

# Scale and the Final Day of the 2008 Nats

## CL Scale: Day Two

Indiana is blessed with fertile soil, good citizens, and the strangest weather patterns since my aunt (on my father's not my mother's side) tried quilt making with findings from lint brushes she's collected all her life.

It can be frustrating—the weather, never mind the quilt. Overnight a small thunderstorm drifted through Delaware County to wash the cornfields and ink from the scoreboards; however, the high-pressure front left behind made the morning cool and the skies a brilliant blue. Happy sigh!

The wind the front brought with it however, hampered with the pilots and their

choice of dress; no one brought their winter parka.

There's nothing like the uneasy feeling of a laden Scale airplane pulling your arm out of your socket on one side of the circle, then turning in to attack on the other half. A number of pilots seemed to put their best flights up on the first day, which left them with the option to pass on the second day, which many did.

A number of propellers were busted today. Others were happy about the cooler air as glow engines really prefer it much better over the water-contaminated, 95° air we can get on most August days.

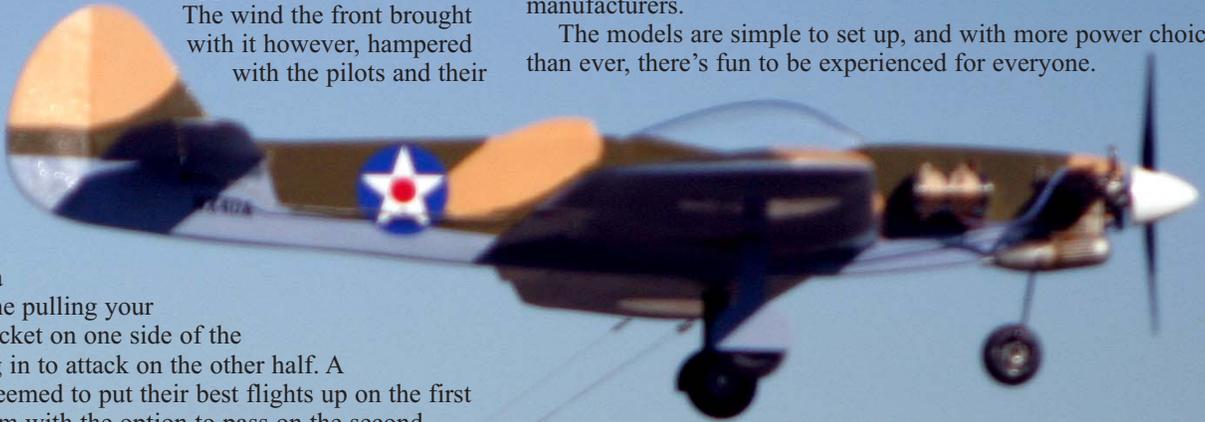
The FAI class had just one round left, but Fun, Profile, and Sport had two rounds to get through. Before lunch, the flying was finished. Overpowered models seemed to win the day. Although faster than Scale, they rounded the course with little

wobbling and pitching, resembling Stunt models, but the taut lines were surely a comfort to the pilots.

Awards were complemented with prizes from Brodak, Zap Glue, and a number of other patrons whom donated valuable tools, videos, and balsa sheet stock. (Hey, I need some of that!) Of the nearly two dozen pilots, not one had a sad face.

When a modeler thinks about fun and tradition, not to mention the satisfaction of building an airplane that looks like the spitting image of the real thing, Control Line Scale has a lot to offer. Plans for these models are stacked up by the hundreds at the AMA Plans Service and suppliers offer kits from reputable manufacturers.

The models are simple to set up, and with more power choice than ever, there's fun to be experienced for everyone.



See you next year!

—CL photos and text by Michael Ramsey

**"Boy, I'm glad that I brought the hotel room blanket otherwise I'd have froze out there today."**



Nicholas Topp put in a burner of a flight with his P-63A in Fun Scale. Every flight of his ended with a giggle; it was easy to tell he was having fun!



Aaron Bauer's TA154 is equipped with brakes for better control around the circle during taxi maneuvers. It worked very well.



Left: Aaron's got his TA154 on a perfect approach for touchdown right in front of the judges.

Below: Jason Bauer taxis to the judges before starting his morning round in Profile Scale with his A-26.



This full-size GM van holds seven airplanes, three days of luggage, full complement of glow and electric field-support equipment, field seating and shading, plus comfortable travel seating for Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bauer.



Which Bauer is the better pilot? Aaron and Jason Bauer, F4B Junior/Senior winners, as well as Profile Scale Junior/Senior winners.



F4B winners, first through third (L-R).



Above: Bob Pardue is recognized as the 2008 NASA Achievement honoree for CL Flight.



Fun Scale winners, first through third (L-R).



Nicholas Topp, Best Senior winner in Fun Scale.



A P-30 claws for altitude Friday.



Profile Scale winners, first through third (L-R).

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# RC Scale Wrap-Up

Sunday greeted competitors with cooler temperatures and higher winds. A shift in wind direction had pilots taking off from left to right as opposed to the right-to-left takeoffs flown on Saturday.

Two rounds were flown Sunday for a total of four rounds and pilots were allowed one mulligan. Some pilots who had put in three good flights decided to skip the breezy last round.

The sky was a flurry of activity all day, with as many as four airplanes in the air at once. The pilots and callers did a great job in communicating takeoffs and landings and made the CD's of air traffic control a little easier.

Congratulations to all the competitors who were awarded wood and other donated prizes for their efforts both in the air and in the shop. I can't wait to see what beautiful models you bring back next year.

—RC photos and text by Jay Smith

## RC Scale Standings:

### Expert

1. Dave Johnson
2. Dennis Crooks
3. Dave Pinegar

### Sportsman

1. John Bryko

### Designer

1. Dave Johnson
2. Bob Patton

### Fun Scale

1. Dave Pinegar
2. Jeremy Arvin
3. Peter Goldsmith

### Team Scale

1. Mark Frankle and Dennis Crooks
2. Dale Arvin and Jeremy Arvin
3. Mike McConville and Dan Vermeulen



## Ooops! Film at 11.







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—Liz Helms



RC Scale winners.

