

NATS NEWS



Tim Dickey with his
Papoose three-cylinder
radial-powered J-3 Cub.



RC SCALE

Saturday dawned well. It was damp and cool around the AMA National Flying Site. The sky was cloudy most of the day and the wind was light. A pilots' meeting, held by Mike Barbee and Event Director Carl Handley, started the day and included the national anthem.

Four flightlines were ready for the contestants, and the runway was ever so smooth for the pilots and their aircraft. It's always interesting to talk with modelers and see what they are working on and how they apply their experience to building their next project.

One of the most popular models was made by the Piper Aircraft company. The Piper J-3 Cub turned out in numbers this week at the Nationals. There were eight different models of the classic Cub, Super Cubs, J-3 Cubs, a Top Cub, and several other models of this aircraft. All who flew in the competition brought out their Cubs for a brief photoshoot. Other aircraft that had multiples were the Fokker D.VII, the P-47 Thunderbolt, as well as the Curtiss P-40.

It was a successful first day of flight competition. If you weren't here, you missed a great day! 🛩️

— Stan Alexander



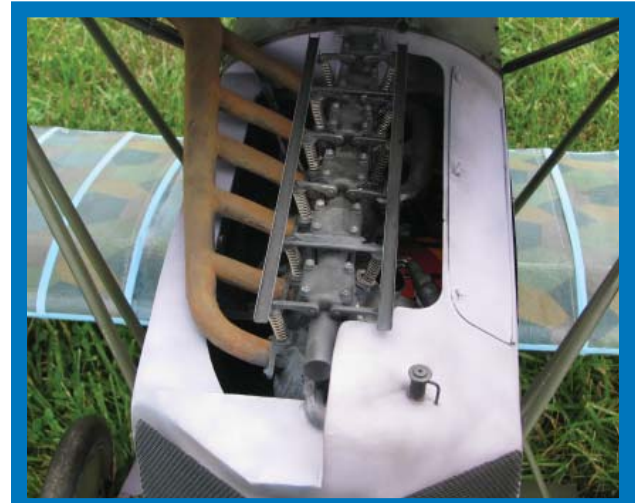
Jack Buckley runs the engine up on his 1/3-scale D.H. Tiger Moth. Jack has won multiple national events with this model.



The group of J-3 Cubs and different types of Cubs entered in the competition, with their owners.



A NASA membership meeting was held Saturday in the static tent.



The engine details of Richard Perry's Fokker D.VII are shown in this photo. It's one of the best D.VII models we've seen in competition.



Longtime friends Ed Terry and Bill Brucken share some comments about a scale flight.



Earl Dever Jr.'s P-47 Snafu making a dive on a target during competition.



This 1/3-scale J-3 Cub was entered by Jim Martin. It was built from a Balsa USA kit and powered by a DLE twin engine.



Above: Frank Noll brings his BVM F-16 jet around in a high G turn "afterburner," while he demonstrates this model's aerobatic capabilities.



Right: Another shot of Frank Noll's F-16 just as it lands. It's an impressive jet for the Fun Scale Open class.



This Mini Max homebuilt was scratch-built by Jack Buckley in Designer Scale. An O.S. .91FS provides the power and it flies great!



Two Hangar 9 Carbon Z T-28s entered in Fun Scale. There is no builder of the model rule in this class—you just need a photo of the subject aircraft.



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Mike Fearing's Grumman F9F Cougar makes a pass. The aircraft was entered in the Sportsman class and is a great jet from the 1950s.



The Fokker D.VII by Richard Perry makes a dive during an aerobatic maneuver during competition.



This Fokker D.VII is by Michael Callahan of South Lebanon OH. It's finished with Latex paint and the lozenge paint is hand painted.



Tim Lovett's 1930 Fleet biplane entered in Fun Scale Open. Tim is part of a group of modelers who have attended from Texas this year.



This Zirol P-40 entered by Mike Fearing was powered by a DLE-85 gas engine and finished in a variation of the Flying Tiger's color scheme British markings for North Africa.



Earl Dever Jr.'s model of a Snafu, a scale version of the full-scale restored P-47 which is in England, is shown here on a takeoff run. It was built from a Top Flite kit and is powered by a DA-50.



Earl Dever Sr. flew this DHC-2 Beaver in Fun Scale. The model is from a Hangar 9 ARF. The landing lights are on!

A close-up of Mike Barbee's Stearman PT-17, with its Evolution radial turning out the power.



The Alisha G P-40 is a modified Top Flite ARF by Dan Landis. It's powered by a DA-50 engine using a Spektrum 10X radio.



The largest model in the competition is this PA-25 Pawnee with a wingspan of 16 feet, entered by Adam Grubb. Power is provided by a 3W-210 twin engine and it's controlled by a Spektrum radio system.

A 1/4-scale Pietenpol Air Camper by John Barton entered in Designer Scale class. Power is supplied by a RimFire 120 and a Talon 90 ESC.



A Ju 87 Stuka entered by Al Kretz shows some battle damage and has had its wheel spats removed.



Johnny Hunt's Champion Super Decathlon ARF by RC Guys flew in Fun Scale Novice. The aircraft is powered by a DLE-35RA using a JR XG11 radio system.



Mike Fearing works on his Zirol P-40E during the day's competition.

Doug Miller is seen here working to get his 1/3-scale Cub in military markings ready for its next flight. The aircraft is powered by a DLE-55 with a Futaba radio system.



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