



Day Two Hold Onto Your Hats!

of great flying out there and it's a pleasure to watch.
—Mike Bargman

Whew! Yesterday was a little on the umm ... breezy side. Winds sustained around 20 mph and gusting over 28 mph were howling in from the south and beating up on everyone's flights.

What did the flightline look like? Well, when there weren't chairs or styrofoam cups flying across the field (pun intended) each class of pilots was working extra hard to keep his or her aircraft in a straight line while trying to impress the judges.

I have to hand it to these guys; they really want to impress the judges! Wind corrections are fantastic and landings are most impressive with lots of rudder corrections. I wouldn't expect anything less from a group of pilots who fly in 30 mph wind and make it look easy. Landing? Ha! No problem!

There are a few other problems that wind presents with some of the larger airplanes. A handful of the aircraft at the 2008 Scale Aerobatic Nats have the new Desert Aircraft DA-170 in them. The engine is a powerhouse to say the least, but I heard some pilots talking about fuel consumption being a possible issue in the high winds.

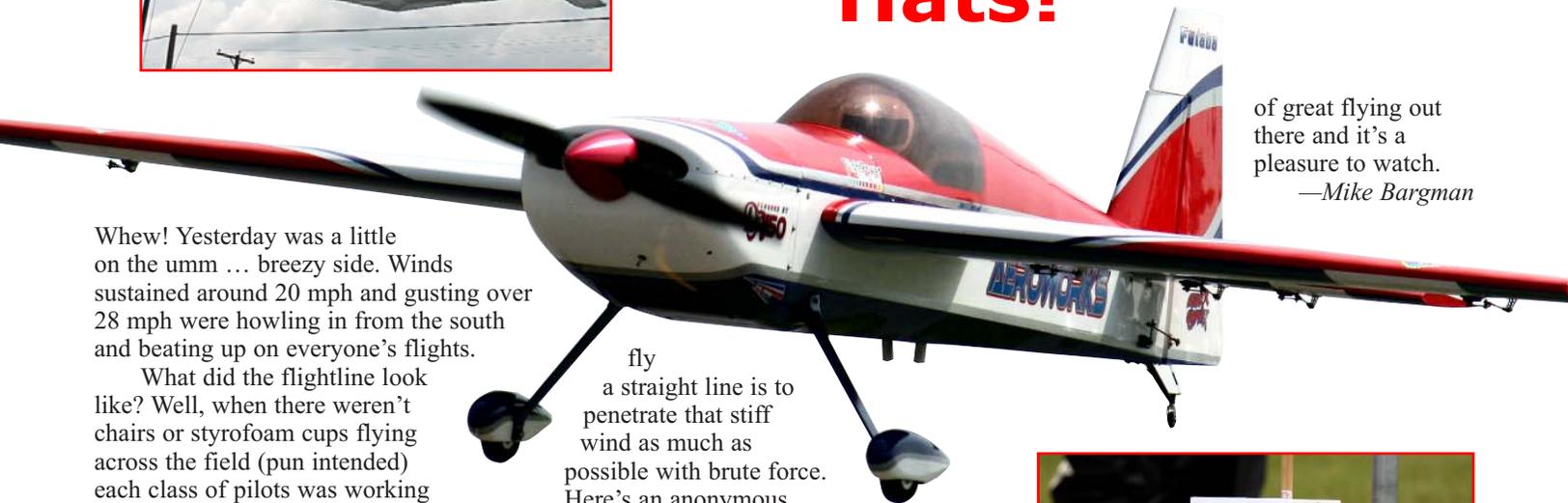
Wind has nothing to do directly with engine performance, yet the engine is used at a much higher rpm to hold the line of the aircraft. Sometimes the only way to

fly a straight line is to penetrate that stiff wind as much as possible with brute force. Here's an anonymous quote that I heard while sitting with some of the Unlimited fliers yesterday: "That stick on the left side of the transmitter that goes forward and backward ... push it all the way forward and don't let it come back until it's time to land and then you can back off ... a little."

What else is going on? Well, the competition is still very tight and the pilots flew their first Unknown on Tuesday morning. Jason Noll, David Moser, and Koelling are still fighting it out in Unlimited. Seth Arnold and Brian Luckett are still fighting tooth and nail with only 60 points between each other in Advanced.

Brendan Jones and Anthony Fandino are going back and forth at each other and are neck and neck in Intermediate and in Sportsman, Pride Grimm is really showing us what he's made of.

Keep up the good work, fellas! Lots



Yeah, It's All Good!





Happy Birthday, Tristan Cozier!

A special IMAC and AMA birthday wish goes out to our little buddy, Tristan Cozier. Most of you have probably seen him riding his bike around the Sportsman/Intermediate flightline or flying his kite after hours.
I met

Tristan for the first time at the 2007 Columbus, Ohio, contest and he's a great kid. He loves coming with his dad, Curtis, to contests and being his dad's flying buddy. Tristan and his parents Curtis and Jen are here from Georgia and having a blast.
Tristan, Happy Birthday, bud!
—Mike Bargman

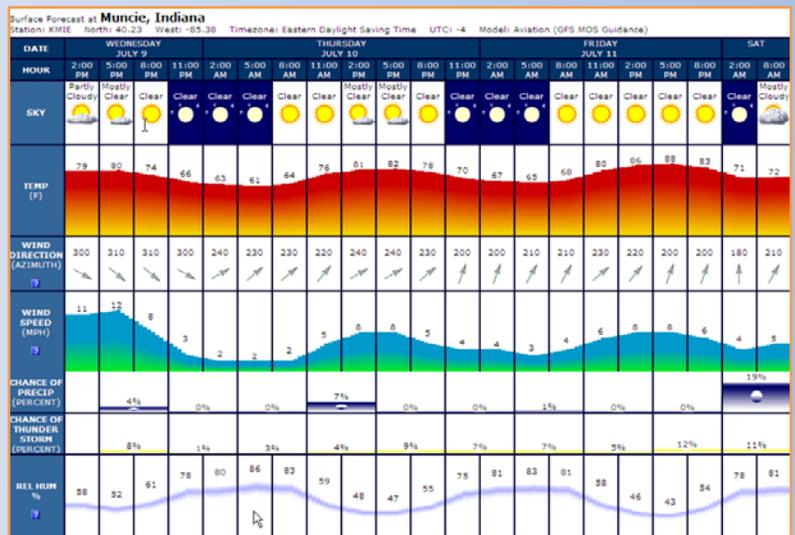


While you're in Muncie ...

A visit to Muncie, Indiana, can offer the non-fliers in the family a number of options. Following are a few nearby attractions courtesy of new resident Sandy Frank, former AMA District VIII vice president!

1. Museums in Muncie include the Minnetrista Center, Ball State Museum of Art, Moore-Youse Historical Museum, and the Muncie Children's Museum.
2. Visit the F.B. Fogg gift gallery Muncie. It's a great shopping experience.
3. The Wheeler Orchid Collection and Species Bank, set in Christy Woods at Ball State, features an amazing collection of rare orchids.
4. Hoosier Park in nearby Anderson features horse racing and a newly opened casino that operates 24 hours a day.
5. The State Museum in Indianapolis offers a tremendously popular exhibit in its fully functioning recreation of the L.S. Ayres Tea Room that operated from 1905 to 1990. This Indianapolis treasure has delighted generations of Hoosiers with a unique menu and old-fashioned ambiance. Hours: 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. seven days a week.

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