

# NATSNEWS



Photo by Jenni Alderman.

# RC PATTERN

On our third day of competition, some changes are made. Only 20 of our FAI pilots are left for the semifinal round. So, the number of pilots has gone down, but the number of judges has gone up from three to five.



The sequences have also changed from P-19 (Preliminary) to F-19 (Final). Since the “F” sequence is usually not flown as much as the “P” sequence, pilots will often “dry fly” the sequence with a small stick plane.

Chad Northeast, one of our friends from Canada, is doing a review of his “F” sequence before he actually takes to the air with his 2-meter airplane. Chad is on the Canadian World Championship team traveling to Italy in 2019.



Site 4 has two new staff members. Tom Stennis is the line chief and Monte Richard is the site director. Once again, Site 4 is using the Electronic Scribe scoring system. Site 4 was the first place at our Nats that the Electronic Scribe was used.



It appears that Albert Glenn has added a new member to his team. Pilots generally fly about 150 meters away. AMA has poles to mark this distance. This year, there appears to be a possible “official” at the 150-meter pole.



AMA is offering the traditional *NatsNews* but is also expanding coverage with videos and extensive social media coverage. Be sure to enjoy these new features to Nats coverage.



This is not Brady Ornat's first Nats. He was here earlier in the year for the RC Scale Nats. Brady's dad, Glenn, flies 757s and 767s for United Airlines, so it seems natural that Brady would enjoy flying Scale. He flew a P-40 in Scale this year and was 2.5 points out of first place.

Brady started flying RC at age 3! His grandparents gave him a Hobby Zone Sport Cub as a birthday present. Who was his teacher? He taught himself to fly.

Last fall, Brady was at AMA's International Aeromodeling Center for the D4 Championships. He placed first in Sportsman. That might be expected from the impressive mentors/teachers who have helped him: Chip Hyde, Danny Landis, and Brenner Sharp.

Mentors/teachers or not, however, it was Brady at the controls of his transmitter maneuvering his plane into that first-place finish. It seems Brady's heart might lean toward Scale, but he is confident that aerobatics makes you a better pilot.

Brady thought he would enter the Nats in the Sportsman class. Since he was the only Sportsman, he decided to fly Intermediate. The contest is not over until all six rounds are flown, but after four rounds, Brady is looking very, very good for a strong first-place finish. Kim and Glenn, Brady's mom and dad, should be very proud of this outstanding young man.



Another 10-point landing brought our third day of flying to a close. The day itself, however, had several other important features.



Along with the excitement of our third day of flying, an evening barbecue has been added this year.



Beyond the dinner, there were also a variety of desserts. Monty Richard described his wife, Sara, as a “pastry chef.” Truer words were never spoken. Sara cannot be described as a “baker,” like so many of us. Sara is truly a “pastry chef.”

There is a serious problem with this segment of the news because words do not convey taste or smell. Sara is using her motor home as her pastry kitchen. Improvising is a necessity in such a small space, so covering her ironing board with aluminum foil and using it for counter space just made sense. However unprofessional her motor home kitchen was, the taste of her pastry masterpieces was 110% professional! If we could fly like Sara bakes, our scores would be all 10s.



Bob Kane and his Weak Signals club in Toledo, Ohio, solved answering a variety of questions by giving all of the club members a T-shirt. Enjoy reading Bob’s.



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After the competitors were named, the flight order for the finals needed to be established. Lest there be any bias in the assignment of pilots' order, a special guest was asked to help Albert assign pilots their flight order.

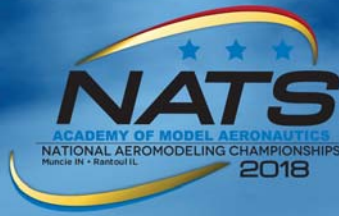


After a brief consultation with her mother, Heather, Elzie Clegg proudly stepped forward and drew numbers from a hat, giving each pilot his flight order number. 🎩

—Jim Quinn



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