

# NatsNews

Academy of Model Aeronautics
International Aeromodeling Center, Muncie IN
website: www.modelaircraft.org; email: natsnews@modelaircraft.org
Copyright Academy of Model Aeronautics 2013
Editors: Ashley Rauen, Rachelle Haughn, Liz Helms

Don Grissom photo. RC Combat.

#### Today's Events:

**CL Speed** 

**CL Combat** 

**CL Racing** 

**CL** Aerobatics



#### RC Combat Day 1 Recap

It was a great start for RC Combat again this year. The weather was really hot, but with no rain and little wind, which made for some great flying weather. We started the morning with SSC where we had 17 pilots.

The day started with some very high scores with most pilots getting at least one cut during the round. The only zero was by Bob Loescher who had some issues with his first airplane. After the first round it looked like it would be a tight contest, but after a few rounds William Drumm III started putting on a show with the highest round so far this year in SSC with a score of 872.

After five of the 10 rounds of SSC, William Drumm is in the lead with a score of 2,932. Second place goes to Jesse Bean from Altavista, Virginia. Jesse had two rounds of 740 on the day with a total of 2,560. Andy Runte from Wisconsin is in third with a score of 2,140.

There were very few non-scoring rounds for the day, which led to the high scoring since most of the airplanes were in the air. We will once again be flying SSC early in the morning for an additional five rounds.

As the day started to warm up and after some lunch, we started Open B for five rounds. We had a total of seven pilots for Open B at the start of the day. It got off to a rough start with those who did really well and those who were just supplying streamers to cut.

The top three pilots had some really high scores and once again, William Drumm was the top dog with a score of 2,068. His lowest round was a 352 for the day. In second, after

having a slow day in SSC, was Eric Gilkey with a score of 2,004. Third went to Tom Neff with a score of 1980. He would have had a good day if not for his last round of 40

From that point, the scores dropped in half with Bob Loescher scoring 960. We will be finishing up Open B in the afternoon after we are finished with SSC.

Don't forget that Thursday and Friday we will continue with RC Combat with Scale 2948 and Limited B Combat. There should be some really nice Scale aircraft this year, including some twin-engine Scale Combat airplanes if they do not have issues. There is a good shaded area to sit and watch, so you are welcome to come by and watch.

—Don Grissom reporter, photographer













RC Combat



# **CL Speed Day 2 Recap**











### Pylon Day 2 Recep

With 78 heats already flown, and two rounds remaining in qualifying, the finals will leave 28 pilots to duke it out in the afternoon. There was some amazingly close racing yesterday, some a little too close and they left carnage spread across the runway.

A statement was made last night that when the National Miniature Pylon Racing Association (NMPRA) changed to the new class of 426, it made the field become more competitive which makes for closer, tighter racing, which made for a great time watching all of the racing.

We need to say a special thanks to Randy Ritch, owner of Ritch's Brew. His company has supported and sponsored our Pylon Racing here at the Nats for the past couple of years.

Not only has Randy taken care of the fuel, but he is a fellow racer who is normally out racing Giant Scale Unlimited Scale Racing Association (USRA) with airplanes that achieve speeds of more than 210 mph on a two-pole course. Now Randy is very competitive on our smaller three-pole course, mixing it up with the rest of us. Again, thank you for the great fuel you provide.

Tonight, directly after the trophy presentation to the new 2013 Nats champion, there will be a drawing for an RTF Q500 Ninja donated by CMADracing.

com. It is equipped with a 426 Jett motor from Performance Model Products, nice blue sparkle wheels by BBwheelsonline. com, and driven by a Horizon Spectrum DX6 donated from our starter, Pete Bergstrom.

All ticket sales go to the Cliff Telford Memorial Fund. Last year the NMPRA raised around \$10,000—amazing! So if you need a ticket, see Tom Scott or Scott Causey. Each raffle ticket is \$20 for a chance to win more than \$1,000 worth of the fastest Q500 in the Nation.

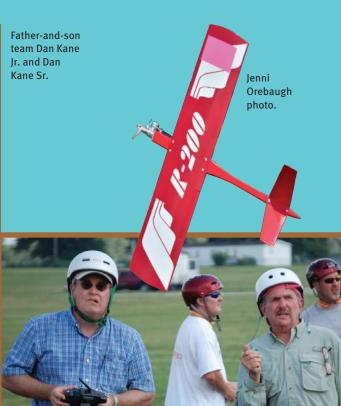
Remember, fly fast and turn left ...

—Scott Causey reporter/photographer

Owner of Ritch's Brew, Randy Ritch, with his caller Joe Tropea (R).









On the line, ready for the infamous "huck."













Jenni Orebaugh photos.

### CL Navy Carrier Day 1 Recep

**Peter Mazur,** Arthur Johnson, Melvin Scheutter, Eric Conley, Ron Duly, Burt Brokaw, and Bill Bischoff comprise the field of competitors in the first day of the CL Navy Carrier events.

Also competing is a couple from Florida, Danette Walleck and her husband, H. David Walleck. It is interesting to note that Danette is also a veteran Pylon racer. Today marks her first appearance in the CL Navy Carrier world.

Although upon landing her aircraft came to rest upside down for a 50-point landing score, she did an overall good job, and, as they say in the Navy, she got her feet wet and will proceed to

even better days in the future.

CD Bill Calkins, of Sugar Grove, Illinois, ably backed up and assisted by Peter Mazur, Arthur Johnson, Bill Brokaw, and most of the other pilots functioned as timers and pull testers for their flying compadres.

The day was quite warm with a gentle steady breeze. The competitors and your reporter are looking forward to Wednesday, Day 2.

—Steve Cuthbert reporter



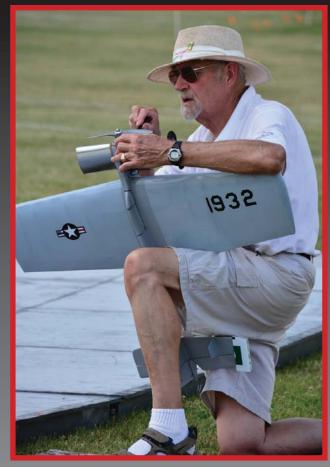
Jenni Orebaugh photos.















# CL Aerobelies Day 3 Recep



Bené Rodriques from Brazil helps his team.

STAULIS

Don Ogren brought his electric Gobbleswartz to the Nats.

Mike McHenry replicated his dad's model.



Thomas Case from Brazil owns this beautiful Shark 45.



Charlie Reeves built this replica of his 1960s Humbler.



A top view of Charlie's Humbler.



Roger Wildman has a nice California Beamer.



Tom Dixon placed third in Classic with this Predator.

This is Dan Banjock's OTS-winning Galloping Comedian.





Another view of Roger's great California Beamer.



Gerry Phelps' Patriot.

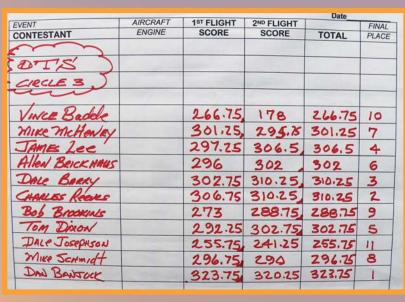


Bené Rodrigues' Ares.





Last year's winner, Jim Rhoades, ran second today.



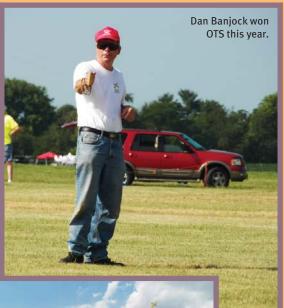
OTS scores.

~	A company of the second se			Date	
EVENT	AIRCRAFT	1 <sup>ST</sup> FLIGHT	2ND FLIGHT		FINAL
CONTESTANT	ENGINE	SCORE	SCORE	TOTAL	PLACE
CRELLE #1					
TOM DIXON		533.5	502.5	1036	3
Bab BrookINS		454,5	385	839.5	21
STEVE DRAKE		460	444.5	904.5	18
CHARLES REEVES		531	464.5	9955	10
DON OGREN		498.5	482	980.5	12
Allen Brachaus		539.5	494.5	1034	4
Wassey Dick		502,5	482	984.5	11
RONNIE THOMPSON		477	468.5	945,5	16
Rodgee WILDMAN		503.5	466	969.5	13
Mike Schmidt		516	453	969	14
I'm RHOAdes		554	489.5	1043.5	2
Sam Hines		267.5	325.5	593	22
CIRCLE #2					
MIKE MCHENRY		482	550.5	1032.5	5
JERRY PHELES		483	537.5	1020.5	6
THOMAS CASE		416	47615	892.5	19
VINCE Balde		464	477	941	17
Base Roderges		470.5	534.5	1005	8
RICH GIACOBONE		482	516.5	998.5	9
Jagues Pinos		ATT	-	-	
John Leidle		440.5	505.5	946	15
Dever Moritz		392.5	453	845.5	20
JUHN SIMPSON		512	545	1057	1
DAY BANJON		4905	519	1009	7

Classic scores.









John Simpson won Classic.



Elaine Brookins and Merry Phelps tabulate.



## **CL Racing Day 2 Recap**

**As promised**, I have the results from both Monday's and Tuesday's Control Line Racing events.

Place	Team	Best	Heat
Time	Final Time		
F2C T	eam Race		
$1^{st}$	Lambert/Fluker	3:24.78	7:06.56
$2^{\rm nd}$	Wilks/Fisher	3:22.60	102 laps
$3^{\rm rd}$	Wallick/Brozo	3:49.97	75 laps
$4^{ m th}$	Polak/Urtubey	6:23.81	
$5^{\rm th}$	Rolley/Johnson	73 laps	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Topunov/Elbert	36 laps	
	_	_	
F2CN			
$1^{st}$	Wallick/Brozo	4:37.88	8:37.10
$2^{\rm nd}$	Lee/Bischoff	4:32.68	9:10.59
$3^{\rm rd}$	Akre/Duly	5:12.78	38 laps

B Team Race				r Slow Rat
$1^{st}$	Lee/Bischoff	6:43.38	1 <sup>st</sup>	Greb
$2^{\rm nd}$	Betz/Johnson	14:42.12	$2^{\mathrm{nd}}$	Bischoff
$3^{\rm rd}$	Duly/Akre	85 laps	$3^{\rm rd}$	Bradley
$4^{\text{th}}$	Sopka/Fluker	76 laps	$4^{ m th}$	Gleason
	_		5 <sup>th</sup>	Lee

#### Tuesday's events

Place Fime	Contestant Final Time	Bes	t Heat
Scale	Race (Goodyear)		
$1^{st}$	Oge	3:23.97	8:38.47
$2^{\rm nd}$	Greb	3:19.70	9:07.66
$3^{\rm rd}$	Gall	3:31.38	68 laps
$4^{ m th}$	Akre	3:28.12	37 laps
$5^{\rm th}$	Bischoff	3:51.10	-
6 <sup>th</sup>	Betz	6:35.00	

#### **Fox Race**

Plac	ce Contestant	Race Time
$\begin{array}{c} 1^{st} \\ 2^{nd} \\ 3^{rd} \end{array}$	Oge Schuette Betz	6:38.25 7:54.40 8:09.63

From the results posted for Tuesday's racing events the heat and humidity took it tolls on both the planes and the pilots.

—Melvin Schuette reporter, photographer

5:26.91

5:30.68 6:16.18 6:22.65 6:25.53



**CL Racing** 



### **CL Combat Day 2 Recap**

All photos on this page by Jenni Orebaugh.

#### The Final 50 Matches of F2D at the Nats

The final count on matches was roughly 96 with at least five reflights. Nearly all of the fliers and spectators, both for the team trials and the Nats F2D, were thrilled with the quality and length of the matches.

On a guess, because no one was keeping count, in at least a third of the matches both pilots flew Combat for the majority of the four minutes. Many scores were in the 550-750 range—over three minutes of air time and between one and four (five cuts was pretty rare).

There were a lot of midair collisions, but

bone-crunching midairs that destroyed both airplanes were rare. Many the matches had multiple wing slapping, or even a midair that stopped a motor, but for the most part the damage was slight. In all, the four days of flying was one of the best F2D contests ever.

Kudos to the fliers, the event organizers, and Chris Gay for his work promoting premier CL Combat at the Nationals.

—Phil Cartier reporter, photographer





Orebaugh photo.



Orebaugh photo.



This dangerous duo did all the center circle work for the event. They split the work on Monday. On Tuesday Alexi Tuponov did all the work to keep Chris Gay from conking out.



The Nats 2013 finalists (L-R) Andrew Nadein, first; Andy Mears, second; Andy Minor, third; Lou Scavone, fourth; and Yaro Melnikov, fifth.



**CL Combat** 



The new circle dance! Bob Mears and Andrew Nadein cut some center circle pirouettes.





Off balance, trying to find Bob.



Orebaugh photo.



Orebaugh photo.



And the winner is ... Andrew!



#### This week's events:

Thursday Control Line Pylon RC Combat Friday Control Line Pylon RC Combat Saturday Control Line Pylon **Sunday** Pattern (Aero) Monday Pattern (Aero) **Tuesday** Pattern (Aero)

301 1/2 A Speed		
1 O CLDODGE	RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH	137.776
2 O JERRY W ROCHA	NAPA, CA	135.753
3 O CHARLES E LEGG	COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA	131.879
4 O CHRISTOPHER A MONTAGINO	PARMA HEIGHTS, OH	126.94
5 O WILLIAM HUGHES	BARTLETT, IL	122.504
6 O GLEN J VANSANT	LANGHORNE, PA	99.295

	305 1/2 A Profile Proto		
10	JERRY W ROCHA	NAPA, CA	106.089
2 0	JOEY MATHISON	LAS VEGAS, NV	95.655
3 O	JAMES D VANSANT	LANGHORNE, PA	88.985
4 0	WILLIAM HUGHES	BARTLETT, IL	88.329
5 O	CHRISTOPHER A MONTAGINO	PARMA HEIGHTS, OH	86.795
6 0	GLEN J VANSANT	LANGHORNE, PA	85.843
7 0	C L DODGE	RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH	85.395
8 0	CHARLES E LEGG	COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA	84.791
9 0	PATRICK E HEMPEL	ROCKWALL, TX	84.354
10 O	ROSS LEGG	FLORISSANT, MO	84.235
11 0	GARRY N ANDREWS	SILVER SPRINGS, FL	83.03
12 O	CHARLES V WILLIAMS	MATTHEWS, NC	81.934
13 O	J H RHOADES	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	77.689
14 O	GLENN M LEE	BATAVIA, IL	72.434
15 O	ALEXANDER VALISHEV	AURORA, IL	51.688

	HINCKLEY, IL	SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX	GARFIELD, NJ	EDMONTON, CANADA	GARLAND, TX	WARSAW, IN
317 Scale Racing	ROBERT J OGE	MIKE GREB	JAMES M GALL (	4 FO LES AKRE	BILL BISCHOFF (	6 O DAVID O BETZ
	10	2 0	3 0	4 FO	2 0	0 9



