Sunday

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Today's Events:

Limited Pennyplane F1M Electric Duration THE COCONUT Mass Launch was one of the most spectacular in recent memory. Joshua Finn returned to give the Smyrna FAC club some competition with his Kawasaki Tony. After a few minutes, it was down to the Tony and Tim Lavender's Ford Stout.

Both were circling high in the dome, and it looked as if Tim's might have still been climbing, but suddenly the Stout's wing ejected and the body of the plane arched into the ground and exploded.

The NTSB crash site analysis revealed that Tim had designed a removable wing to get the most models packed into the group's bus, and had used tape to secure it for flight. It didn't work out so well. Joshua's model beat most of Tim's plane, but it should be noted that the Stout wing—which glided with an efficient tumbling motion—came down last.

Joshua also won helicopter with a 7+. He went all-out, finally hanging the model up in the girders while attempting to improve his time. Larry Loucka left a model in the rafters too, but not before putting a score good enough for second place. Ben Saks rounded out the top

three, flying a model that floundered on launch, and even went downward before getting its act together and climbing to the roof.

Pylon racers, Vic Welland and his buddy, drove down to participate in the Pro/Am. We weren't quite as organized with it as we have had been in previous years, and as we will be again next year, but hopefully they still had a good time. I had a chance to speak with them after the event, and they expressed the same kind of enthusiasm as I did when I first witnessed Indoor. They plan to return in 2013 with Pennyplanes and A-6 models.

Bill Gowen set another national record in A-6—twice—taking home the win with a final 11:02. Tom Sova showed he can fly models on both ends of the spectrum with a solid second place finish.

Walt Van Gorder flew his "Pieces" Manhattan
Cabin to another National Championship win,
edging out Larry Loucka. These models are beautiful in the air, with
their built-up structure on full display through the transparent covering.

Ray Harlan won

the graceful Ornithopter event over fellow expert John Diebolt.

John Kagan squeaked out

a win in Pennyplane.

An impressive number of events at this Nats were decided by flights launched at the very end of the window; an indication of the high competition level. I missed one from yesterday: Tom Sova snatched victory in Ministick from cosite-record-holder Larry Loucka with a buzzer beater, matching

the excitement in F1D, F1L, and now today's Pennyplane event.

Ray Harlan had a dynasty in Pennyplane, winning the last five consecutive Nats. He put up a 17:06 midway through the day to position himself for another win. Meanwhile, your NatsNews muckraker, John Kagan, struggled with his model, trying to put in a score that wasn't too embarrassing.

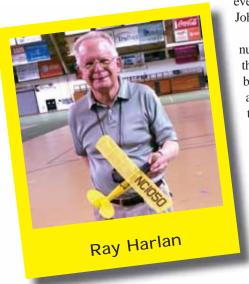


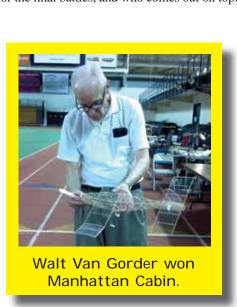
First, he added

a bracing wire to cure a flat flight profile during high-torque launches. That simple adjustment added two minutes. Brett Sanborn suggested that if some bracing wire added time, maybe John should try adding more. (That's why Brett is F1D National Champion).

Next, John had been noticing all day that the model made an annoying clicking sound during launch. He checked for rubbing "O" rings and found nothing amiss. With just half an hour left in the event, he realized that the propeller was missing its Teflon washer (duh). With all the parts in place, the model was launched right before the bell and, once again, a group gathered chairs to watch the flight. Again, the last flight of the day decided the event; this time a 17:16 to take the win.

The 2012 Indoor Nats close tomorrow with F1M and Limited Pennyplane. Stay tuned to *NatsNews* to see which diehards stay for the final battles, and who comes out on top. NN









Rolf Svensson will compete in both the US and Swedish Nats this year.

Ministick

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
Rolf Svensson	0	5:28	5:15	5:08	5:57	6:55	6:55	8
John O'Dell	0	2:54	4:39	2:08			4:39	10
J.P. Kish	0						DNF	
David Erbach	0						DNF	
Len Singer	0	3:43	5:14				5:14	9
Dann Campbell	0						DNF	
Fred Rash	0	6:46	11:09	9:44	1:42		11:09	4
Larry Loucka	0	12:00	10:55	11:41	9:54		12:00	2
Leo Pilachowski	0	3:08					3:08	12
Walt VanGorder	0	0:00	9:59	9:10	11:29	10:15	11:29	3
Joshua Merseal	0	10:18	10:29	10:50	10:53	10:29	10:53	5
Jeff Annis	0	5:31	0:00	7:07	2:36		7:07	7
Jim Richmond	0						DNF	
Nick Ray	0						DNF	
Anthony Davel	0						DNF	
Tom Sova	0	10:27	11:53	8:48	11:51	12:25	12:25	1
Bob Warmann	0						DNF	
William O'Dell	0	2:36	3:57	4:28			4:28	11
Walt Collins	0	6:56	8:55	8:32	9:48		9:48	6
Tony Pavel	0						DNF	·

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Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
Ray Harlan	0	28:08					28:08	2
Larry Loucka	0						DNF	
Nick Ray	0	18:13	26:59	25:34			26:59	3
JOSHUA FINN	0	0:52	22:19	14:16			22:19	4
Tom Sova	0	28:59					28:59	1
Walt Collins	0	19:24	7:38	21:18	21:31		21:31	5

F1L

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Best	2nd Best	Total	Place
Larry Loucka	0									DNF	
Tony Pavel	0									DNF	
Chuck Markos	0	17:09	5:38	17:11	17:38			17:38	17:11	34:49	6
John Kagan	0	19:02	20:36	19:43	19:26	20:30		20:36	20:30	41:06	3
Jeff Annis	0	10:59	3:55	9:36	12:12	12:20		12:20	12:12	24:32	14
Billie Landrum	0	13:54	13:08					13:54	13:08	27:02	10
Ben Saks	0	14:36	15:16	13:27				15:16	14:36	29:52	9
Steve Fujikwa	0	17:09	13:39	17:54				17:54	17:09	35:03	5
Larry Calilliau	0	19:36	19:39	19:29	19:58			19:58	19:39	39:37	4
Jim Richmond	0									DNF	
David Erbach	0	9:56	8:34	10:26				10:26	9:56	20:22	16
Yuan Kang Lee	0	6:23						6:23		6:23	18
Paul Grabski	0									DNF	
Bob Warmann	0									DNF	
Joshua Merseal	0	15:15	16:39	16:56				16:56	16:39	33:35	7
John Diebolt	0	12:18	12:35	3:37				12:35	12:18	24:53	13
Leo Pilachowski	0	18:06						18:06		18:06	17
WM. Gowen	0									DNF	
Tom Batte	0	12:23	13:20					13:20	12:23	25:43	11
Rolf Svensson	0									DNF	
Dennis Tyson	0	14:28	14:57	12:57	14:29	14:47	15:48	15:48	14:57	30:45	8
Brett Sanborn	0	19:29	18:59	21:05	21:41			21:41	21:05	42:46	1
Walt Collins	0	9:18	16:07					16:07	9:18	25:25	12
Anthony Davel	0									DNF	
J.P. Kish	0									DNF	
Bill Gowen	0	19:29	13:05	20:12	9:40	21:30		21:30	20:12	41:42	2
Tom Sova	0									DNF	
Len Singer	0	6:58	10:09	9:23	14:00			14:00	10:09	24:09	15

FAC Peanut

Name	AMA#	Aircraft	Const. Det.	Color & Markings	Work.		Bonus Points		2nd Flight	3rd Flight	Flight Points	Total Points	Place
Jim Miller	FALSE												
Steve Fujikwa	0		27	18	12.0	57.0	0	120			82.50	139.50	3
William O'Dell	0		30	20	12.5	62.5	0	46	53	46	53.00	115.50	5
Paul Grabski	0		30	20	12.0	62.0	15	57	59	63	61.50	138.50	4
Bob Warmann	0												
Doyle Blevins	0		28	18	12.5	58.5	0					58.50	7
Joseph Morris	0		15	10	8.0	33.0	10	18	25	25	25.00	68.00	6
Ray Harlan	0		30	19	12.5	61.5	15	56	56	78	69.00	145.50	2
Robert Stevens	0		30	18	12.5	60.5	35	51	53		53.00	148.50	1

EZB

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
Jeff Annis	0	15:43	18:07				18:07	6
Steve Fujikwa	0	21:53	27:07	17:54			27:07	4
Larry Coslick	0	29:08					29:08	2
Yuan Kang Lee	0	29:00	28:56	29:24			29:24	1
William O'Dell	0						DNF	
Rolf Svensson	0						DNF	
Joshua Merseal	0						DNF	
Walt Collins	0	0:00	18:23	18:47	22:54		22:54	5
Ray Harlan	0	25:18	28:08				28:08	3
Jim Richmond	0						DNF	
David Erbach	0	10:16	11:19	3:15			11:19	7

F1D

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Best	2nd Best	Total	Place
Ben Saks	0	27:20	27:48	29:35	30:26			30:26	29:35	60:01	4
Brett Sanborn	0	34:22	34:55	35:17	36:31			36:31	35:17	71:48	1
Jeff Annis	0	14:16	15:02	14:51	14:48	14:04	13:11	15:02	14:51	29:53	9
Jim Richmond	0									DNF	
John Kagan	0	33:20	33:48	35:08	35:17			35:17	35:08	70:25	2
JOSHUA FINN	0	10:18						10:18		10:18	10
Larry Calilliau	0	33:10	33:57	35:15	34:16			35:15	34:16	69:31	3
Leo Pilachowski	0	20:52	16:08					20:52	16:08	37:00	7
Mike Kirda	0	18:09	18:21	18:23				18:23	18:21	36:44	8
Nick Ray	0	19:24	25:28	24:14	25:13	1:24	5:29	25:28	25:13	50:41	6
Rolf Svensson	0									DNF	
Tom Sova	0									DNF	
Dennis Tyson	0	25:12	23:56	25:12	27:40	27:22		27:40	27:22	55:02	5

Modern Civil Production

Name	AMA#	Aircraft	1st	2nd	3rd	Score	Place
Robert Stevens	0		101	114	109	324	1
William O'Dell	0		24	29	32	85	3
Jim Miller	0		120	59	73	252	2
Richard Davidson	0		39	42		81	4

FAC Scale

Name	AMA#	Aircraft		Color & Markings	Work.		Bonus Points	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	Flight Points	Total Points	Place
John O'Dell	0												
Bob Warmann	0												
Jim Miller	0		30	20	12.5	62.5		41	51	50	51.00	113.50	1
Paul Grabski	0		30	20	12.0	62.0		22	21	28	28.00	90.00	2

HLG

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Flight 7	Flight 8	Flight 9	Best	2nd Best	Total	Place
Bob Eberle	0	28.8	22.7	7.4	4.5	5.2					28.8	22.7	51.5	5
Kurt Krempetz	0	42.9	65.3	62.4	45.9	62.8	24.5				65.3	62.8	128.1	1
John Yost	0	55.9	14.7	61.0							61.0	55.9	116.9	2
Dennis Tyson	0	46.0	43.7	12.9	43.3						46.0	43.7	89.7	3
Ralph Ray	0	25.4	28.6	44.2	44.5	29.7	8.6	39.8	41.8	41.7	44.5	44.2	88.7	4
Ben Saks	0	5.5	6.9	6.8	6.7	5.9	5.6	5.5	6.0	6.6	6.9	6.8	13.7	6

Dime Scale

				1st	2nd	3rd		
Name	AMA#	Aircraft	Bonus	Flight	Flight	Flight	Score	Place
Jim Miller	0							
William O'Dell	0			44	44	43	131	3
John Diebolt	0		173	120	120	120	879	2
Bob Warmann	0							
Chuck Markos	0							
Ray Harlan	0		183	120	120	120	909	1
Steve Fujikwa	0							
Paul Grabski	0			41			41	4

NoCal

Name	AMA#	Aircraft	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
John Diebolt	0		3:46	0:48	2:56	5:47		5:47	1
Bob Warmann	0							DNF	
Larry Loucka	0		5:17	5:44				5:44	2
Tony Pavel	0		2:53	2:47				2:53	4
William O'Dell	0		1:20	1:35	1:54	1:47	2:00	2:00	5
Walt Collins	0		3:25	4:13	4:45	4:57	4:07	4:57	3

Int Stick

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
John Kagan	0						DNF	
Ray Harlan	0	18:36					18:36	6
JOSHUA FINN	0						DNF	
Jeff Annis	0	12:55	9:55	10:04	12:20		12:55	7
Larry Coslick	0	31:30	28:17	31:16			31:30	2
Yuan Kang Lee	0	26:56	7:57	26:04			26:56	4
Joshua Merseal	0	18:21	19:36				19:36	5
Tom Sova	0	30:35	34:25				34:25	1
Larry Loucka	0	27:24					27:24	3

HLS

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
Yuan Kang Lee	0	26:51	26:38	25:46	29:05		29:05	3
Jeff Annis	0	21:40	26:40	26:46			26:46	5
Tom Sova	0	25:38	28:22				28:22	4
Larry Coslick	0						DNF	
Ray Harlan	0	32:44	32:02				32:44	1
Larry Loucka	0	26:11	29:32	23:18			29:32	2
Ben Saks	0						DNF	
Joshua Merseal	0						DNF	

Coconut

Name	AMA#	Aircraft	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Best	Place
JOSHUA FINN	0					DNF	
Robert Stevens	0		1:18			1:18	1
Tim Lavender	0					DNF	

A-ROG

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
Larry Loucka	0	0:00	0:00	18:21	17:36		18:21	2
John Diebolt	0	7:50	9:47				9:47	4
Larry Coslick	0	15:30	16:41	17:51	15:04	18:04	18:04	3
Ray Harlan	0	0:00	15:58	18:04	18:50		18:50	1

Unl. Speed

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Flight 7	Flight 8	Flight 9	Best	Place
John Diebolt	0										DNF	
Walt Collins	0	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.5	7.0				7.0	1
Doyle Blevins	0	7.5	99.0	99.0	7.2	99.0					7.2	2

WWII ML

Name	AMA#	Aircraft	Down	Place
JOSHUA FINN	0		3	1
Chuck Markos	0		1.0	3
Robert Stevens	0		2.0	2

RTR

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Flight 7	Flight 8	Flight 9	Best	Place
John Diebolt	0										DNF	
Walt Collins	0	7.10									7.10	2
JOSHUA FINN	0	5.86	5.88								5.86	1
Ray Harlan	0										DNF	

RTP

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
John Diebolt	0	4.20					4.20	1
JOSHUA FINN	0						DNF	
Walt Collins	0	6.17	8.67	4.90	5.09		4.90	2
Ray Harlan	0	·					DNF	

SLS

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
Walt Collins	0						DNF	
John Diebolt	0	2.61					2.61	1
JOSHUA FINN	0						DNF	

P-24 Mass Launch

Name	AMA#	Time	Place
John Diebolt	0		
Ray Harlan	0	1440:00	1
Brett Sanborn	0		
John Kagan	0		
Doyle Blevins	0		
Fred Rash	0		

Towline Glider

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
Ray Harlan	0	3:07	3:03	3:27	3:22		3:27	1
Chuck Markos	0	1:46	1:57	2:20	2:38		2:38	3
Fred Rash	0						DNF	
John Diebolt	0	2:55	2:56	3:15	3:07	3:01	3:15	2
Walt Collins	0	2:26	2:31				2:31	4

Bostonian

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	2nd Best	Flt Total	Charisma	Total	Place
Paul Grabski	0	3:21	1:02	3:00	3:25	3:17	3:25	3:21	6:46	205.00	7:10	3
Larry Coslick	0	4:31	5:04	1:15			5:04	4:31	9:35	304.00	33:20	1
John Diebolt	0	0:52					0:52		0:52	52.00	45:04	5
Bob Warmann	0										DNF	
David Erbach	0	1:25	1:29	2:04	1:10		2:04	1:29	3:33	124.00	20:12	4
Fred Rash	0	3:49	3:33	3:49			3:49	3:49	7:38	229.00	8:02	2

Science Olympiad

Name	AMA#	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best	Place
David Erbach	0	1:00	2:00	2:00			2:00	1

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Name	WWW #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Flight 7	Flight 8	Flight 9	Best	2nd Best	Total	Place
Tom Batte		0 58.9	67.5	64.2	54.2	63.6	50.3	68.5	68.5	50.3	68.5	68.5	137.0	9
Chuck Markos		0 72.4	71.4	71.8	69.8	63.6	69.5				72.4	71.8	144.2	က
Chris Stoddart		0 41.9	43.5	48.9	46.3	18.1	4.5	30.5	5.5	45.1	48.9	46.3	95.2	10
John Kagan		0 69.7	9.99	68.4	51.0	65.4	71.8	56.9	54.5		71.8	2.69	141.5	4
John O'Dell		19.7	21.7	27.9	28.1	29.7	34.0	30.2	33.7	31.0	34.0	33.7	67.7	11
Bob Warmann		0											DNF	
Ben Saks		0											DNF	
Tem Johnson		0 61.0	55.8	0.99	65.7	67.0					67.0	0.99	133.0	7
Ralph Ray		6.69 0	68.3	6.99	39.2	68.4	62.6	63.2	62.8	64.3	6.69	68.4	138.3	2
William O'Dell		0 48.5	42.2	44.8	54.2	44.6	52.2	50.6	48.7	43.6	54.2	52.2	106.4	6
Kurt Krempetz		0 78.9	73.6	74.4	63.9	9.92	9.3	31.5			78.9	9.92	155.5	_
John Yost		0.09 0	76.3	7.77							77.7	76.3	154.0	2
JOSHUA FINN		0 56.3	56.7	62.9							62.9	29.7	119.7	8
		Unl. Cat												
Name	WWW #	Flight 1	Flight 2	Ī	ight 3 Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6	Flight 7	Flight 8	Flight 9	Best	2nd Best	Total	Place
Ben Saks		0 2.7	3.2	2.1	2.9	1.4	2.5	3.0	4.6	3.0	5.7	4.6	10.3	9
Tom Batte	_	0 53.1	6.73	56.4	9.89	68.5					68.5	68.5	137.0	4
John Yost)	0 75.6	74.9	0.6							75.6	74.9	150.5	3
Kurt Krempetz	_	0 83.3	88.3	868	86.2	9.68	32.9				89.8	9.68	179.4	_
Bob Warmann)	0											DNF	
Tem Johnson)	0 57.9	9:59	62.1							65.6	62.1	127.7	2
Ralph Rav	_	0 85.0	71.0	79.0	1.09	0.06	85.0	0.98	87.0	0'09	90.0	87.0	177.0	2



Larry Loucka won WWI Mass Launch.



Std. Cat

