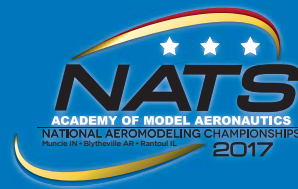


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At only 5 years old, Christopher DeGroff is flying 1/2A Scale, with his mother, Tara DeGroff, and his grandpa, Dave Betz.

Authentic Scale has five entries, Fun Scale has nine entries, and 1/2A Scale has eight entries. Profile Scale has five entries, Sport Scale has four entries, and there are four teams flying.

Authentic Scale is the most demanding in terms of documenting and building the model. Because there are only 10 possible static points in Fun Scale, the flying points dominate the competition. Look for who has the best flight score to see who will take first place in that event.

Regardless of what skill level you have, there is an event that you can enter with lots of competition. Team Scale is where the person who built the model teams up with another pilot for the event.

Static judging went very smoothly on Friday, with all of the models judged by 1 p.m., which allowed the pilots to take a break and get ready for Saturday and Sunday. We will be flying bright and early Saturday morning in two circles to get all of the flights in. Pilots will fly a total of four times between Saturday and Sunday.

We have one Junior flying in 1/2A scale who is only five years old. He will be flying a Brodak P-51. Dave Betz, his grandfather, won the kit during the 2016 Nats raffle. Both Christopher and his grandfather will be flying in the 1/2A Scale event. Jeff Traxler will be entering his second contest with his 1/2A Scale P-61 Black Widow.

Multiengine in 1/2A Scale will earn bonus points. Ron Duly takes multiengine very seriously with his Heinkel He 111Z, which has no less than five 1/2A engines. Allen Goff is flying his new C-47 in 1/2A Scale. It only has two engines, but it still qualifies for the multiengine bonus. The 1/2A Scale models vary from aircraft that were scratch-built or simple airplanes built from kits.

Chuck Snyder will be flying his Hawker Typhoon in Sport Scale and his Henschel HS 129 bomber in Authentic Scale. The Henschel has competed in the FAI World Championships.

The Zero being flown by Jeff and James Jensen in Team Scale started out as a fiberglass fuselage, with parts being scratch-built to finish out the airplane. 🛩️



Left: Cockpit detail in Chuck Snyder's Henschel HS 129 Authentic Scale model.

Below: A front view of Chuck Snyder's Henschel HS 129 aircraft that will be flown in Authentic Scale.



Peter Bauer getting a model ready for flying Saturday after the static judging was complete.



Burk Brokaw gets the weight of an aircraft during registration.



Static judging of a Fun Scale model by Jeff Jensen.



Jeff Traxler with his 1/2A powered P-61 Black Widow.



Allen Goff's Waco getting up-close judging for Authentic Scale.



Ron Duly's Heinkel He 111Z has no less than five engines, and yes, this aircraft was actually flown in World War II.



Wayne Smith's P-40 for Fun Scale.



Bob Whitney's Pond Racer.



Christopher DeGross's P-51 and Dave Betz's Pawnee for 1/2A Scale.



Melvin Young's Vickers Wellesley for 1/2A Scale.



Allen Goff's Brewster F2A Buffalo for Profile Scale.



Chuck Snyder getting his Hawker Typhoon static judged for Sport Scale.



Ron Duly's P-38 with wartime Yippee markings.



Leo Derbarmdiker's Polikarpov Po-2 biplane for Authentic Scale.



James Smith's Messerschmitt Me 163 has a very unusual takeoff that is worth watching. The model is electric powered.

AMA 424 kicked off the RC Pylon festivities this year. Twenty pilots battled through eight rounds of intense racing. We processed the models in the morning, and began racing by midafternoon.

Mother Nature was very kind to us today. Hopefully, this trend continues throughout the week.

Congrats to all of the competitors who traveled near and far to compete. AMA Event 424 is a Sport Q-500 event. Pilots are limited to specific airplanes, a single APC propeller, and two choices of motors. Both the Thunder Tiger .40 PRO and the Evolution .46 engines proved to be very even and equally competitive. Saturday we will be flying Electric Formula 1 (EF-1). 🚀



Flightline action during the first round. Jim Padelt and Joe Delateur traveled from California to fly RC Pylon this week.



Best buddies from Wisconsin, pilot Mick Warning and caller Darwin Larson.



Pilots Jim Nikodem and Rick Volgelsang are preparing to compete.



Father and son team from Canada, Richard and Cory Paine, competed at the Nats for the first time after taking a break from competing for many years. They looked like they didn't miss a beat. Both flew incredibly well and fast!

2017 Nats 424

Ordered By Points

After 8 Rounds			
424	Name	Low Time	Points
1	Darwin Larson	1:23.02	29
2	Mick Warning	1:23.93	27
3	Rick Vogelsang	1:26.69	F4 26
4	Richard Paine	1:27.83	F0 26
5	Jim Nikodem	1:22.60	F4 25
6	James Padelt	** 1:21.45	F3 25
7	Cory Paine	1:22.16	21
8	Conrad Wondolowski	1:31.95	19
9	Daniel Troup	1:28.70	18
10	David Ford	1:31.23	16
11	Jordon Peace	1:34.47	16
12	Peter Tani	1:23.87	15
13	Scott Smithwick	1:26.72	15
14	Daniel Hiller	1:33.66	14
15	Robert Petrinec	1:35.35	14
16	Randy Kendzior	1:34.31	12
17	Lawrence Lisowski	1:30.89	11
18	Brian Osman	1:31.76	11
19	Tom Melsheimer	1:37.88	11
20	Gary Fisher	1:34.11	10



Scotty and Maureen Smithwick made the trip from Florida and are fierce competitors.



(L-R): Trey Witte, NMPRA president; Jim Padelt, sixth-place finisher; and our beloved, fearless leader, Mike Condon (4 feet tall and a close personal friend to Steven Tyler and Kid Rock).



The winners (back, L-R): Cory Paine, caller for Richard Paine, fourth; Jim Nikodem, fifth; Jim Padelt, sixth, and his caller, Joe Delateur; Daniel Troup, Best Senior; (front) Mick Warning, second; Darwin Larson, first; and Rick Vogelsang, third.



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Jim Nikodem was the caller for Best Senior winner, Daniel Troup. Daniel flew great Friday and proved that he is a force to reckon with!