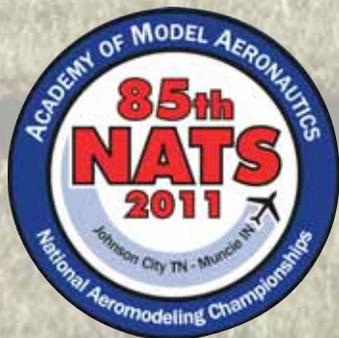


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Daily Coverage of the 2011 National Aeromodeling Championships

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics thanks you for joining us for the 2011 National Aeromodeling Championships season!



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Having only four entries made for a quick Scale Helicopter Nats this year.

Contest Director Peter Wales said he was disappointed and frustrated that there were only four entries, compared to 15 to 20 in previous years.

“It’s disgusting,” he said. “I have no clue” why there were so few entries, he said Thursday afternoon. “Everybody’s got an excuse; no money, no time, no time off work. I don’t know what the (sic) is going on.”

After the static judging, the pilots flew their helicopters. Both flying rounds were both done on Thursday. In previous

years, one round of flying was held each day for two days. Peter said it just made sense to do both rounds of flying on Thursday, since there were only four entries.

The pilots had to fly a fixed routine, which included basic and simple maneuvers, then they fly freestyle, Peter said.

Darrell Sprayberry earned first place with his Long Ranger helicopter. He scored 3,000 points. Coming in second was Stanley Kopreski with 2,672.283 points, Eric Babineaux took third with 2,616.299, and Paul Holland clinched fourth place with 2,003.649 points.

The judging took place at the same site as the International Radio Controlled Helicopter Association (IRCHA) Jamboree. The Scale Helicopter Nats used to be held at a different site and date than IRCHA, but organizers thought that combining the events would entice more people to enter the Scale contest. Apparently, that wasn’t the case this year.

Peter has served as CD for six years, but is considering turning over the reins next year. “I am so depressed with the whole thing,” he said. →

—Rachelle Haughn
NatsNews Staff



From left are the winners of the Scale Helicopter Nats: Darrell Sprayberry, first; Stanley Kopreski, second; and Eric Babineaux, third.

Scale Helicopter Wrap-Up

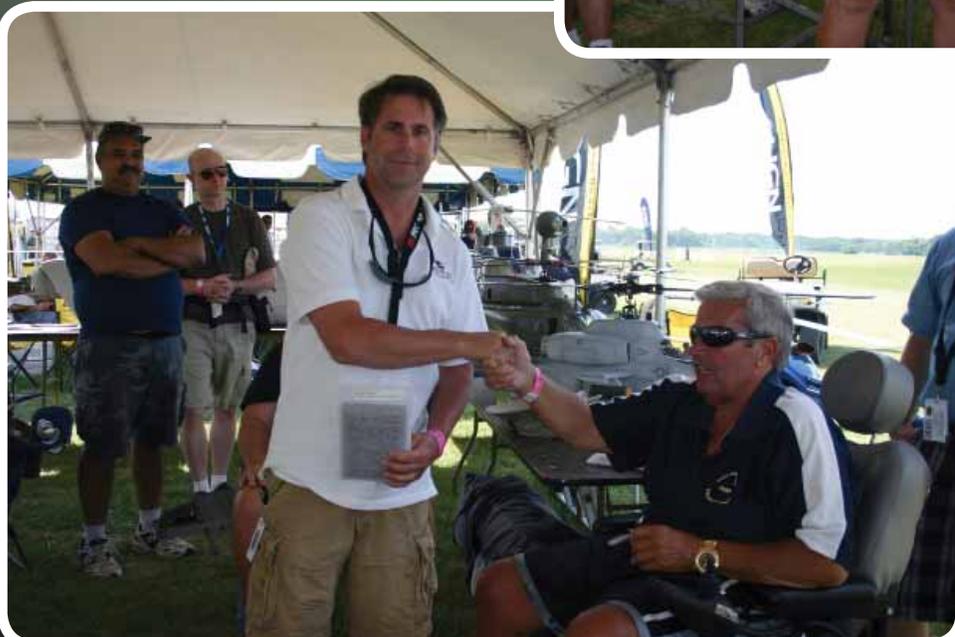


Winners



Darrell Sprayberry smiles as he accepts his first-place award for the Scale Helicopter Nats from CD Peter Wales.

Stanley Kopreski accepts his second-place award from CD Peter Wales. Behind Peter is *Model Aviation* magazine editor Jay Smith.



Eric Babineaux accepts his third-place award from Scale Helicopter Nats CD Peter Wales.

Unofficial Scores

Please note that all scores are unofficial until tabulated by Nats staff.



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Standings for Scale				
2011 AMA National Helicopter Championships				
Place	Pilot			Score
1	Darrell Sprayberry			3000
Normalized	1000	1000	1000	
Raw	771	235.3	218.9	
2	Stanley Kopreski			2672.283
Normalized	840.4669	909.4772	922.339	
Raw	648	214	201.9	
3	Eric Babineaux			2616.299
Normalized	667.9637	994.4751	953.8602	
Raw	515	234	208.8	
4	Paul Holland			2003.649
Normalized	368.3528	794.7301	840.5665	
Raw	284	187	184	



