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Father Chuck (rear) keeps a watchful eye on son, Don, as he takes a rare break from flying.



Friday, August 9

Indoor Free Flight Day 2 Recap

Hello, I would like to introduce myself as your *NatsNews* reporter, Jim Buxton. Since I am a day late in getting started here, I will get right to business.

For the first time in 25 years the indoor Nats are not being held in Johnson City, Tennessee. I wish I would have known that a day ago. It would have saved me a trip. (Just kidding.) As you know we have relocated to the University of Illinois in Champaign.

The time of year and the location of the Nats have both changed, which will take some adjusting for those of us who have been trekking to Johnson City since 1987. However, it seems people are already getting the feel for the new building, and admittedly the Armory has some real character to it. It was built in 1927, and has a certain historical-coolness factor.

The building is already filling with old faces, new faces, and faces returning

from the past. Two of the faces that returned are the father-son duo of Don and Chuck Slusarczyk. Don is best known for rewriting the senior record book back in the late 1980s. He took a break from the Nats to do typical adult-type stuff such as getting married and having some children. But he and his father are back at it, which is good news for entertainment, but bad news for trophy hunters.

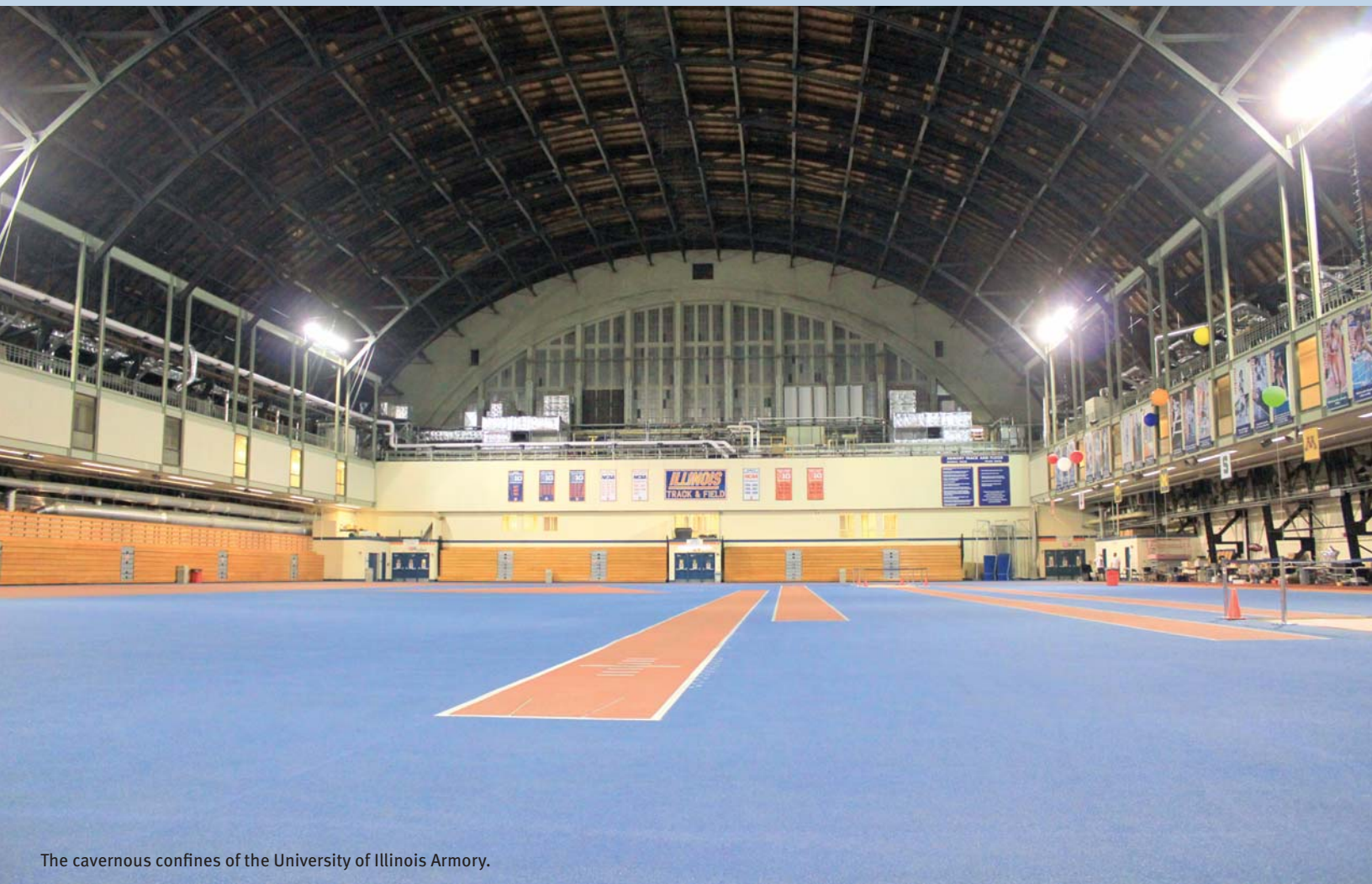
Don has a complete fleet of brand-new models and has already won EZB and 35cm. Don and Chuck also brought along fellow Cleveland Clowns club member Larry Loucka. As soon as the Canadian fliers show up the famous "Can-Am Moan" is sure to follow. This tradition dates back as far as I can recall, with members of the opposing sides sharing sad stories while everyone moans in unison. Look for a potential "Top Ten List" of Can-Am Moans later this week.

The lightweight models took center stage Wednesday and Thursday. Names usually associated with these models appeared as expected at the top of the score sheets. Brett Sanborn continues to dominate F1D. He recently won the team selection contest in Moscow, Idaho, for his third consecutive open team bid. Jim Richmond and John Kagan rounded out the top three.

Of note is upcoming junior flier Evan Guyett with two flights that surpassed the 20-minute mark. Larry Coslick also proved that he still has the right stuff when it comes to the elite classes of Indoor by winning Hand Launched Stick and Intermediate Stick.

Friday kicks off with day two of the FAC Scale events, F1L, and the always popular Ministick. Tune in here for all of the day's news!

—Jim Buxton
reporter/photographer



The cavernous confines of the University of Illinois Armory.

Indoor Free Flight



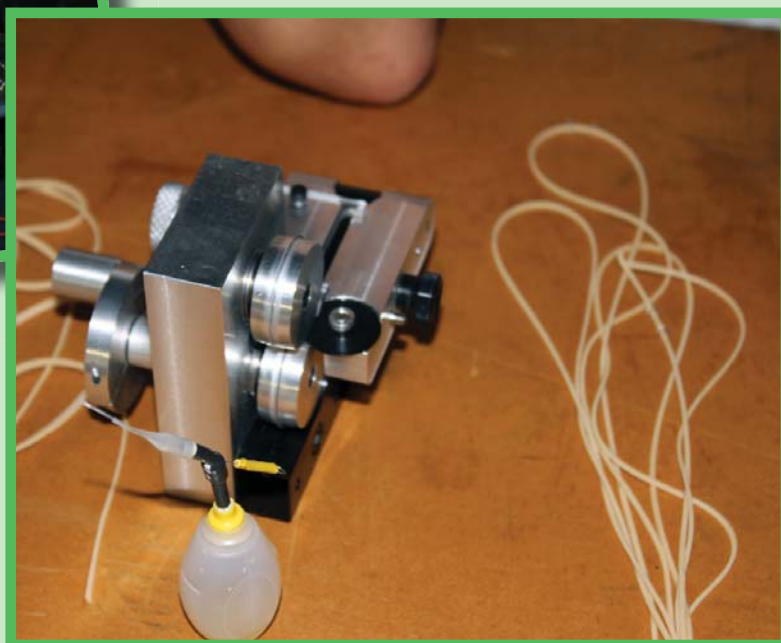
Mike Kirda (center) is happy to be here.



John Kagan prepares to launch his last F1D flight.



Jeff Annis prepares his F1D for a flight.



Indoor is all about precision—whether it is slicing rubber or applying glue.

Indoor Free Flight



The pits are starting to wrap all the way around the Armory as contestants arrive.



John Kagan and his third-place F1D.



Indoor Free Flight

The Smyrna kids
are certainly
keeping
the tissue
manufacturers
happy.

The Smyrna group
is here, and
brought 80 models
to prove it.



The scales
are ready,
leave them
alone or
else.

Indoor Free Flight

A-ROG

Name	Place	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best
Coslick, Larry	1	17:19	17:00				17:19
Loucka, Larry	2	14:02					14:02
Annis, Jeffrey	3	11:32	11:21				11:32
Erbach, David	4	6:22	6:51				6:51

SLS

Name	Place	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best
Slusarczyk, Donald	1	7:16:00	6:51:00				0.30
Slusarczyk, Charles							DNF
Loucka, Larry							DNF
Collins, Walt							DNF
Warmann, Robert							DNF

F1D

Name	Place	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6
Sanborn, Brett	1	35:21	21:11	35:42	35:18	30:19	16:21
Richmond, James	2	32:25	31:15	28:16	23:35	34:27	
Kagan, John	3	0:00	32:58	30:11	15:52	31:13	
Pilachowski, Leo	4	18:34	23:05	21:18	26:39	15:46	
Kirda, Michael	5	11:59	22:15	10:10	23:59		
Guyett, Evan (Sr)	6	18:36	19:40	20:15	21:25		
Annis, Jeffrey	7	14:30	13:21	14:12	15:20	17:26	
Fujikawa, Stephen							
Slusarczyk, Donald							

EZB

Name	Place	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best
Slusarczyk, Donald	1	22:11	22:57	22:16	23:56	24:49	24:49
Merseal, Joshua	2	19:36	21:54	20:57	22:00		22:00
Collins, Walt	3	16:46	17:58	20:41			20:41
Fujikawa, Stephen	4	17:21	12:28				17:21
Coslick, Larry	5	16:37	13:34	17:09			17:09
Sova, Tom	6	15:00					15:00
Erbach, David	7	10:30	12:00				12:00
Vandover, Abram	8	5:36	3:12				5:36
Annis, Jeffrey	9	3:51					3:51

Unl Speed

Name	Place	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6
Collins, Walt	1	99.0	13.5	99.0	99.0	9.6	99.0
Coslick, Larry	2	9.4	8.7	8.4	8.2	8.2	
Blevins, Doyle	3	99.0	12.5	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0
Vandover, Abram							

FAC NoCal

Name	Place	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best
Slusarczyk, Donald	1	7:16	6:51	7:04			7:16
Slusarczyk, Charles	2	3:18	3:53	4:41			4:41
Collins, Walt							DNF
Loucka, Larry							DNF
Warmann, Robert							DNF

Indoor Free Flight Scores

HLS

Name	Place	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best
Coslick, Larry	1	31:11					31:11
Slusarczyk, Donald	2	13:54	10:02	25:27			25:27
Merseal, Joshua	3	1:50	17:26	21:46			21:46
Kirda, Michael	4	8:28	17:42	21:00	19:46		21:00
Annis, Jeffrey	5	14:10	14:56	16:38			16:38
Loucka, Larry	6	10:17					10:17

Int Stick

Name	Place	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Best
Coslick, Larry	1	32:43	36:01				36:01
Loucka, Larry	2	31:02	31:27				31:27
Sova, Tom	3	31:11	14:55				31:11
Slusarczyk, Donald	4	25:34	9:45				25:34
Merseal, Joshua	5	10:17					10:17
Kirda, Michael							DNF
Kagan, John							DNF

35cm

Name	Place	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6
Slusarczyk, Donald	1	25:02	25:10				
Coslick, Larry	2	21:33	28:34				
Sova, Tom	3	22:54	7:51	24:17	24:02		
Collins, Walt	4	18:18	1:47	1:16	14:49	8:20	
Slusarczyk, Charles	5	4:52	10:29	0:21			
Vandover, Abram	6	5:45	4:55	5:20	4:36	5:21	
Erbach, David							
Loucka, Larry							

John Kagan tends to official business with some official stern looks.



Indoor Free Flight Scores

Jeff Annis keeps a close eye on his F1D.

