

NATSNEWS



Photo by Karen Strenk.

HAND LAUNCH

Here we are again, another Nats. This year's Hand Launch Soaring event got off to a rocky start with audio/visual difficulties, but then things soared into excitement with the first event.

The first event on Saturday was a seven-minute window with unlimited throws to see how long a pilot's aircraft could remain in the air. Only the last flight of this round was to be scored, with a five-minute max airtime.

After the first event, the rain rolled in just as it did last year, but it stuck around and resulted in the competition being called for a few hours.

In order to launch these planes into the air, the pilot holds the glider by the wingtip and then spins himself or herself and releases the glider. Average pilots can achieve launch heights of 140 feet and higher and the best pilots achieve launches of 200 feet and more. When the pilot throws the plane, it shoots straight into the air, and then levels out, and the slightest change in wind

can throw the plane out of the thermal.

A little after 1 p.m., we were on our way with the second and third events. The second task, which was to be completed in a 10-minute window with unlimited throws, involves the pilots achieving a one, two, three, and four-minute flight in any order with only the best four flights to be scored.

The third event, also in a 10-minute window with unlimited throws, involves the pilot trying to achieve a maximum flight of four minutes each time, and only the last two flights are scored. If you think you can do better than one of your scores, go ahead and try.

A little more than halfway through the third event, the rain hit again. This time, however, the competition was called for the day and the third heat of round three, along with heat four and the rest of the events, will take place Sunday. Stay tuned for more high-flying fun! 🛩️

—Karen Strenk





ALES AND F5J

Hheavy rain moved intermittently through the International Aeromodeling Center Saturday, forcing pilots to complete their rounds between showers. Two rounds of ALES were finished before bringing an end to the day. The final round takes place today and before switching the competition over to F5J.

You can see today's flights firsthand by tuning into Twitch, an online live video stream, at www.twitch.tv/lsf_nats.

—Ashley Rauven



This year, a component of the RC Soaring competition is the Big Nutz Championship trophy. This is for the contest pilot that flies 6 of the 8 Nats contest events and wins using LSF Points. The events include F3H (XC), F3K, 2Meter, RES, NOS, Unlimited, F3J, and ALES.





2018 Soaring NATS - ALES - Overall Results

[AMA Flying Site 7/21/2018]

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Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2
1	BEACH, DAVID	2057.2	100.00	2057.2	1050.0	1007.2
2	THUESEN, CARL	2056.6	99.97	2056.6	1043.3	1013.3
3	SCHLITZKUS, PETER	2055.0	99.89	2055.0	1050.0	1005.0
=4	NOGY, L KENT	2050.0	99.65	2050.0	1050.0	1000.0
=4	BURSON, ROBERT	2050.0	99.65	2050.0	1040.0	1010.0
6	BATES, KENNETH	2045.0	99.41	2045.0	1045.0	1000.0
7	POTI, NORMAN	2041.7	99.25	2041.7	1041.7	1000.0
8	HILL, ARTHUR	2029.9	98.67	2029.9	1045.0	984.9
9	RUSSO, GUY	2000.3	97.23	2000.3	1022.9	977.4
10	GROVES, MARK	1946.7	94.63	1946.7	951.5	995.2
11	MEEK, ROBIN	1936.4	94.13	1936.4	966.6	969.8
12	ALLEN, RONALD	1906.3	92.66	1906.3	879.6	1026.7
13	MARCUM, MARC	1884.2	91.59	1884.2	965.5	918.7
14	BELL, GREG	1785.4	86.79	1785.4	762.1	1023.3
15	RICHMOND, DONALD	1780.7	86.56	1780.7	848.0	932.7
16	HARRIS, DON	1745.4	84.84	1745.4	1000.0	745.4
17	BROESKI, THOMAS	1739.4	84.55	1739.4	694.4	1045.0
18	IMMANEUL, DAVID	1721.1	83.66	1721.1	716.2	1004.9
19	PEREZ, EDMUND	1707.6	83.01	1707.6	729.5	978.1
20	SMITH, RONALD	1663.7	80.87	1663.7	709.5	954.2
21	GAMMONS, STEPHEN	1661.6	80.77	1661.6	815.5	846.1
22	FLACK, TED	1585.2	77.06	1585.2	758.6	826.6
23	BOICE, THOMAS	1564.3	76.04	1564.3	589.4	974.9
24	MCGOWAN, MICHAEL	1314.3	63.89	1314.3	719.7	594.6

25	SHAW, KENNETH	1185.9	57.65	1185.9	503.1	682.8
26	WALLNER, JACK	1142.2	55.52	1142.2	624.6	517.6
27	ANDERSON, TODD	1111.7	54.04	1111.7	649.4	462.3
28	VAN ELSLANDER, ROG	1100.2	53.48	1100.2	662.2	438.0
29	JOHNSTON, RICK	1040.0	50.55	1040.0	0.0	1040.0
30	ADASCZIK, WALTER	978.3	47.55	978.3	978.3	0.0
31	IAFRET, JOHN	895.9	43.55	895.9	895.9	0.0
32	MARIEN, JOHN	709.9	34.51	709.9	252.5	457.4
33	WHYTE, ED	516.7	25.12	516.7	516.7	0.0
34	WOEBKENBERG, RYAN	316.1	15.37	316.1	316.1	0.0
35	WOEBKENBERG, KATH	28.5	1.39	28.5	28.5	0.0
36	WATKINS, JAY	3.3	0.16	3.3	3.3	0.0
37	BOTHELL, RICHARD	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0



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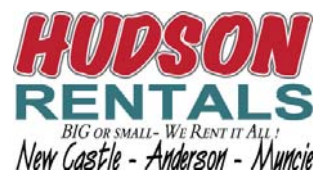




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