

NATSNEWS



Sadie Mennano and brother Clayton.

FREE FLIGHT

What a change in the anticipated weather.

If someone had wondered based upon the previous week, things could have looked dismal, but what a wonderful day for Free Flight! The forecast for the rest of the week is mild and partly cloudy, with possibly some scattered rain later in the week.

Monday morning on the field was nice and sunny and looked very promising, with the exception of the strip of mud that was present south of the barns. It had pretty much dried out.

Okay, we are Free Flyers and can deal with almost anything when it comes to chasing and retrieving our models, right? I didn't count the number of models that landed in the trees by the cemetery, but later in the day there were at least five. Kudos given to Dan Berry who basically stopped what he was doing and helped Norm Furutani and me retrieve our models from those hungry limbs.

The wind was mild throughout the day and the temperature stayed in the mid-80s. Lift was pretty good, and the top placers put in a lot of maxes. Coincidentally, there were quite a few tied scores with flyoffs needed to determine final placings.

Of special note was the performance of Drake Hook in B Electric. Drake put in 14 maxes to set a new record at 1,680 seconds, besting 15 other fliers!

After contest flying was over, Lee Hines held his Beat the Vartanian event. At least a dozen entrants marched north of the flightline across the road and got the lowdown. It was flown in rounds—last one down. Nope, I do not have the winner, but Lee has it. I'll try to get the winner and put in when I get it.

The two most determined fliers were Sadie and Clayton Mennano, both with their Shooting Stars, which is the mainstay model of the flying Mennano family. Brothers Guy and Neal made the trek from California with their families.

In D Gas, Guy Mennano scored 10 with a score of 1,200, edging out Gerald Brown at 1,176. Terry Kerger was hot on their heels too. D Gas is something to see. These airplanes are large and make plenty of model airplane noises and everyone turns his or her head when one is launched. Great flying, guys.

A/B Classic Gas was well contested with 14 entrants putting in official flights. Again, many maxes were needed to win. Gerald Brown put in a score of 1,500 for 1st, Ronnie Thompson was 2nd with 1,455, followed closely by Dan Berry and Thomas Bell. Tight scores mean serious flying.



The 1/2A NOS contest had 19 fliers. Roger Erridge won with 587 seconds, Bobby Hanford with 557 for 2nd place, followed by Doug Marsh and Bob Sowder. Yours truly managed to put my Airfoiler right on the top of a 60-foot tall tree. Dan Berry managed to get it down slightly damaged but repairable.

Andrade Rubber, also known as Small Mulvihill, had 12 fliers with Norm Furutani besting the pack with four-plus maxes for 540 seconds, with Bud Romack 2nd trailing by 13 seconds, and Jim O'Reilly trailing by only 17 seconds. For a special treat, Paul Andrade was on the field and around for the event award presentation!

The .020 Replica category showed some new faces, with Bradley Bane winning with three maxes and Roger Erridge three seconds behind for 2nd. Replica is a fun event if you have a trimmed model. A TeeDee .020 is probably mandatory, but flying those old designs is fun.

Payload is one of those events where you bring out that model you built a *looong* time ago and fly it. Rudy Kluiber bested the two other fliers with 274, while Denny Dock was only five seconds behind, and Dan Berry was 3rd with 227.

The "Pen" for Old Time Hand Launch Glider (OTHLG): The glider pen had its usual tenseness with the pilots all standing at the corners of the pen trying to psyche each other out. When I was there, though, later in the day, the big guns were mostly sitting around telling war stories. That didn't bother young William Wicks, a junior flier who just kept tossing his glider outside the pen until he got it right,

and he flew officially with a respectable 39 seconds. The "adults" did respectably too, with Don DeLoach winning with 218 seconds and Jace Pivonka Sr. at 205 seconds for 2nd place. Jace is a former Junior F1B team member, and last year he was the youngest person to ever win the Tulsa Glue Dobber HLG trophy.

Moffett is a legacy event flown for *many* years. This is indeed the Iron Man of rubber events and very challenging. You know they are going into the corn with the graduated max scoring.

Herb Kothe has been the Nats champion numerous times and this year is no exception, scoring an impressive 840 seconds. Ed Hardin was on his heels with 775, Jim O'Reilly followed with 760 for 3rd, and Ed Sneed came in 4th with 709. There was some very tough but rewarding flying there.

Electric is really coming on strong throughout the Free Flight community with so many good and reliable components becoming available. Electric B is the auto-surface event and had 18 fliers this year! Last year, Drake Hook took 2nd only to take 1st this year and as mentioned, setting a new record at 1,680 seconds! Dwight Scott and Bob Sowder took 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Last, but not least, F1A had six competitors. Ken Bauer won with seven perfect maxes and 40 seconds for a total of 1,300 seconds. Mike McKeever followed with 1,274, and Charley Jones at 1,148.

For the first day of the Nats this year, there was a lot of flying, and Tuesday promises to have more. 🛩️

—Rick Pangell



Drake Hook with his record-setting "B" Electric.



Denny Dock with Payload and 1/2A.



Jerry Murphy with his E-36 flying in B Electric.



Jace Pivonka and his Old Time Hand Launch Glider aircraft.



Neal Mennano and a Kiwi.



The famous Lee Campbell and a 1/2A NOS T-Bird.



James Hack with his B Gas ship.



Norm Furutani with his Andrade Rubber model before the trees ate it.



I'm Will but you can call me William (Wicks) OTHLG.



James Hack Jr. and his OTHLG.



Jack Marsh and his D Maverick.



OTHLG pen inhabitants.



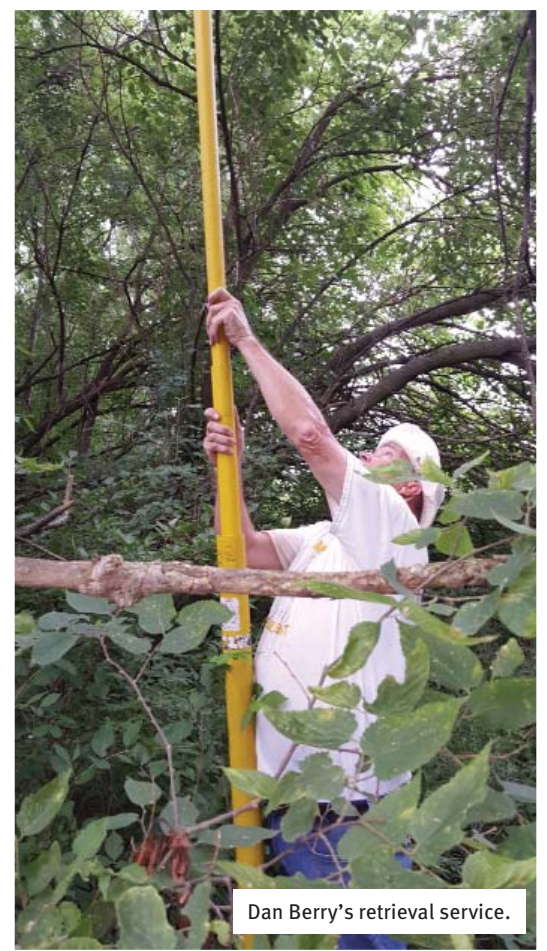
A pensive pose struck Sadie Mennano while listening to instructions during the Beat the Vartanian event sponsored by Lee Hines.



Miss Sadie Mennano launching her Catapult Launch Glider.



Robert Dunham and his Stampede original.



Dan Berry's retrieval service.



Sadie Mennano and brother Clayton are ready to launch.



The 1/2A NOS Payload winners.



The Payload winners.



The Society of Antique Modelers (SAM) .020 Replica winners.



The Moffet winners.



Herb Kothe and the Moffett trophy.



The Moffett team and trophy.



Andrade Rubber winners.



OTHLG winners.



Bobby Hanford presenting the Tulsa Glue Dobber High Time Towline glider trophy to Ken Bauer.



F1A winners.



1/2A NOS winners.



AB Classic Gas winners.

FREE FLIGHT SCORES

1/2 A Nos Gas (JSA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
ERRIDGE	ROGER	587
HANFORD	ROBERT	557
MARSH	DOUGLAS	457
SOWDER	BOB	427
DAVIDSON	LARRY	365
KLUIBER	RUDY	356
MENANNO	NEAL	355
SMITH	ROY	345
SCHNEIDER	GLENN	339
FEDOR	MIKE	335
SMITH	GENE	323
KACMARSKY	RICHARD	308
DOCK	DENNY	308
BELL	H THOMAS	280
BAYS	KIT	218
PANGELL	RICK	217
MENANNO	CLAYTON	200
HACK	JAMES	130
LAPRAIK	SCOTT	120

F1A-A2 Glider (J)(SA)		
(SA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
BAUER	KENNETH	1300
MCKEEVER	MIKE	1274
JONES	CHARLES	1148
LANGELIUS	JAN	991
LORBIECKI	JOHN	263
HACK	JAMES	65
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Electric B (JSA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
HOOKE	DRAKE	1680
SCOTT	DWIGHT	924
SOWDER	BOB	838
SIFLEET	ROBERT	704
ELDER	DALE	577
HINES	LEE	457
MCBRIDE	DUNCAN	455
MURPHY	JACK	442
BROOKS	CLINTON	440
FREELAND	MARK	398
RAY	RALPH	333
JONES	DAVID	326
TOMASCH	ANDREW	323
MURPHY	JERRY	297
SECHRIST	DAVID	212
JONES	JENNIFER	190
COFFIN	JAMES	120
GREENING	CRAIG	120

102-103C A/B Classic Gas (JSA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
BROWN	GERALD	1500
THOMPSON	RONNIE	1455
BERRY	DANIEL	887
BELL	H THOMAS	855
HANFORD	ROBERT	721
DUNHAM	ROBERT	669
MOLLENDORF	JOSEPH	600
LAPRAIK	SCOTT	573
MARSH	DOUGLAS	561
BOCKINFUSO	JAMES	514
BANE	RUTH	360
SCHNEIDER	GLENN	345
SPERZEL	HANK	343
DOCK	DENNY	100

Moffett (JSA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
KOTHE	HERB	840
HARDIN	EDWARD	775
OREILLY	JIM	760
SNEED	ED	709
DELOACH	DON	512
FERWERDA	JAMES	508
CROWLEY	PAUL	498
GERSZEWSKI	MICHAEL	443
ROMAK	BUD	439
GERSZEWSKI	JAMES	398
WICKS	IAN	319

D Gas (JSA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
MENANNO	GUY	1200
BROWN	GERALD	1176
KERGER	TERRY	1026
SPERZEL	HANK	731
MARSH	P JACK	705
DUNHAM	ROBERT	465
MARSH	DOUGLAS	461
BERTRAND	DICK	408
CATON	CHARLES	360
HACK	JAMES	329
THOMPSON	RONNIE	225
BOCKINFUSO	JAMES	150

OT HL Glider (JSA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
DELOACH	DON	218
PIVONKA	JACE	205
HACK	JAMES	150
LEWIS	JAMES	126
DALECKI	GEORGE	103
LANGELIUS	JAN	85
HALE	DAVID	74
POWELL	CHUCK	70
PANGELL	RICK	53
WICKS	WILLIAM	39
LOOMIS	W	32

ANDRADE RUBBER (JSA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
FURUTANI	NORMAN	540
ROMAK	BUD	527
OREILLY	JIM	523
HARDIN	EDWARD	461
BERRY	DANIEL	451
POWELL	CHUCK	450
BROOKS	CLINTON	418
BOYD	RAYMOND	337
DELOACH	DON	300
VANCIL	MARK	291
JONES	DAROLD	271
BOYD	RAY	183

OT 020 Replica (JSA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
BANE	BRADLEY	360
ERRIDGE	ROGER	357
OLIVER	JOHN	299
KACMARSKY	RICHARD	260
BELL	H THOMAS	203
KELLY	JAMES	197
PANGELL	RICK	0

Payload (JSA)		
Last Name	First Name	Score
KLUIBER	RUDY	274
DOCK	DENNY	269
BERRY	DANIEL	227



D Gas winners.

RES | NOS | TWO-METER

Photos by Jenni Alderman.

Three RC Soaring events began Monday: RES (rudder, elevator, spoiler), NOS (Nostalgia), and Two-Meter. The events ran in a medley with pilots flying two rounds of each event before moving on to fly two rounds of the next.

Four rounds of each event were complete by the end of the flying day. Competition was close, with some places separated by only a handful of points.

The day was not without a few complications, as some airplanes were seen shedding various wing parts throughout the sky after being released from the winches. Fortunately, pilots appeared to easily bring their gliders home to gentle landings without further complication.

Many contenders have commented on the weather at this year's event. Typically, these fliers experience intense heat—a staple of late July in Muncie, Indiana. This year has thrown everyone for a loop with mild temperatures and consistent, gentle breezes rolling across the field—allowing time spent in the sun to be a pleasant experience.

Today's forecast is mostly cloudy with low wind. There is a slight chance for precipitation, but this past weekend's events showed that it's of little deterrent to our pilots.

Good luck to everyone for the final day of NOS, RES, and Two-Meter. 🛩️

—Ashley Rauhen







2018 Soaring NATS - RES

Round 4 Combined - 07/22/2018

Plc	Pilot	1	2	3	4	Total
1	BEACH, DAVID	1092.00	1018.67	1046.00	1079.00	4235.67
2	EVERLEY, RANDALL	1021.67	1067.00	1053.00	1093.31	4234.98
3	RUSSO, GUY	1070.66	1083.33	998.33	1071.33	4223.66
4	POOL, AMY	1054.33	1035.29	1086.67	1041.00	4217.29
5	CLEVELAND, DON	1075.66	1061.99	1067.33	988.31	4193.30
6	BATES, KENNETH	1000.00	1047.67	993.33	1096.00	4137.00
7	GAUGER, GILBERT	932.52	1009.33	1074.67	1082.00	4098.52
8	NOGY, L KENT	1000.00	1097.00	1072.33	832.36	4001.69
9	WIMBISH, WAYNE	1051.67	1058.00	988.33	879.61	3977.61
10	SCHLITZKUS, PETER	1031.98	1045.67	1012.33	854.87	3944.85
11	BOTHELL, RICHARD	1063.00	1000.00	1057.98	681.81	3802.80
12	PIKE, DOUG	1054.33	1059.66	1033.00	654.54	3801.53
13	SHAPE, J	1000.00	1039.67	1052.67	654.16	3746.49
14	STROTHER, BERNARD	1021.33	1042.33	1017.00	657.21	3737.87
15	SCULLY, TOM	1016.33	530.88	1059.00	1033.07	3639.28
16	JOHNSTON, RICK	940.53	730.81	1098.00	781.72	3551.06
17	ADASCZIK, WALTER	359.80	1047.00	1003.33	1052.00	3462.13
18	CARR, JEFFREY	937.04	1043.00	1029.99	449.83	3459.86
19	POTI, NORMAN	620.00	1041.67	1052.00	742.36	3456.02
20	RICHMOND, DONALD	1067.00	531.44	731.22	1007.99	3337.65
21	ROBINSON, ROBERT	685.19	1000.00	1022.33	441.30	3148.81
22	BOICE, THOMAS	512.67	991.64	1005.33	543.67	3053.31
23	LINDSAY, JOHN	750.84	1042.33	527.55	731.02	3051.74
24	MEEK, ROBIN	978.67	432.39	839.01	714.77	2964.84
25	WALLNER, JACK	1090.33	438.13	896.67	513.10	2938.22
26	MARTIN, JAMES	492.49	586.15	905.38	944.56	2928.58
27	RENECAMP, RICHARD	309.51	834.72	998.33	766.28	2908.84
28	IMMANUEL, DAVID	108.51	730.64	1013.00	998.33	2850.48
29	BROESKI, THOMAS	497.50	801.82	661.10	812.23	2772.64
30	WOMACK, JACKIE	787.04	340.57	998.33	617.90	2743.84
31	MCGOWAN, MICHAEL	425.96	1050.33	471.33	676.97	2624.59
32	HILL, ARTHUR	250.42	510.00	988.31	544.77	2293.50
33	ANDERSON, TODD	379.63	495.00	780.24	596.79	2251.65
34	BLACK, SCOTT	235.39	366.22	1010.00	553.55	2165.16
35	CUNNINGHAM, WILLIAM	379.93	443.14	618.33	326.92	1768.32
36	GRIFFITH, JERRY	623.21	365.61	0.00	747.44	1736.25
37	MARIEN, JOHN	190.32	306.02	622.67	244.15	1363.15
38	TAMEZ, JULIAN	0.00	993.33	0.00	0.00	993.33
39	TRUSSELL, GAVIN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

2018 Soaring NATS - NOS
Round 4 Combined - 07/22/2018

Plc	Pilot	1	2	3	4	Total
1	POTI, NORMAN	1025.00	868.79	1025.00	1025.00	3943.79
2	BATES, KENNETH	1023.32	1025.00	872.57	778.33	3699.23
3	ADASCZIK, WALTER	1000.00	1025.00	816.67	730.20	3571.87
4	BERLIN, JOHNNY	1021.66	1013.31	858.33	583.65	3476.96
5	STROTHER, BERNARD	899.68	1025.00	819.70	701.52	3445.90
6	RUSSO, GUY	1025.00	279.26	1025.00	1025.00	3354.26
7	WOMACK, JACKIE	1023.33	264.13	1000.00	1025.00	3312.46
8	CARR, JEFFREY	1021.66	427.38	1025.00	772.91	3246.95
9	HILL, ARTHUR	506.89	752.23	964.39	1000.00	3223.51
10	SHAPE, J	984.80	1025.00	862.25	295.49	3167.55
11	TRUSSELL, GAVIN	1025.00	833.51	1025.00	252.09	3135.60
12	BEACH, DAVID	283.81	1000.00	713.24	1025.00	3022.04
13	RICHMOND, DONALD	303.18	574.47	1023.33	1016.65	2917.64
14	ROBINSON, ROBERT	1000.00	496.64	1023.33	307.18	2827.16
15	WALLNER, JACK	988.98	510.07	678.33	494.30	2671.68
16	BROESKI, THOMAS	480.18	937.92	695.59	541.67	2655.36
17	BOTHELL, RICHARD	518.11	535.71	790.49	528.80	2373.12
18	MEEK, ROBIN	660.19	591.96	432.84	667.63	2352.63
19	TAMEZ, JULIAN	815.43	495.83	500.79	517.53	2329.58
20	GROVES, MARK	597.80	663.12	570.99	488.33	2320.24
21	MARIEN, JOHN	461.89	736.61	829.02	213.69	2241.21
22	BLACK, SCOTT	522.36	229.10	500.84	938.23	2190.53
23	MARTIN, JAMES	358.92	382.30	673.24	760.00	2174.46
24	BOICE, THOMAS	590.51	422.82	734.20	313.81	2061.34
25	SCULLY, TOM	256.28	545.09	622.70	549.43	1973.50
26	SCHLITZKUS, PETER	592.23	652.48	417.32	0.00	1662.04



2018 Soaring NATS - 2M

Round 4 Combined - 07/22/2018

Plc	Pilot	1	2	3	4	Total
1	NOGY, L KENT	963.40	1074.00	1067.00	1093.00	4197.40
2	ADASCZIK, WALTER	1081.00	1000.00	1021.15	988.04	4090.19
3	TRUSSELL, GAVIN	1059.00	849.14	1082.00	1084.00	4074.14
4	PIKE, DOUG	749.45	1081.67	1083.00	1078.00	3992.12
5	SHAPE, J	1044.00	931.44	832.77	1035.04	3843.24
6	BROESKI, THOMAS	811.74	1061.66	1040.06	822.44	3735.90
7	SCULLY, TOM	1034.66	1026.32	991.65	590.35	3642.99
8	EVERLEY, RANDALL	1066.66	1059.00	803.04	708.47	3637.18
9	CARR, JEFFREY	1043.12	1055.00	695.91	688.73	3482.76
10	BATES, KENNETH	858.03	705.00	1067.33	824.82	3455.18
11	RUSSO, GUY	1089.67	1000.00	563.78	729.00	3382.45
12	MYERS, NOAH	1023.00	551.67	1097.00	692.02	3363.69
13	MARTIN, JAMES	1034.00	863.31	682.34	722.71	3302.36
14	MARIEN, JOHN	535.00	895.39	988.31	848.45	3267.15
15	BERLIN, JOHNNY	882.72	680.33	988.31	646.61	3197.98
16	BEACH, DAVID	766.78	934.56	411.76	1026.00	3139.10
17	JOHNSTON, RICK	653.00	1034.00	372.78	990.17	3049.95
18	POOL, AMY	751.26	306.75	1042.95	836.54	2937.50
19	WALLNER, JACK	888.68	1063.66	367.31	411.37	2731.03
20	RICHMOND, DONALD	589.07	522.33	733.14	791.29	2635.84
21	BOTHELL, RICHARD	288.33	463.21	1081.00	709.68	2542.23
22	MCGOWAN, MICHAEL	630.87	439.93	311.56	1012.07	2394.43
23	SCHLITZKUS, PETER	465.66	435.98	739.74	636.89	2278.27
24	LINDSAY, JOHN	225.00	612.67	319.63	869.38	2026.67
25	MEEK, ROBIN	444.33	403.01	297.16	766.47	1910.97
26	ANDERSON, TODD	239.70	365.61	657.04	514.97	1777.31
27	GAUGER, GILBERT	501.98	0.00	315.97	552.07	1370.02





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