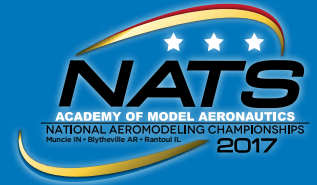


# NATSNEWS



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July 30



Jason Shulman, FAI champion.



**Saturday** was the final day of the 2017 RC Precision Aerobatics Nats, held in Blytheville, Arkansas. All final awards were handed out by co-directors Mike Harrison and Al Glenn.

The final rounds of Masters and FAI were flown and the winners were announced Saturday afternoon. After four days of flying, Derek Emmett took first place in the Masters group. And in FAI, Jason Shulman took first place. 🏆



Your NatsNews author and photographer, Jay Gerber, with Ron Chidgey, who is holding a Lifetime Achievement Award for all the work he's done over the years with designing aircraft, judging, and representing the US for rules in the sport of Precision Aerobatics. Jay produced the first *Judging and Flying Precision Aerobatics* video with him as the technical advisor many years ago, and the two have had a long relationship as a result of working together.



Getting ready to fly and securing the canopy.



Ron Chidgey showing a Pattern plane to his daughter and grandson.



An assistant holding an airplane during run-up to check its noise level. A microphone is hanging below the tripod.



Jason Shulman calling for A.C. Glenn.





George Asteris fueling up his aircraft. He was one of the few pilots who flew with glow power instead of electric power.



The Masters winners.



(L-R) Mike Harrison, first-place Masters winner Derek Emmett, and Al Glenn.



Masters first, second, and third-place winners, Derek Emmett, Greyson Pritchett, and Chuck Hochhalter.



Peter Collinson with a top 10 trophy.



(L-R) Al Glenn, Mike Harrison, and Don Szczur.



Right: Dan Landis placed in the top 10 in FAI Unknown.



Dave Lockhart and a top 10 trophy.



Joseph Szczur, fifth place in FAI Unknown.



A.C. Glenn, third place in FAI Unknown.





Chad Northeast, fourth place in FAI Unknown Pattern.



Chip Hyde, second place in FAI Unknown.



Team Futaba.



Joseph and Don Szczur pose for a Spektrum promotional photo.



Pilots discussing the Unknown 2 FAI pattern they received at the end of the banquet Friday night.



Father/son team Joseph Szczur flying and his dad, Don, calling the FAI Unknown sequence.



# Precision Scores



## 406F - F3A - Finals

Name	Final Score
Jason Shulman	3000
Chip Hyde	2929.11
AC Glenn	2847.45
Chad Northeast	2829.47
Joseph Szczur	2818.79
David Lockhart	2648.38
Peter Collinson	2633.44
Daniel Landis	2580.04
Mark Hunt	0
Don Szczur	0



Mike Harrison and his right-hand assistant, Rocky White.

## 404F - F3A - Finals

Name	Final Score	1	2
Derek Emmett	2000	1000	1000
Greyson Pritchett	1973.15	983.48	981.66
Chuck Hochhalter	1963.41	944.24	996.03
Joe Walker	1945.75	933.53	962
Robert Green	1877.59	932.41	945.18
Clifton Bradford	1875.66	899.92	951.04
George Asteris	1843.24	883.97	922.31
Vicente Bortone	1837.65	893.54	906.81
Donald Ramsey	1834.3	914.38	913.42
Chuck Edwards	1828.76	847.54	888.28









# F3J Scores

## F3JNATS2017 Seniors Finals Standings Thru Group 4

(Click a pilot name to see the pilot round scores)

Rank	Name	Score	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4
1	<a href="#">Daryl PERKINS</a>	3709.34	1000	996.73	998.14	714.47
2	<a href="#">Jody Miller</a>	3648.34	648.34	1000	1000	1000
3	<a href="#">Jim McCarthy</a>	2609.32	655.07	958.77	995.48	0
4	<a href="#">Richard Burnoski</a>	2232.56	209.36	997.02	182.55	843.63
5	<a href="#">Neal Huffman</a>	1858.46	744.67	399.08	0	714.71
6	<a href="#">Amy Pool</a>	1390.71	221.18	253.1	327.4	589.03

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**Day two of ALES** greeted the pilots with cool temperatures under a crystal clear blue sky and the ever-present gusty wind. Larry Jolly told the pilots at the pilots' meeting there would be four rounds flown to finish out the contest. (There were six rounds flown on Friday.)

The first flight group went out at 9 a.m. Saturday. The wind took its first victim of the day as Jonathan Garber landed out on his first flight for a zero round. The shake-up of the leaderboard had just begun. As the first round continued, there were many groups where only one or two pilots managed to achieve their 10-minute max.

In the second round of the day, disaster struck for Larry Jolly, who crashed his plane on launch, taking him out of first place. The wind continued to be a major factor in scoring as many landings were missed.

The infamous Muncie air began to take its toll on pilots as well. Many sub-500 scores were showing up on scorecards. The

decision to go right or left off of launch sometimes made all the difference. Chasing the thermal downwind was not always a good decision either, as a few had to power up just to make it back to the field. (Such a flight is scored as a zero, but it is better to get the plane back in one piece.)

Rounds nine and 10 continued the same pattern of massive lift and massive sink, with many hero or zero flights. In some groups, everyone achieved their 10-minute flight with ease, while in others all of the pilots in the group struggled to get a 5-minute flight. At least today, there were no midairs!

When it was all said and done, Jim Marcicki, flying a plane of his own design, is the new Nats 2017 Altitude Limited Electric Soaring Champion. Well done Jim. You showed everyone how to fly in these very challenging conditions.

Many thanks go to Larry Jolly and his crew for putting on such a well-run contest. It was the perfect way to end a week of Soaring at Nats! See you all back here next year! 🛩️



(L-R): Jimmy Marcicki (1<sup>st</sup>), Terry Edmonds (2<sup>nd</sup>), Wally Adaszczik (3<sup>rd</sup>), Peter Schlitzkus (4<sup>th</sup>), Jack Iafret (5<sup>th</sup>), Don Harris (6<sup>th</sup>), Dennis Hesselius (Junior), Eldon Hesselius (Senior), and Don Cleveland (7<sup>th</sup>).



Timer Ronald Smith studying the sky for pilot Gordy Stahl.



Timer Jimmy Marcicki and pilot Roger Van Elslander during an early round.





Early morning launch, with not a cloud in the sky.



Ed Perez walking back from the flightline.



Terry Edmonds is pleased with his flight.



Don Cleveland walking back from the flightline.



Ron Allen and Marc Marcum waiting their turn between rounds.



Pilot Tom Boice and timer Ed Perez just before launching during an early round.



Tom Boice, Ronald Smith, and Greg Bell relaxing between rounds.





Mike and Mary McGowan watching the action on the field.

Robert Robinson and Ken Shaw discussing strategy.



Pilot Greg Bell and his timer Ed Perez.



Timer Ben Courbin and pilot Maarten Broess returning from the flightline.



Ronald Smith returning from the flightline.



Pilot Jonathan Garber nailing a landing.



A late round launch. (Note the increase in clouds from the morning round!)



Bob Burson coming in for a landing.





Barry Andersen coming in for a landing.



Flaps down for final approach.



Timer Barry Andersen launching pilot Mark Groves' plane.



Pilot Guy Russo and timer Terry Edmonds.



Paul Perret launching his plane.



Pilot Tom Boice right after launch.





Pilot Greg Bell returning from the flightline.

