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Today's Events:

- CL Speed
- CL Combat
- CL Racing
- CL Aerobatics
- CL Navy Carrier
- Pylon
- RC Combat

Don Grissom photo. RC Combat.



Wednesday, July 17

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



William Drumm and Tom Neff bang into each other.



Another great launch of a Combat airplane.



RC Combat



RC Combat

CL Speed Day 2 Recap

Today's photos are by Jenni Orebaugh. Reporter Warren Gregory had to step in last minute as CD. Tomorrow, he will have a report covering the CL Speed action from Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Stay tuned ...



CL Speed



CL Speed

Pylon Day 2 Recap

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).



Event Director Mike Condon is making it happen and trying to control this wild bunch of Pylon pilots.



Our starter for the week, Horizon's Pete Bergstrom.





Father-and-son
team Dan Kane
Jr. and Dan
Kane Sr.



Jenni
Orebaugh
photo.



On the line, ready for the infamous “huck.”





Jenni Orebaugh photos.

Pylon

CL Navy Carrier Day 1 Recap

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 Navy Carrier

Photos by Jenni Orebaugh.



CL Navy Carrier

CL Aerobatics Day 3 Recap



Don Ogren brought his electric Gobbleswartz to the Nats.



Bené Rodriques from Brazil helps his team.



Thomas Case from Brazil owns this beautiful Shark 45.



Mike McHenry replicated his dad's model.

This is another view of Mike McHenry's model.



Charlie Reeves built this replica of his 1960s Humbler.



A top view of Charlie's Humbler.



Tom Dixon placed third in Classic with this Predator.

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



Charlie Reeves placed second in OTS.



Roger Wildman has a nice California Beamer.



Another view of Roger's great California Beamer.



Gerry Phelps' Patriot.



Bené Rodrigues' Ares.



Mike Schmitt's Sting Ray.



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

Classic scores.

EVENT	AIRCRAFT	1ST FLIGHT	2ND FLIGHT	Date	
CONTESTANT	ENGINE	SCORE	SCORE	TOTAL	FINAL PLACE
OTIS'S CIRCLE 3					
Vince Baddele		266.75	178	266.75	10
Mike McHenry		301.25	295.75	301.25	7
JAMES Lee		297.75	306.5	306.5	4
Allen Beckhaus		296	302	302	6
Dale Barry		302.75	310.25	310.25	3
CHARLES Reeves		306.75	310.25	310.25	2
Bob Brookins		273	288.75	288.75	9
Tom Dixon		292.25	302.75	302.75	5
Dale Josephson		255.75	241.25	255.75	11
Mike Schmidt		296.75	290	296.75	8
DAN BANTOCK		323.75	320.25	323.75	1

OTIS scores.

EVENT	AIRCRAFT	1ST FLIGHT	2ND FLIGHT	Date	
CONTESTANT	ENGINE	SCORE	SCORE	TOTAL	FINAL PLACE
CIRCLE #1					
Tom Dixon		533.5	502.5	1036	3
Bob Brookins		454.5	385	839.5	21
STEVE DRAKE		460	444.5	904.5	18
CHARLES REEVER		531	464.5	995.5	10
Dan Green		498.5	482	980.5	12
Allen Beckhaus		539.5	494.5	1034	4
Nesley Dick		502.5	482	984.5	11
Rodney Thompson		477	468.5	945.5	16
Rodger Wildman		503.5	466	969.5	13
Mike Schmidt		516	453	969	14
Jim 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
Jersey Phelps		483	537.5	1020.5	6
THOMAS CASE		416	476.5	892.5	19
Vince Baddele		464	477	941	17
Bone Rodgers		470.5	534.5	1005	8
Rich Jacobson		482	516.5	998.5	9
Jaques Pinos		ATT	-	-	
Tom Lardle		440.5	505.5	946	15
Deane Mearls		392.5	453	845.5	20
Tom Simpson		512	545	1057	1
DAN BANTOCK		490.5	519	1009	7

The pilots' meeting was held early Tuesday.



The Hines family readies Samantha's airplane.



Dan Banjock won
OTS this year.



Elaine Brookins and Merry Phelps tabulate.



John
Simpson
won
Classic.



Dale Josephson
readies his AA
Senior.

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 Team Race

1 st	Lambert/Fluker	3:24.78	7:06.56
2 nd	Wilks/Fisher	3:22.60	102 laps
3 rd	Wallick/Brozo	3:49.97	75 laps
4 th	Polak/Urtubey	6:23.81	
5 th	Rolley/Johnson	73 laps	
6 th	Topunov/Elbert	36 laps	

F2CN

1 st	Wallick/Brozo	4:37.88	8:37.10
2 nd	Lee/Bischoff	4:32.68	9:10.59
3 rd	Akre/Duly	5:12.78	38 laps

B Team Race

1 st	Lee/Bischoff	6:43.38
2 nd	Betz/Johnson	14:42.12
3 rd	Duly/Akre	85 laps
4 th	Sopka/Fluker	76 laps

Tuesday's events

Place	Contestant	Best Heat
Time	Final Time	

Scale Race (Goodyear)

1 st	Oge	3:23.97	8:38.47
2 nd	Greb	3:19.70	9:07.66
3 rd	Gall	3:31.38	68 laps
4 th	Akre	3:28.12	37 laps
5 th	Bischoff	3:51.10	
6 th	Betz	6:35.00	

Super Slow Rat

1 st	Greb	5:26.91
2 nd	Bischoff	5:30.68
3 rd	Bradley	6:16.18
4 th	Gleason	6:22.65
5 th	Lee	6:25.53

Fox Race

Place	Contestant	Race Time
1 st	Oge	6:38.25
2 nd	Schuette	7:54.40
3 rd	Betz	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



Mike Greb releases a Super Slow Rat model.



Orebaugh photos.



Fox Race winners.



Super Slow Rat Race winners.



Scale Race winners.

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



CL Combat



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.





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



A high overhead.



Orebaugh photo.



Off balance, trying to find Bob.



Back in the chase. They did one pass around a loop, looking for an opening to cut across.



And the winner is ... Andrew!



Orebaugh photo.

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 C L DODGE	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

1 O JERRY W ROCHA	NAPA, CA	106.089
2 O JOEY MATHISON	LAS VEGAS, NV	95.655
3 O JAMES D VANSANT	LANGHORNE, PA	88.985
4 O WILLIAM HUGHES	BARTLETT, IL	88.329
5 O CHRISTOPHER A MONTAGINO	PARMA HEIGHTS, OH	86.795
6 O GLEN J VANSANT	LANGHORNE, PA	85.843
7 O C L DODGE	RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH	85.395
8 O CHARLES E LEGG	COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA	84.791
9 O PATRICK E HEMPEL	ROCKWALL, TX	84.354
10 O ROSS LEGG	FLORISSANT, MO	84.235
11 O 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

317 Scale Racing

1 O ROBERT J OGE	HINCKLEY, IL
2 O MIKE GREB	SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX
3 O JAMES M GALL	GARFIELD, NJ
4 FO LES AKRE	EDMONTON, CANADA
5 O BILL BISCHOFF	GARLAND, TX
6 O DAVID O BETZ	WARSAW, IN

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