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A longstanding icon in CL Scale competition is Charlie Bauer, with his wife, Judy, overseeing a part of the Bauer flightline for this year.



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There were lots of familiar faces and a few new ones around the CL Scale judging tent as the CL Scale contestants submitted their aircraft for static judging on Friday. Charlie Bauer was one of the familiar folks, of course. Charlie has attended every Nats but two since his first Nats experience in 1938!

With lots of models to judge and time to spend waiting for your turn before the judges, there were plenty of opportunities for renewing old friendships, telling “war” stories, and (of course) checking out the competition.

And there is a lot of competition this year! This is one of the biggest years for CL Scale in quite a while with CL Scale entries surpassing RC Scale for the first time in recent memory. There are plenty of very nice models, as usual, from the highly detailed F4B models to a good group of the simple and fun $\frac{1}{2}$ A Profile Scale models that will compete in that unofficial event.

With guidance from Event Director Allen Goff, three teams of judges evaluated the models to determine the static scores of each. The static scores will be revealed after official flights are completed by each model during the flying that takes place on Saturday and Sunday.

Judging teams included Harry Crespo and John Brodak, Will Hinton and Roger Wildman, and Mike Eber and Jack Sheeks. Critical to any competition, the tabulators will be collecting score sheets, running calculations, and posting scores throughout the three days of competition. This year they are Buzz Brodak, Carol Schneider, and Shirley Sheeks. Thanks, ladies!

The weather is looking good for Saturday morning, and most contestants are hoping to get in their flights under the favorable conditions early in the contest before the uncertainty of flight conditions later on Sunday. Flying starts at 8 a.m. both days at Site 6 just nothing of the L Pad.

—Dick Perry



Richard Schneider's F4B entry duplicates the details of the J-3 Cub from a local flying field near Richard's home in Georgia.



The scale detail on Grant Heistand's model of Hazel Sig's Spacewalker includes a model of himself as the pilot.



Just a portion of the CL Scale entries awaiting judging—the largest number of entries in quite a while.

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Although not a part of the competition (only *real* aircraft can qualify) Dusty Crophopper attracted a lot of attention.



Above: This North American T-6G Texan by Richard Schneider is one of the many entries in the unofficial 1/2A Profile Scale event.



Left: Fred Cronenwett's Profile Scale Boeing B-29 and Sport Scale Van's RV-4.



Above: Will Hinton and Roger Wildman get up close and personal with Dave Platt's Grumman OV-1 Mohawk during F4B judging.



Right: Frank Beatty explains some of the details of his Gloster Sport Scale biplane to judges Mike Eber and Jack Sheeks.

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Friday registration and static judging is in the books, with scores to be announced after the first round of flights on Saturday. These Scale beauties look incredible on the ground, so I'm sure I'm in for a treat once they are in the air!

According to the Competitions section on www.modelaircraft.org, there are 69 RC Scale competitors this year. Of those 69, one is a Junior (and I'm sure you all know who he is), with the most entered in Fun Scale/Open at 21 and Expert Sport Scale coming in next with 11 entrants. From my understanding this is one of the larger Nats in recent years.

Although I often lurk in the background and behind my camera lens, I do take in many of the intricate

details of all of the airplanes on display and in the air, and think about all of the hours it has taken each of the participants to create these visions of beauty. It leaves me in awe and I'm appreciative of the master builders and their creations. I'm excited to see how each builder (and pilot) does this year!

Friday was absolutely beautiful with blue skies and light winds. After static judging, many of the pilots used this is an opportunity to not only get a few practice flights in, but to catch up with new and old friends. Pizza was served under the tents at the flightline, and flying continued until the sun began to set.

The Saturday weather forecast looks much better than first predicted, with only a 30% chance of rain. Sunday,

however, may be another story, so the event directors may try to get in as much of the contest on Saturday as possible. Let's hope it holds and the entire competition is able to be completed. Keep your fingers crossed!

I'll leave you in this issue of *NatsNews* with a look at some of those details I mentioned earlier, from George Maiorana's C-133, to Greg Hahn's Corsair, to Mark Lanterman's Mister Mulligan, and John Boyko's Skymaster, among others.

One last note: don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the P-47 package to be drawn during the banquet in the big tent on Saturday night; proceeds go to help support NASA!

—Jenni Orebaugh



Models sit in wait for static judging.



Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the P-47 drawing!



A judge looks over specifications of a B-24 Liberator during static judging on Friday.

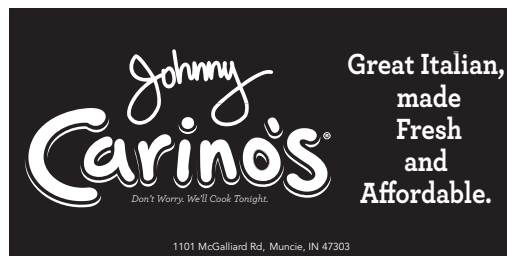


Up close and personal; judges look over scale details during static judging.





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Heavy load! George Maiorana gets a little help with his C-133 during static judging.

