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## **RC Helicopter**

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**Welcome** to the 2017 Helicopter Nats. It's been a busy year for some of the helicopter pilots.

Nick Maxwell, Jamie Robertson, and Cliff and Daniel Hiatt all competed in the FIA F3C/F3N World Championships in Poland just last week. After a very busy week of competition, Team USA had a solid performance. In F3C, Nick finished 4<sup>th</sup>, Daniel finished 15<sup>th</sup>, and Cliff finished 18<sup>th</sup>. In Team USA's first time competing in F3N, Jamie ended up with a podium finish at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nick finished 5<sup>th</sup>—pulling double duty in both F3N and F3C. Great job guys! We are proud of how you represented Team USA!

Back here in the US, the 2017 Helicopter Nats kicked off with practice and setup on Sunday and the first round of competition

on Monday. As of Sunday night, we had 23 entries covering five classes, plus seven in Scale competition. The biggest class is the beginner class (Class 1) with eight entries—showing that precision flying is starting to catch on.

The Scale machines are also flying Monday around noon, with two rounds again on Tuesday. Based on the works of art I saw today, I am expecting some great scale flying.

If you are coming in early for the IRCHA Jamboree, feel free to stop by and check it all out. We will be flying from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. As an added bonus, F3N will be competing center stage at IRCHA on Thursday to demonstrate what F3N is all about.





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