

RC Aerobatics

The third day of our national RC Aerobatics Championships usually has a different tone about it. There is a line in an old song that comes to mind for this third day, "A kind of a hush fell over the world ..." The name of the song is *Lovers in Love*, but that line captures the atmosphere of this third day.

The title goes along with the day as well, since I'm sure all of us agree that we love to fly and get great satisfaction out of seeing our creations take to the air in magnificent flight. Shortly after 8 a.m. this morning, I walked onto the flightline at Site 1

and it almost felt like I was walking into church on Sunday morning.

On days one and two there just seemed to be more activity and levity. There is something about the skill level of the F-09 sequence for FAI that takes your breath away. Day three seems like a new level of intensity and skill permeates the runways and skies of AMA.

While searching out Luis Rodriguez's beautiful Pentathalon, I discovered another treasure on Site 4. It was also another D-6



Richard Lewis' Ovarian Cancer-dedicated Aeroslave Aries.

Inset: Tail art on the Ovarian Cancer Aries.

RC Aerobatics Volunteers



Thanks, Melissa, for all your hard work scoring at Site 4 again this year.



The legendary Bobby Stout Team keeping everything on Site 4 running smoothly.



A big thanks to Don Frederick for double-checking every score sheet processed through Sites 1 and 3 and for designing the scoring program we use at the Nats.



Thanks, Linda, for scoring for us for so many years.



The "mileage queen" of the 2008 Nats is Kimrey Frederick for "running" all our score sheets.



Thanks to Tim Jesky for always having a smile on his face and running Site 1 for us.

airplane, but with quite a different story. Richard Lewis's mom was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2004. Richard's Aeroslave Aries is dedicated to her and her battle with ovarian cancer.

The airplane is beautifully detailed with several messages making us aware of ovarian cancer, even the color of the airplane—teal, the official color for ovarian cancer—makes us more aware. Most of us have all sorts of decals and other artwork on our airplanes, but this one catches you off guard.

Richard dedicated this airplane to his mom, Susie, on Mother's Day this year. Susie has had more than 55 chemo treatments and three surgeries. Check out the pictures of this airplane and before we put on the next Futaba, JR, Airtronics, YS, or other details on our airplanes think again. Richard you can be sure of our prayers and support for your mom.

Luis Rodriguez won the Craftsmanship award for 2008. The pictures you see of his spectacular Pentathlon don't do the airplane credit. Every part of the airplane is made from balsa; there is no composite material anywhere on the airframe except for the landing gear. This is a scratch-built airplane from balsa and foam.

The airplane is totally painted. There is no MonoKote on the wings, tails, etc. Luis built this airplane in just three months. Great job, Luis, and if you get any free time look outside your door, I think they are lining up for you to custom-build something for them.

Todd Schmidt was the other statically judged airplane. He was the grand winner of the Concours de Elegance. That is French for outstanding, the best, and any other superlatives you would like to use. Todd's airplane is more traditionally paint and MonoKote, but that is as far as the "traditional" part of his airplane resembles the rest of what we fly.

Todd's Defiant Mk II is an original design. It is actually an evolution of many designs he has been bringing to Muncie for the past 10 years. Todd has never flown another person's design here at the Nats. Each airplane he flies here he has also designed.

Even as a youth Todd was designing Ukies, 1/2A Pylon racers, and several RC airplanes as well. The Defiant Mk II has a fiberglass fuselage and foam tails and wings. Todd made the molds for the fuselage and if you were really nice and asked him, he might lay one up for you. It might take a month or

more, but it sure would be with the wait.

When I asked Todd if there was another design on the drawing board he smiled and said, "Always." One of the reasons for you to come to the 2009 Nats is to see what Todd will be flying. Congratulations for a superior job and an award well deserved.

When you think of apple pie do you also think of ice cream or cheese? When you think of chocolate brownies don't you want a glass of milk? And when you hear the name Jesky don't you think of Precision Aerobatics?

You are probably thinking of Andrew Jesky right now, but that is the wrong name. Think of Tim, think of Linda. They are as synonymous with Precision Aerobatics as is their famous, world-class son, Andrew. There could be no Nats without the contestants, that is for sure, but there also could be no Nats without the numerous volunteers behind the scenes who keep things running.

Without the Event Director, Line Chiefs, Time Keepers, Tabulators for scoring, or the Runner bringing the score sheets to get calculated there would be no pilots tracing beautiful melodies in the air. Tim Jesky you see if you are flying on Site 1, but Linda you would have to search for on Site 3. She is doing the tabulation with Don Frederick. Don's daughter Kimrey is that smiling beauty who is running all those score sheets.

On Site 4 you have to go on a treasure hunt to find Melissa Hester doing the scoring and so many other jobs there with the legendary Bobby Stout. Bobby has run Site 4 every year since the AMA started hosting the Nats here at our magnificent Headquarters facilities. Don Frederick even designed the scoring system we use here.

Thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible for the pilots to have so much fun being "Lovers in Love" with the joy of flight.

—Jim Quinn



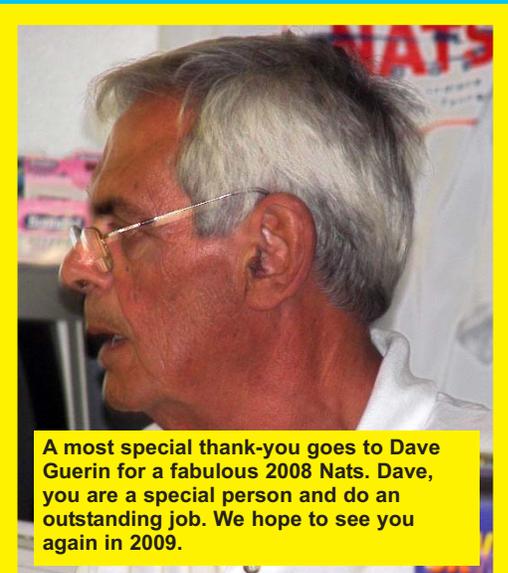
We were glad to see one of our favorite Canadian pilots stop by at the 2008 Nats. From the left: Todd Blose, Ivan Kristensen, and Bryan Hebert.



Two National Champions: our own Jason Shulman (L) and the Canadian Champion Chad Northeast (R).



Most of the gang from District I. They are a great bunch of people who really enjoy flying together and just being together.



A most special thank-you goes to Dave Guerin for a fabulous 2008 Nats. Dave, you are a special person and do an outstanding job. We hope to see you again in 2009.

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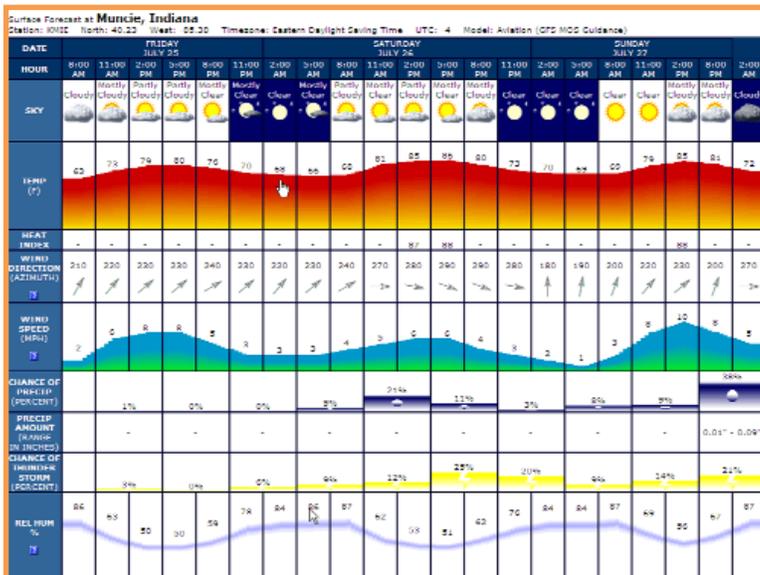
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| 2 | JASON A SHULMAN | O | 1996.49 | LAKE MARY | FL |
| 3 | ANDREW R JESKY | O | 1984.85 | MONROE | MI |
| 4 | GORDON D HYDE | O | 1958.84 | TUCSON | AZ |
| 5 | SEAN M MCMURTRY | O | 1931.78 | MOORE | OK |
| 6 | BRETT M WICKIZER | S | 1914.33 | THE WOODLANDS | TX |
| 7 | DAVID K LOCKHART | O | 1911.06 | MEDFORD | NJ |
| 8 | CHAD NORTHEAST | FO | 1904.36 | CALGARY | CAN |
| 9 | BILLY CUNNINGHAM | O | 1900.92 | TULSA | OK |
| 10 | TROY A NEWMAN | O | 1996.46 | GOODYEAR | AZ |
| 11 | PETER A COLLINSON | O | 1889.76 | WILMINGTON | NC |
| 12 | DONALD J SZCZUR | O | 1882.65 | CHANTILLY | VA |
| 13 | ALBERT C GLENN | O | 1841.2 | MEMPHIS | TN |
| 14 | TODD A BLOSE | O | 1836.4 | WACO | TX |
| 15 | DANIEL R LANDIS | O | 1823.08 | NEW CITY | NY |
| 16 | ANDRE J BOUCHARD | O | 1800.41 | KATY | TX |
| 17 | RYAN P MCLAUGHLIN | O | 1776.49 | EUSTIS | FL |
| 18 | DAVID F SNOW | O | 1734.68 | PALATINE | IL |
| 19 | DEZSO VAGHY | FO | 1720.21 | KINGSTON | CAN |
| 20 | EARL J HAURY | O | 2667.04 | KATY | TX |
| 20 | BRYAN P HEBERT | O | 1691.79 | DENHAM SPGS | LA |
| 21 | MICHAEL S HARRISON | O | 2643.39 | HOT SPRINGS | AR |
| 23 | MARK P ATWOOD | O | 2574.84 | AURORA | OH |
| 24 | RONALD S BARR | O | 2559.46 | KINGWOOD | TX |
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| 26 | MARK BYRNE | FO | 2507.93 | VICTORIA | |
| 27 | DAVE REAVILLE | FO | 2479.43 | BRENTWOOD BAY | |
| 28 | ARTHUR R MORTON | O | 2466.46 | HEBRON | KY |
| 29 | JAMES R KIMBRO | O | 2460.2 | VISALIA | CA |
| 30 | NEDIM BEK | FO | 2410.74 | CALGARY | CAN |
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| 4 | LARRY L KAUFFMAN | O | 3714.3088 | MANASSAS | VA |
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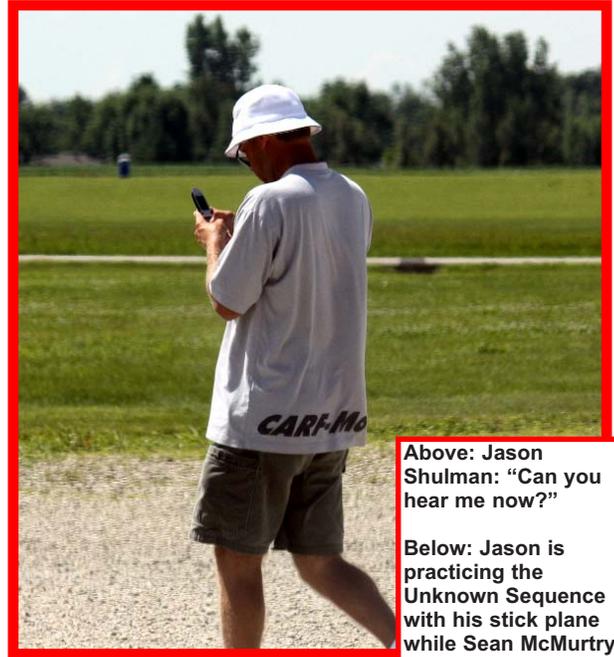
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| 10 RUSTY FRIED | O | 3852.34 | PHOENIX | AZ |
| 11 BRIAN W YOUNG | O | 3828.29 | TULSA | OK |
| 12 VERNE L KOESTER | O | 3811.24 | LIVONIA | MI |
| 13 JONATHAN L CARTER | O | 3804.82 | LOS GATOS | CA |
| 14 MICHAEL J MUELLER | O | 3797.99 | HOFFMAN ESTATES | IL |
| 15 STEVE A MILLER | O | 3797.88 | ELMA | NY |
| 16 MATTHEW KIMBRO | O | 3792.48 | VISALIA | CA |
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| 45 RONALD E VAN PUTTE | O | 1630.61 | FT WALTON BCH | FL |



Above: Jason Shulman: "Can you hear me now?"

Below: Jason is practicing the Unknown Sequence with his stick plane while Sean McMurtry looks at the sporting code for the next maneuver in the sequence.



Above: The pilots who are in the Finals go around the room selecting each maneuver for the Unknown Sequences.



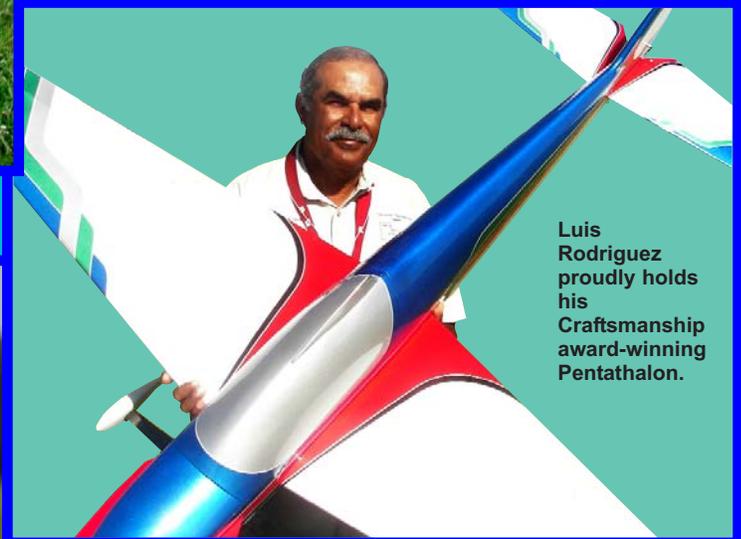
Left: Mike Hester presents Luis Rodriguez with the Craftsmanship Trophy for 2008.



Right: Mike Hester presented Todd Schmidt with the Concours de Elegance trophy.



Todd Schmidt and his Concours de Elegance-winning Defiant Mk II.



Luis Rodriguez proudly holds his Craftmanship award-winning Pentathalon.

