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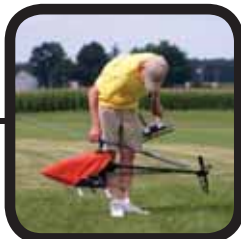
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Wednesday
RC Helicopter

Thursday
RC Helicopter



Doug Trent pauses shortly after competing.



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RC Helicopter Day 1

“Are we having fun? Yes, we’re having fun!” Despite temperatures in the upper 80s and the number of participating pilots dropping compared to previous years, those attending the 2011 RC Helicopter Nats at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana, were having fun on Monday, according to longtime CD Craig Bradley.

In all, there are 26 pilots competing in the event, which kicked off on Monday and runs through Thursday. Craig said there is a nice mix of pilots, with varying degrees of experience.

“We have a lot of new folks, but we’ve (also) got some veterans,” he said.

Pilots are competing in Class 1, Sportsman; Class 2, Advanced; Class 3, Expert; and FC3. There are nine competitors apiece in Expert and FC3, six in Sportsman, and two in Advanced.

Among those competing in FC3 are three members of the United States World Championship FC3 Team: Curtis Youngblood, Nick Maxwell, and Wayne Mann. They will be competing in the 2011 FAI World Championship for Model Helicopters event in Casa Bianca, Italy, beginning August 18.

Pilots in each class must complete similar maneuvers, with varying degrees of difficulty. The maneuvers include Figure M, Inverted Triangle, Stall Turns,

Vertical Circle with Pirouette, Cuban Eight, Diamond Three, and Pushed Flip.

On Monday, there were two rounds for each class, and three rounds for FC3. Craig said he expects the same number of rounds will be completed each day.

“Everybody’s been tremendously helpful. Everybody’s doing great.” He commended the AMA’s maintenance staff and those working at Nats Headquarters for their hard work. “Everything’s been rolling along. The weather’s been cooperating. There’s a nice breeze and no snow,” Craig said. ➔

—*Rachelle Haughn*
NatsNews staff

Nate Rice, left, and Tim Tripoli prepare a helicopter for flight.





Nick Maxwell is competing in the Nats this week, and will soon compete in Italy at the 2011 FAI World Championship for Model Helicopters.



John Adams was happy that he landed his helicopter in the circle on Monday.





Mike Goza, left, and Kevin Cordell review the Class 3 maneuvers.

The judges watch a pilot compete. From left are Mike Goza, Craig Bradley, and Gary Wright.



A full-scale LifeLine helicopter
flies past the competition.



CD Craig Bradley evaluates how a
pilot landed his helicopter.





Tim Tripoli prepares to compete.



Tim Tripoli.



Unofficial Scores

Please note that all scores are unofficial until tabulated by Nats staff.

Sportsman		
1 David Ford		2000
2 Dennis Groves	1721.046	
3 Roberto Munoz	1485.358	
4 William Ramsey	1327.682	
5 George Ford Sr.	1201.331	
6 David Ford II	872.3958	
7 Paul Strobel		0



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Advanced		
1 Tracey Dickinson		2000
2 Robert Mairs	1897.81	

Expert		
1 Erich Freymann	1960.894	
2 John Adams II	1938.667	
3 Ben Minor	1833.028	
4 John Adams	1747.568	
5 Doug Trent	1734.488	
6 Eyal Stein	1733.981	
7 Dennis Purduski	1463.017	
8 Timothy Tripoli	1187.724	
9 Santiago Panzardi		0



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F3C		
1 Curtis Youngblood		2000
2 Nicholas Maxwell	1970.66	
3 Wayne Mann	1886.083	
4 Dwight Shilling	1744.225	
5 Nob Muraki	1600.428	
6 Rolando Perez	1550.094	
7 James Haley	1547.508	
8 Mike Goza	1498.355	
9 Dave Miles	1254.586	



