

Saturday
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NATS

the 2012 National Aeromodeling Championships
Daily coverage



Kneeling: Jerry Robertson, winner in
Two-Meter, used his little plane in
Unlimited. John Lindsay stands behind
him with his Pike Perfect.



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Unlimited RC Soaring Day Three

Today's Events: RC Soaring

DAY THREE of Unlimited was another great day for flying. But the breeze was directly across the lines, making launches a bit squirrely and landings crabby. At one point around 10 a.m., the wind was actually a bit from behind, and the organizers considered switching the field. Thankfully, that was not necessary.

The stage was set for the final day of action with Chris Lee still on top at 10,880, just 89 points over Craig Greening. Marc Gellart followed Craig by just 16. Fourth and fifth were Neal Huffman and Peter Schlitzkus at 10,627 and 10,607. Mike Lachowski, Thomas Cooke, Jim Thomas, Kerry Cochrell, and Mike Trutwin were also in the top 10.

By the lunch break after round 13, there had been quite a bit of reshuffling of the top 10. Chris and Craig were still the top two, with Chris's lead now up to 104 points. Marc had swapped places with Neal, and Thomas had moved up to fifth.

Others in the top 10 had some poor rounds, allowing places 12-16 to move up into sixth through 10th. These were Josh Glaab, Peter Goldsmith, Bob Whitney, Tom Scully, and Steve Lucke.

The anticipation increased with the afternoon heat. Could Chris possibly stumble after being so incredibly consistent? Around 2 p.m., a churning gray cloud in the southeast threatened to strafe the field and had some people scurrying to put things away. The cloud dissipated, though, simply bringing a bit of shade.

A bit later there was a slight stir when Marc Gellart realized he had broken one of the contest rules by flying a third model. He willingly stepped aside, leaving opportunity for others to move up a notch. Thank you, Marc, for setting the example of good sportsmanship.

Chris Lee was rock-solid to the end. He made his time in all 15 rounds and dropped in a conservative landing of 52 (his worst of the contest) to make sure there was no chance of crossing the safety line, even if the landing didn't stick. His lead at the end was 177 points.

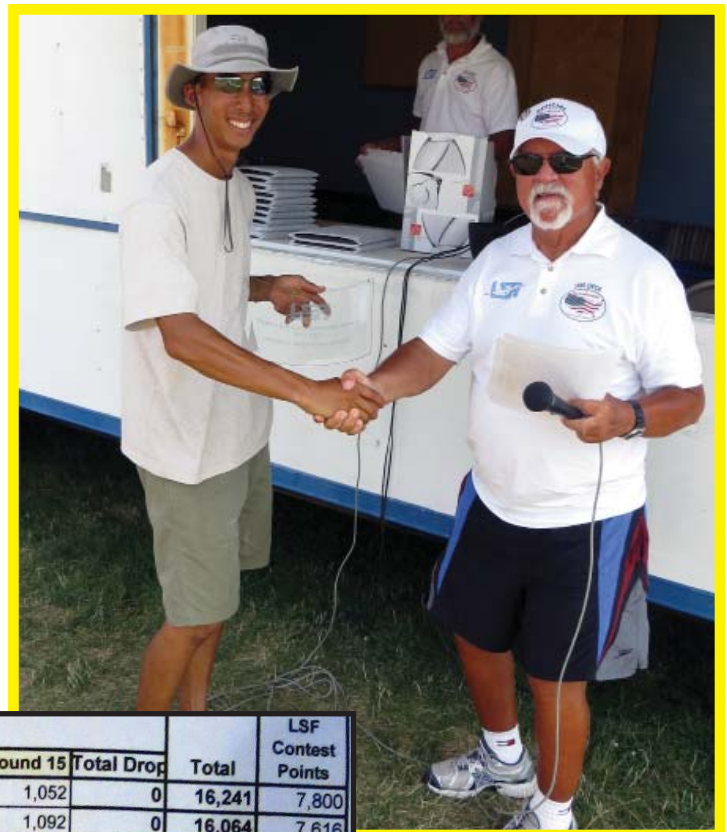
This was a big day for Chris. Not only did he win the Nats, but with this contest he also completed his LSFV achievements.

Chris set the example with his flying, but also with his friendliness and hard work. He is known for his long hours of landing practice, and during the contest he was friendly, approachable, and generous with his expert advice. As one online poster put it, "It's nice to see the good guy win."

Below is the score sheet for the last seven rounds. This represents a bunch of excellent flying in varied conditions. Congratulations to all.

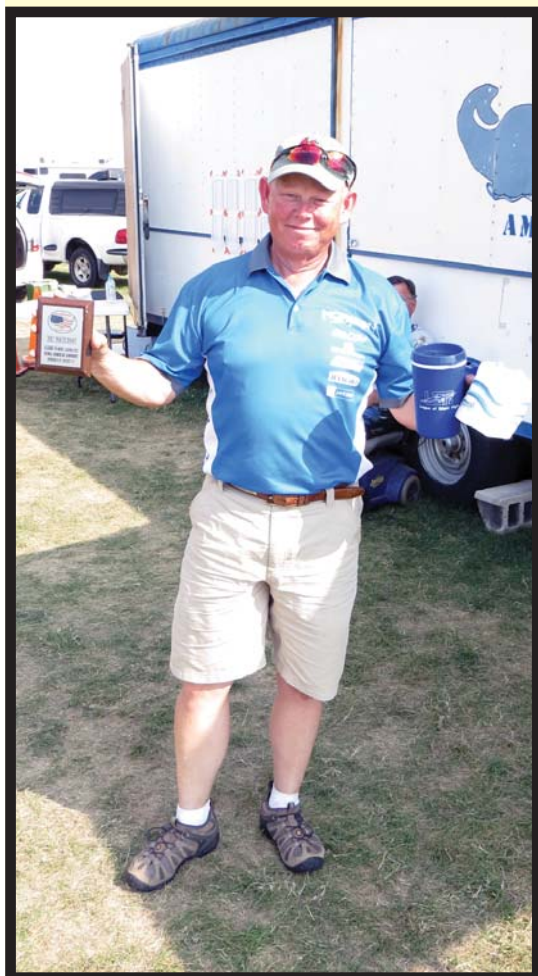
Jim Deck, LSF president, also handed out several special awards listed below. They demonstrate a great spirit of service and camaraderie that keeps our great hobby going. Sheldon Smith was not present to receive his Spirit of Soaring award because he was searching for a plane in a cornfield.

- Merrill Brady Award for highest-placing wooden Sailplane in the RES Event went to Doug Pike who flew a SkyBench Skybird.
- Dan Pruss Team Award went to the NJSS Club team of Steve Lucke, Luis Bustamante, and Mike Lachowski.
- Hi Johnson Award for highest score in any Soaring event went to Chris Lee, the LSF's newest Level V.
- Lee Renaud Award for highest combined score in Two-Meter and Unlimited went to Dave Beach.
- The LeGray Award for a notable contribution to RC Soaring went to Tom Kallevang for his leadership in the LSF, in directing both the Nats and World Soaring Masters events, and serving on the AMA-FAI team.
- The 2012 Spirit of Soaring Award for the individual that demonstrated the spirit of Soaring at the Nats went to Sheldon Smith. *///*



Above: Chris Lee accepts well-deserved top honors from LSF President Jim Deck.

Place	Contestant								Total	LSF Contest Points
		Round 10	Round 11	Round 12	Round 13	Round 14	Round 15	Total Drop		
1	Chris Lee	1,096	1,053	1,074	1,095	1,087	1,052	0	16,241	7,800
2	Craig Greening	1,083	949	1,084	1,074	1,074	1,092	0	16,064	7,616
3	Neal Huffman	1,080	875	1,068	1,083	1,082	1,034	0	15,769	7,379
4	Thomas Cooke	1,096	993	997	1,055	1,093	1,052	0	15,741	7,269
5	Josh Glaab	1,092	1,065	1,068	1,088	1,041	1,084	0	15,471	7,049
6	Peter Goldsmith	1,078	1,075	1,070	1,081	1,017	1,090	0	15,422	6,932
7	Steve Lucke	1,092	1,067	1,084	1,041	1,062	1,041	0	15,219	6,747
8	Michael Lachowski	1,099	339	1,081	1,060	1,055	1,049	0	15,159	6,627
9	David Beach	1,076	1,000	1,074	1,059	1,057	1,066	0	15,113	6,514
10	Bob Whitney	1,062	941	1,094	1,061	1,058	753	0	14,979	6,364



Marc Gellart displays his special Sportsmanship award.

Chris Lee's victory is treated with thoughtfulness and respect. (Photo by Adam Quennoz.)



Craig Greening, Hand Launch winner, also wins second in Unlimited.

The top 10 (L-R) Bob Whitney, David Beach, Mike Lachowski, Steve Lucke, Peter Goldsmith, Josh Glaab, Thomas Cooke, Neal Huffman, Craig Greening, and winner Chris Lee. Brothers Josh Glaab Jr. and Luke Glaab win Best Senior and Best Junior.





The Eastern Soaring League brought a large group. (Photo by David Beach.)

And many of them took home trophies.



Bob Whitney brings his Hand Launch skills to Unlimited. He coils the landing tape like a rattlesnake and then kills it with landings like this.



Time to start packing up.



Ed "Mr. Enthusiasm" Anderson drove 14 hours from Long Island to attend his first Nats. Ed is a constant source of information on RCGroups and a great help to newcomers in the hobby.



Fathers and Sons

Bob Robinson times for son Brent.



Erich Schlitzkus with his father, Peter.



Josh Glaab and Josh Jr. help Luke guide his Merlin to a 10 a.m. flight.



Adam Quennoz launches as John Winstanley waits with his older design Fusion.



Chris times for Adam.



Ken Bates uses his RES AVA effectively in the light morning air.



Josh Glaab Jr. and Bob Whitney show proper landing posture. Body language is a proven way to increase landing points.

Some of the winners relive contest moments.





Packing up.

This week's events:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RC Soaring RC Electric	RC Electric Free Flight	RC Electric Free Flight	RC Electric Free Flight	Free Flight	Free Flight

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1	10880	CHRIS LEE	SAINT LOUIS	MO	46	8292	WALTER K ADASZKIK	NASHUA	NH
2	10791	CRAIG R GREENING	APTOS	CA	47	2437	ERICH P SCHLITZKUS	STEWARTSTOWN	PA
3	10775	ROBERT M GELLART	LIMA	OH	48	8206	CAROLINE A GOLDSMITH	MONTICELLO	IL
4	10627	NEAL S HUFFMAN	WARRENTON	VA	49	8158	JOHN KENNEDY	PALATKA	FL
5	10607	PETER J SCHLITZKUS	OCEAN VIEW	DE	50	8007	THOMAS J BROESKI	AFTON	VA
6	10575	MICHAEL LACHOWSKI	PITTSTOWN	NJ	51	7919	GILBERT W GAUGER	OAKTOWN	IN
7	10551	THOMAS W COOKE	HOUSTON	TX	52	7804	JOHN M WINSTANLEY	GRAND RAPIDS	MI
8	10498	JAMES A THOMAS	FOLSOM	CA	53	7803	ED ANDERSON	SYOSSET	NY
9	10293	KERRY N COCHRELL	OWINGS	MD	54	7729	BERNARD K WOLFARD	OLATHE	KS
10	10238	MICHAEL J TRUTWIN	LAKEVILLE	MN	55	7722	JOHNNY A BERLIN	EFFINGHAM	IL
11	10200	SCOTT R SHAW	BRENTWOOD	TN	56	7355	RONALD N ALLEN	LOUISVILLE	KY
12	10125	JOSH GLAAB	HAMPTON	VA	57	7239	ARTHUR J EARL	MAHOMET	IL
13	10089	PETER G GOLDSMITH	MONTICELLO	IL	58	7229	STEVEN E SCHNEIDER	BUFFALO GROVE	IL
14	10072	ROBERT A WHITNEY	ROCK HILL	SC	59	7134	RAY MUNRO	HAMILTON	
15	10065	THOMAS M SCULLY	CADIZ	KY	60	6423	LUKE GLAAB	HAMPTON	VA
16	9924	STEVEN H LUCKE	PARSIPPANY	NJ	61	6134	PAUL C PERRET JR	METAIRIE	LA
17	9919	JEFFREY S CARR	FORT MILL	SC	62	6032	DUANE E BECK	WARRENTON	VA
18	9857	DAVID S BEACH	AMHERST	NH	63	5993	JIM CARLTON	MEDINA	OH
19	9771	ROBERT C GLOVER II	HUNTSVILLE	AL	64	5885	LARRY N JEFFERY	GRAND HAVEN	MI
20	9716	L KENT NOGY	PASO ROBLES	CA	65	5839	JOHN F NELSON	PRINCETON	IA
21	9640	KENNETH BATES	PORTAGE	MI	66	5610	KENNETH C SHAW	IRONS	MI
22	9553	ADAM C QUENNOZ	HALF WAY	MO	67	5349	JAMES R MCCARTHY	CARY	IL
23	9543	DONALD G RICHMOND	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA	68	5004	WILLIAM A CHRISTIAN	ARLINGTON HTS	IL
24	9496	JOHN N DINIZ	MONTICELLO	IL	69	4996	ROBERT W TERRY	KNOXVILLE	TN
25	9390	LUIS J BUSTAMANTE	HACKETTSTOWN	NJ	70	4255	PHILIP L GIESEKING	FORT WAYNE	IN
26	9250	RICHARD ECKEL	WINTER SPRINGS	FL	71	4052	ROBERT A SAMUELS	SAINT LOUIS	MO
27	9203	JOHN S LINDSAY	MUSCATINE	IA	72	4040	HOGAN NGUYEN	BATAVIA	IL
28	9158	JERRY A GROSS	HUTCHINSON	KS	73	3284	JOHN E LUEKE	MIAMISBURG	OH
29	9151	DON B CLEVELAND	TULLAHOMA	TN	74	2586	SHELDON SMITH	FORESTHILL	CA
30	9099	ARTHUR MARKIEWICZ	ENCINITAS	CA	75	1876	JACK S WALLNER	RICHLAND	MI
31	9062	ROBERT F BURSON	BRISTOL	IN					
32	9033	CHARLES L PINNELL JR	CROZET	VA					
33	8914	JERRY D ROBERTSON	FLAGSTAFF	AZ					
34	8896	BERNARD STROTHER	GRANGER	IN					
35	8893	ARTHUR G HILL JR	NEWTOWN	CT					
36	8888	DARWIN N BARRIE	CHANDLER	AZ					
37	8819	BRENT D ROBINSON	SHELBY TOWNSHIP	MI					
38	8815	ROBERT D ROBINSON	IRONS	MI					
39	8717	RONALD P KUKRAL	NEW LENOX	IL					
40	8696	JOSH GLAAB JR	HAMPTON	VA					
41	8664	GORDON W STAHL	LOUISVILLE	KY					
42	8629	JERRY A GRIFFITH	MOUNTAIN HOME	AR					
43	8468	STEVE E BAILEY	MISHAWAKA	IN					
44	8362	DOUG PIKE	BRAMPTON						
45	8356	MARK L TAYLOR	FRESNO	CA					



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2	CRAIG R GREENING	APTOS, CA	16064	47	ROBERT F BURSON	BRISTOL, IN	11201
3	NEAL S HUFFMAN	WARRENTON, VA	15769	48	ED ANDERSON	SYOSSET, NY	11196
4	THOMAS W COOKE	HOUSTON, TX	15741	49	THOMAS J BROESKI	AFTON, VA	11089
6	PETER G GOLDSMITH	MONTICELLO, IL	15422	50	PAUL C PERRET JR	METAIRIE, LA	10946
7	STEVEN H LUCKE	PARSIPPANY, NJ	15219	51	JOHN M WINSTANLEY	GRAND RAPIDS, MI	10915
8	MICHAEL LACHOWSKI	PITTSBURY, NJ	15159	52	ARTHUR J EARL	MAHOMET, IL	10898
9	DAVID S BEACH	AMHERST, NH	15113	53	ROBERT D ROBINSON	IRONS, MI	10894
10	ROBERT A WHITNEY	ROCK HILL, SC	14979	54	BERNARD K WOLFARD	OLATHE, KS	10888
11	PETER J SCHLITZKUS	OCEAN VIEW, DE	14816	55	JOHN KENNEDY	PALATKA, FL	10721
12	JEFFREY S CARR	FORT MILL, SC	14803	56	JAMES R MCCARTHY	CARY, IL	10595
13	L KENT NOGY	PASO ROBLES, CA	14710	57	JOHN F NELSON	PRINCETON, IA	10017
14	MICHAEL J TRUTWIN	LAKEVILLE, MN	14411	58	DUANE E BECK	WARRENTON, VA	9608
15	JOHN N DINIZ	MONTICELLO, IL	14377	59	LUKE GLAAB	HAMPTON, VA	9527
16	JERRY A GROSS	HUTCHINSON, KS	14286	60	JIM CARLTON	MEDINA, OH	9489
17	LUIS J BUSTAMANTE	HACKETTSTOWN, NJ	14214	61	RICHARD ECKEL	WINTER SPRINGS, FL	9250
18	THOMAS M SCULLY	CADIZ, KY	14191	62	GORDON W STAHL	LOUISVILLE, KY	8664
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24	MARK L TAYLOR	FRESNO, CA	13542	68	PHILIP L GIESEKING	FORT WAYNE, IN	7008
25	DOUG PIKE	BRAMPTON, CANADA	13507	69	ROBERT W TERRY	KNOXVILLE, TN	5491
26	SCOTT R SHAW	BRENTWOOD, TN	13491	70	ROBERT A SAMUELS	SAINT LOUIS, MO	4052
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28	ARTHUR G HILL JR	NEWTOWN, CT	13181	72	JOHN E LUEKE	MIAMISBURG, OH	3284
30	ROBERT C GLOVER II	HUNTSVILLE, AL	12817	73	SHELDON SMITH	FORESTHILL, CA	2586
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Philip Giesecking
launches his Espada.

