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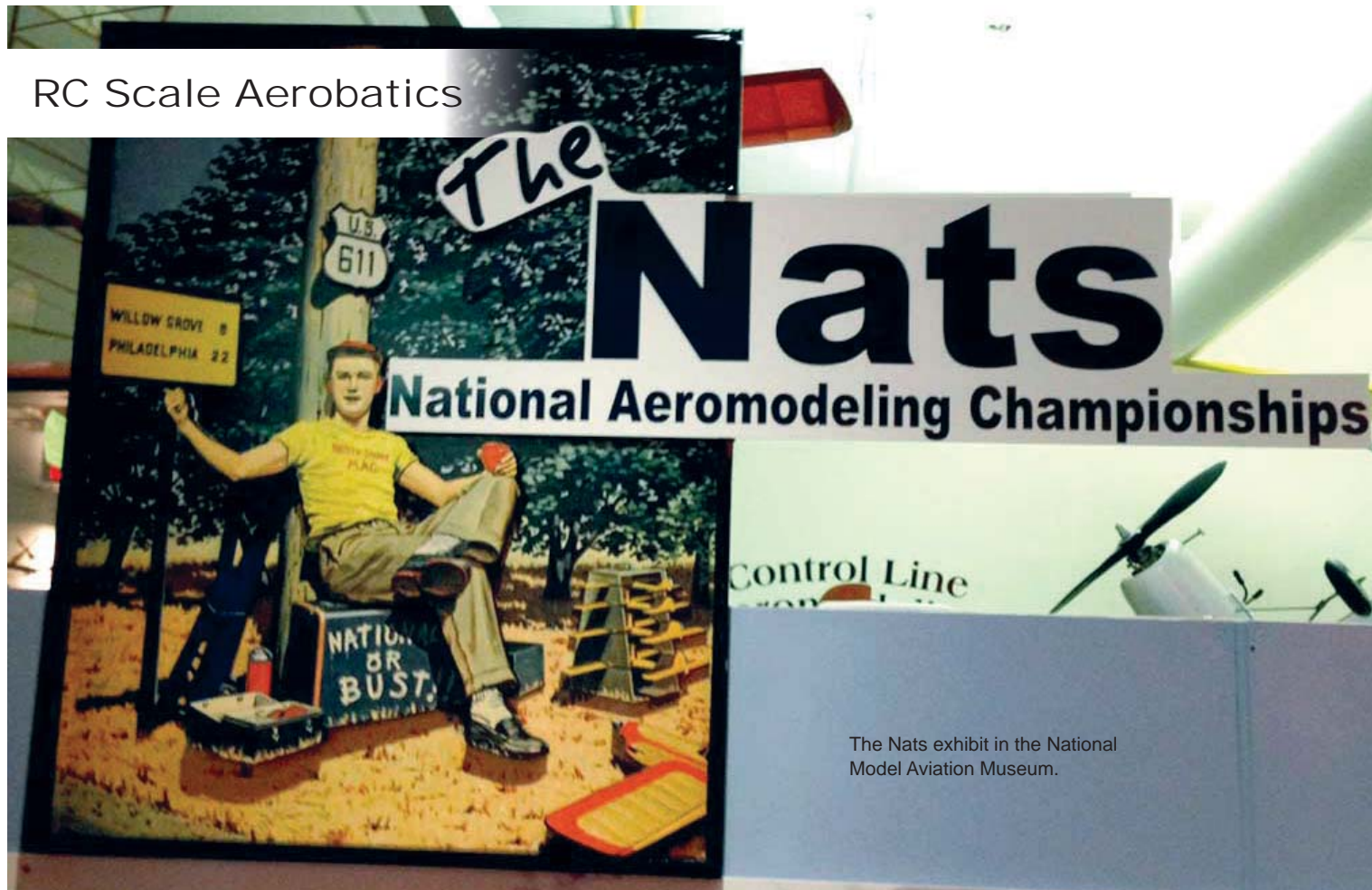


Scale Aerobatics kicks off today.

# NatsNews



## RC Scale Aerobatics



The Nats exhibit in the National Model Aviation Museum.

It all started in 1915. That was the first aeromodeling national championships hosted by the Aero Club of America. That's 99 years of aeromodeling history!

The 2014 Outdoor Nats are about to get underway, and up first is the Scale Aerobatic Nats, commonly referred to as the International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC) Nats. Scale Aerobatics is precision flying traditional flown with giant scale airframes. All the airframes are 30%, 35%, and many 40% scale models of full-scale aerobatic aircraft. For more on that, check out the IMAC website at [www.mini-iac.com](http://www.mini-iac.com).

I always love returning to Muncie, Indiana, for the Nats and it is always fun to be here at or around July 4! For several evenings the International Aeromodeling Center (IAC) is like a theater in the round with fantastic fireworks shows in every direction you look!

Sunday, the last day before the Nats began, was spent by many out on the flightline practicing. The classic Muncie wind popped up in the afternoon making it a bit

challenging, but it was still a perfect practice.

Later in the evening was the pilots' meeting and judging refresher. The first Unknown was handed out as well. The Unknown is a sequence of maneuvers that is passed out the night before competition and only flown once in front of the judges, with absolutely no practice allowed! It can be quite challenging!

After the meeting, it was back to the hotels or the IMAC campsite for friends, fellowship, and fun—oh, and studying the unknowns ...

As we open the 2014 IMAC Scale Aerobatic Nats, I wish the best of luck to all of the competitors. Be proud to be part of a history started nearly 100 years ago and most important, *have fun!*

Feel free to check out my blog during the Scale Aerobatic Nats at [www.mini-iac.com/2014Nats/tabid/202/Default.aspx](http://www.mini-iac.com/2014Nats/tabid/202/Default.aspx). I'll be posting many more pictures and updating the blog all day long.

—Curtis Cozier





Sunday night's pilots' meeting and judging refresher.



A couple of the models that made an appearance at Sunday's practice.





Scale Aerobatics runs July 7-10.