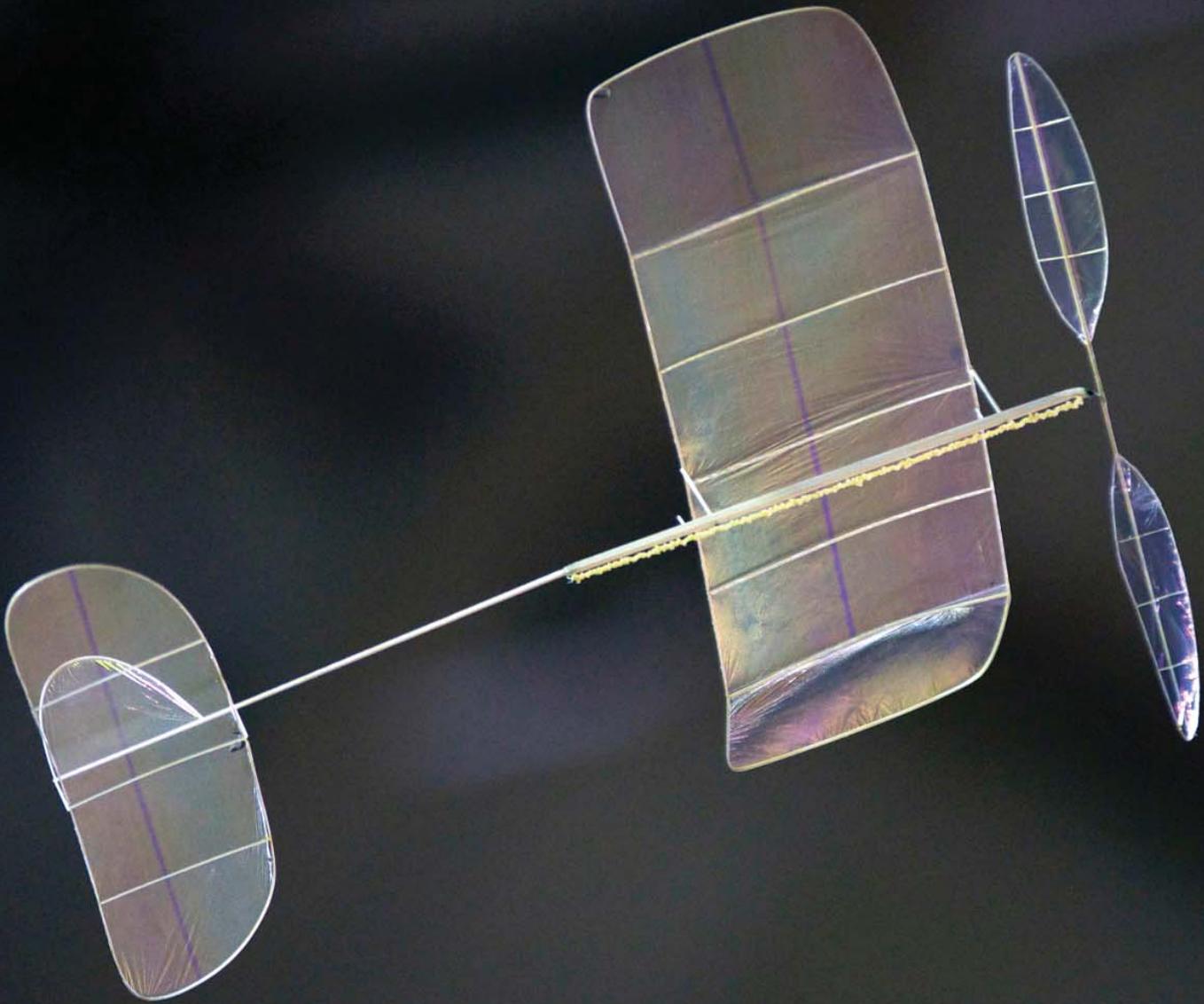




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# Indoor Free Flight Day 2

**Jim Buxton** will be handling *NatsNews* duties this year. He is arriving today, so in his absence I am going set the tone with what's been happening at the Indoor FF Nats since Tuesday. We have a lot of changes for this year's event.

Usually Indoor opens the Nats season, but this time we are the last set of events. We've been at Johnson City, Tennessee, for more than 20 years, but now we being hosted in Champaign, Illinois. We have a new set of event directors. Abram Van Dover has left some large shoes to fill after taking care of the Nats business for many years. We have revamped the schedule, with a long list of objectives in mind.

Everyone is still getting used to all of the changes, but things are looking great so far. Although it has since been corrected, we had a small problem with the initial set of entry forms and event schedules that were sent out, and a few misconceptions resulted.

Some people thought the FAC events were removed, but in reality Joshua Finn reviewed the list and added a bunch of Canone-eligible

Mass Launches. There is more FAC flying than ever.

The Glider events were also conspicuous in their initial absence from the entry forms, but rest assured that all are alive and well. In fact, the Glider flying time has been extended and the spread across the two weekend days.

There will surely be more adjustments required, but to paraphrase a saying, "A bad day of flying is still better than a good day at work!"

Contestants now fill one entire side of the building, after arriving during Tuesday's box drop-off session. The light events started Wednesday, and we will work our way toward the heavier events on the weekend.

Some Science Olympiad kids are planning to attend. Tim Lavender's Smyrna, Tennessee, group arrived Wednesday evening. Roughly 37 people have preregistered, not including the 15 or so Smyrna kids.

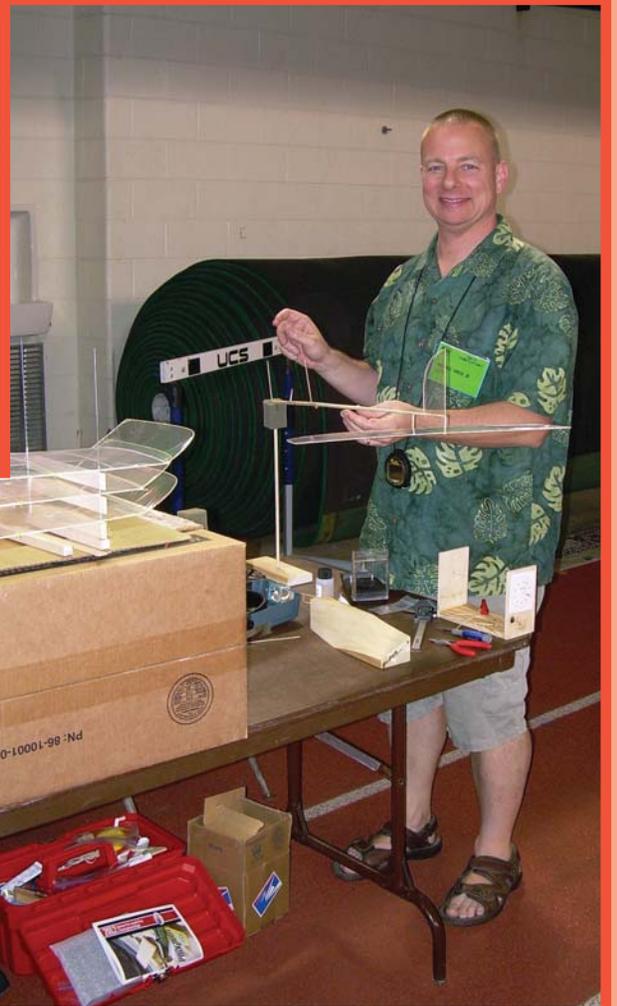
Stay tuned to see how Wednesday's event turned out.

—John Kagan



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