

# NATSNEWS



## INDOOR FREE FLIGHT

As you read this, the 2018 Indoor Nats are complete.

This year's Nats was held during a holiday weekend and attendance was lower than hoped for.

Part of the argument for having the contest this weekend was so folks could easily travel to the Nats. It seemed to help in some cases and hurt in others. Overall, it was not as helpful as hoped.

In Chicago on Wednesday morning, the temperature was in the mid-40s.

We did have three more FAC fliers attend, so the FAC events were properly run. It was great to meet several fliers whom I had heard about and never met before. George Nunez's Rumpler was a work of art and flew just as great as it looked.

Thursday and Friday were great flying weather overall, with the air better on Thursday.

A few years back, several folks commented that EZB was dead. It was true—I had not seen anyone flying one very often. And yet, there were four EZBs in the air at the same time at this year's Nats. They were beautiful to watch.

Brett Sanborn worked very hard to get his best F1D flight in on Friday evening. After which, a severe thunderstorm came

through the area. We broke out the buckets because the roof leaks and tried to catch as much water as possible.

On Saturday, the hangar was mostly dry in the morning, but it was also much more humid because of the rain. It never really finished drying out. Tissue-covered models started to look very saggy. Then the heat came, hitting 95° outside. Inside the hangar was much nicer, but still humid.

There was also a microfilm pouring demonstration on Saturday, with several folks taking part in both pouring and lifting sheets of microfilm. Then there was a home-cooked rib dinner courtesy of Bud Layne and Carol Kane. Thanks again, Carol. Those were really tasty!

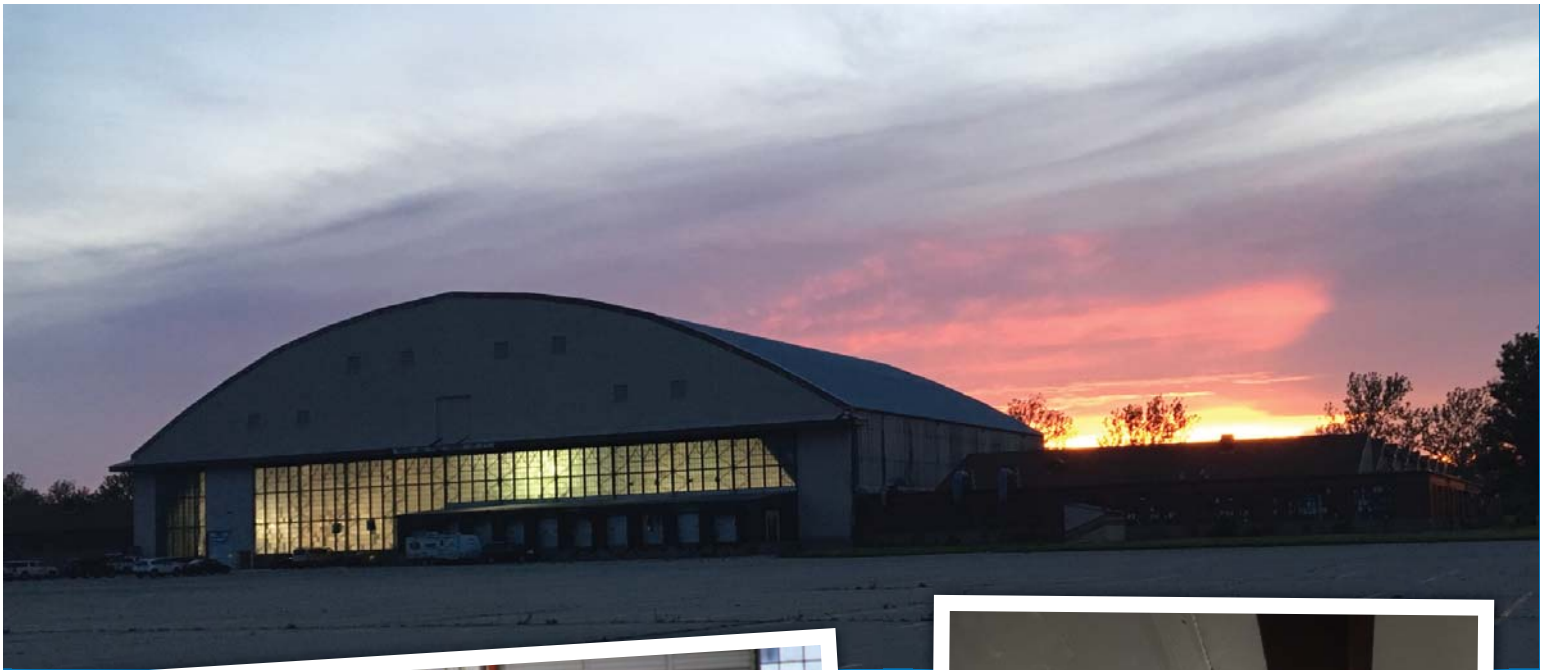
Sunday came with the heat again early. Most decided to wrap up flying early that day and head home before Monday.

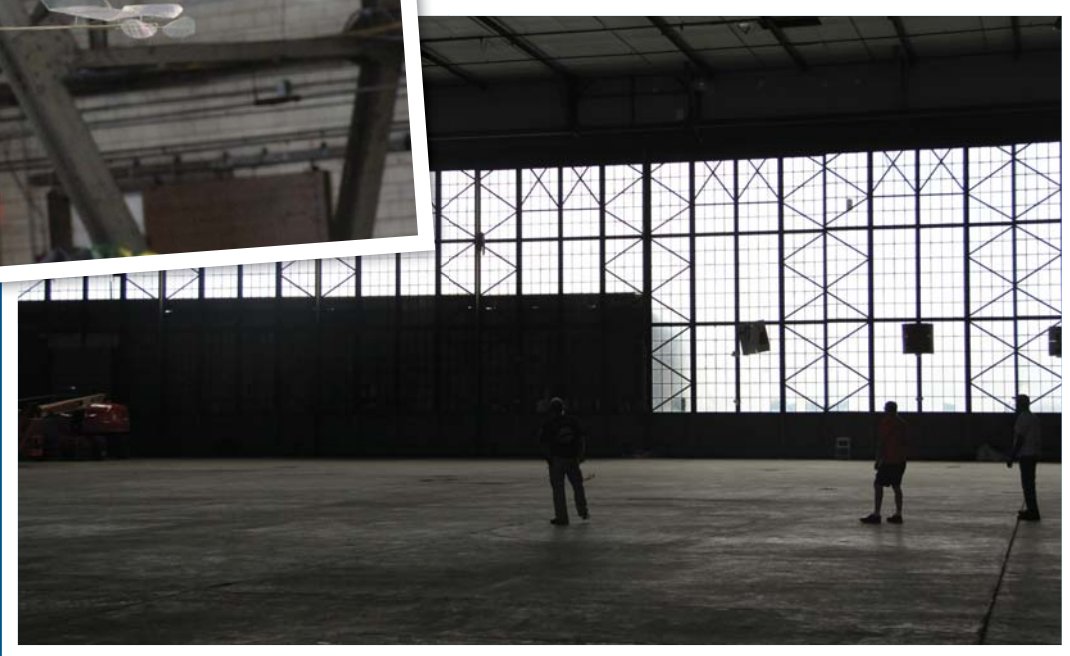
Kurt Krempetz and Randal Krystosek seemed to be egging each other on in gliders—posting some great times. All of the time that Kurt has spent practicing at Rantoul after other competitors have left has worked out well for him.

Don Slusarczyk might have surprised himself in setting a new record in A6. 🚀

—Mike Kirda









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