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# Nats News

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Mike Harrison is one of our perennial favorites. Recently, there has been much written online about a new biplane design that Mike was working on. Mike's XURAMA is not the design, it is actually a kit Mike got ready for this year while his own design stays under lock and key. Mike wanted us to know his XURAMA is glow-powered. Mike is always a great addition to our Nats!



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## RC Aerobatics Day 2

### Today's Events: RC Aerobatics

AC GLENN'S airplane was the first to grace the air above the AMA International Aeromodeling Center for the 2012 RC Aerobatics Nats.

AC started his Aerobatics career at the tender age of seven. By age nine, he had transitioned from mode 2 to mode 1 and entered his first contest in 1999. Today, AC is one of the top pilots in the United States, but that first contest with his Kaos .60 didn't show his future abilities to their fullest.



Archie Stafford, our event director for 2012, was lucky enough to get several seasoned veterans to help him this year. There were also several new members of our 2012 support staff. We have three new Line Chiefs.

Bob Kane keeps Site 1 flowing for us. Bob is also flying Masters on Site 1! If you need a car parked at the Weak Signals' show in Toledo, Ohio, Bob Kane is your man to see.



Ed Lane is on Site 3. For the first time in years, Gary Harris's motorcycle didn't travel from North Carolina to Muncie. Ed has big shoes to fill, but he is filling them very well. Ed really likes being up close and personal with so many of the best pilots in the country.



The Hochhalter name is well known at the RC Aerobatics Nats, but it is usually Chuck we are talking about. Keeping the lines flowing on Site 4 is Chuck's better half, Leslie. Leslie thinks the RC Nats are awesome. "Everything is running very smoothly here on Site 4," she said.





Finally, we have Andrew Gonzalez running the scores for Sites 1 and 3. Andrew thought he was coming to help his dad, Jerry, at his first Nats, but he was ready to respond to Archie as well.



Mike and Lynn Gradinjan came down from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to enjoy the best of the best at our RC Aerobatics Nats.

**What do** you do after bringing your team home to *first place* and finishing in *third place* individually? Put your feet up? If you're our two-time National Champion, Andrew Jesky, you go to Tucson, Arizona, and win the Aerobatic Shootout with a big 40% airplane.

Reality sets in and you go back to Utah and work. Yes, you belong to a local club, but that is 45 minutes away. So why not fly off a semi-private road just a few minutes from home. So what if it is only 10° out. There is that new P and F-13 calling for attention.

So what if you are flying at 5000 feet and your airplane doesn't perform like it does at lower altitudes. Your batteries like it better. So just deal with the cold temperatures and swirling winds up in the mountains. No one ever got to be *third in the world* by sitting at home and putting another log on the fire.

We are all familiar with many of Andrew's designs. We are waiting and longing for a firm date when we can buy his 2M Osiris. Many of us are flying the 62-inch version and think it is fabulous. Utah is cold in the winter and you can only practice so much in 10° weather, so why not design the ultimate F3A airplane?

You've already done a lot of design work on the wings and tails of your Sparks, so all you need now is a new fuselage. Collaborate with some of your friends such as Chip Hyde or Dave Snow. Get Extreme Composites to make a plugs and set up some fuselages. Do a little more work on the wings and tails, and then you have a whole new airplane; Andrew's first fully competitive F3A machine, the Proteus. Yes, like the Osiris, the Proteus is another mythical ancient god. *///*



Echo was along as a spectator. Her mother, Sharon, brought her along to enjoy her father, Steve Lelito, flying on Site 1. Echo is a Jack Russell Corgi.

To view daily scores of the competition, visit [www.nsrca.us](http://www.nsrca.us) and click on the Nats 2012 tab.







Farewell to Jane and Ron Morgan. More than 50 years have passed since Jane and Ron first volunteered to run the Nats for AMA. Make it a point to stop by the event center (farmhouse) and wish them the very, very best!

### ***This week's events:***

**Wednesday**  
RC Aerobatics

**Thursday**  
RC Aerobatics

**Friday**  
No Events

**Saturday**  
RC Soaring

**Sunday**  
RC Soaring

**Monday**  
RC Soaring

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## RC Combat Wrap-Up

**WELL, ANOTHER** year is in the books for RC Combat. After Friday's rain delay, we ended up canceling the rest of the events for the day and went with the scores that were already completed from the day before. This was a really good year of combat with some new faces and new winners.

It was nice to see Tom and Brian Neff get wins in Scale and Open B this year. William Drumm III once again took home first place in Limited B and SSC.

David Smithgall from Virginia did well at his first Nats—placing second in Scale.

Another top performer was Dave Davis with a third-place finish in Limited B. I was able to have a good finish of fifth place in SSC with my new airplanes that I got just before the Nats.

I would also like to thank Jill for once again providing plenty of assistance with the scorekeeping for the past five years. Bob Loescher ran a smooth contest with few issues. In fact, we only had one line

violation during the entire Nats.

We also had some good prizes this year, with every contestant getting a Combat engine and those who registered early got a T-shirt. We also gave those who drove long distances some gas money to help make it back home, which was one thing I really enjoyed being able to do.

Hopefully, next year there will be even more pilots from across the country. Until then, watch your Six! *mm*







## Our apologies!

In the Sunday, July 22, *NatsNews*, the names of the CL Combat winners were incorrect. Pictured R-L: Wayne Mc Daniel, first, Ed Bryz, second, and Rob Colombo, third.



## CL Carrier Nats Unofficial, Class 2, and AMA Sportsman

### WEDNESDAY

Navy Carrier Class II				
1	450.26	Pete Mazur	Sugar Grove	IL
2	416.20	Bill Bischoff	Dallas	TX
3	380.02	Dale Gleason	Valley View	TX
4	243.41	Art Johnson	Rockford	IL

### TUESDAY

Navy Carrier Sportsman				
1	180.14	Ted Kraver	Phoenix	AZ

### THURSDAY: Unofficial/Provisional Events

Navy Carrier Skyray Profile				
1	249.97	Pete Mazur	Sugar Grove	IL
2	190.73	Art Johnson	Rockford	IL
3	ATT	Burt Brokaw	Tucson	AZ

Navy Carrier 15 Profile Sportsman				
1	170.61	Art Johnson	Rockford	IL

Navy Carrier 15 Profile Expert				
1	186.26	Paul Smith	Sterling Heights	MI
	ATT	Burt Brokaw	Tucson	AZ
	ATT	Eric Conley	Garnerville	NV
	ATT	Dave Wallick	Ocklawaha	FL

Navy Carrier E Profile				
1	238.09	Pete Mazur	Sugar Grove	IL
2	74.84	Art Johnson	Rockford	IL

Navy Carrier E Class I				
1	74.84	Art Johnson	Rockford	IL
	ATT	Pete Mazur	Sugar Grove	IL

Navy Carrier E Class II				
1	373.60	Eric Conley	Garnerville	NV
2	219.40	Pete Mazur	Sugar Grove	IL

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