

NATSNEWS



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CL RACING

must start today's article with an apology. In Thursday's article, I mistakenly stated that Mike Hazel was from Washington state, when in fact he is from Oregon.

Every year during competitions, each contestant is awarded points depending on where he or she finished in each event, which help determine the National Control Line Racing Association (NCLRA) High Point Trophy winner. This award, along with the NCLRA Sportsmanship award, were given to Bill Lee this year during the NCLRA annual meeting held at the Nats.

Also at the annual meeting, Bill Bischoff and Bob Whitney were inducted into the NCLRA Hall of Fame.

The NCLRA also voted to hold the same events at the 2019 AMA Nationals that they did this year, with the addition of NCLRA Fox Racing. The schedule of events will be announced later.

Thursday was Scale Race day. There are two versions of the

event. The first is the AMA rule book event. This contest uses profile airplanes that are modeled after actual Goodyear Racing planes, hence the nickname Goodyear. The aircraft use .15 CI engines that typically run with a pressure fuel system and a way to fill the full tank quickly.

The second class was Sport Goodyear. The planes look similar, but you are restricted on what motors you can use. The aircraft also must have a suction fuel system, and the tank can only be filled with a 1/8-inch fuel tube.

I do not know why, but maybe it is the simplicity of the airplanes or the lower cost of the engines, but the Sport Goodyear event is the more popular of the two.

More than likely, by the time you read this we will be done, but Friday morning is the Muncie 500. The Muncie 500 is a 500-lap sport Goodyear Race. 🏁

—Melvin Schuette



Scale Race winners with event director Bill Lee.



How not to land.



Mark Knight came all the way to Muncie just to help out.

AMA Scale Race

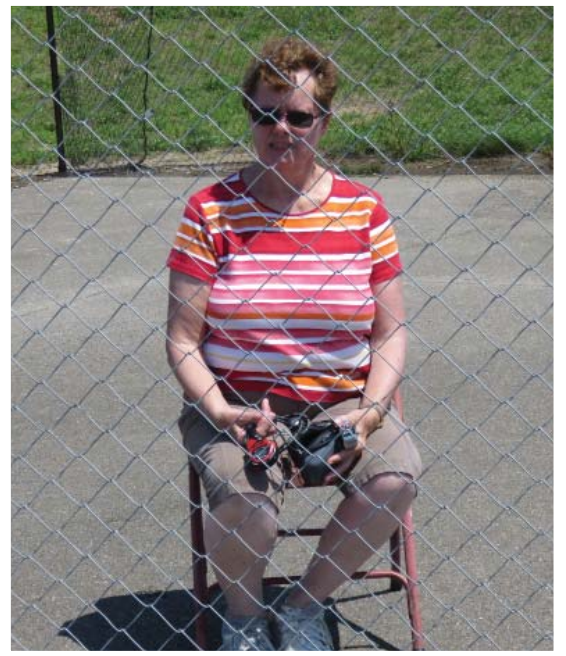
Contestant	1 st Heat Race	2 nd Heat Race	Final Race	Place
Bill Bischoff	3:12.28	3:09.10	6:36.45	1 st
Charles Barnes Jr.	3:24.17	6 laps	23 laps	2 nd
Bob Oge	3:40.72	4:37.81		3 rd
Dave Betz	3:48.53	36 laps		4 th
Mike Greb	69 laps	3:53.07		5 th

Sport Goodyear

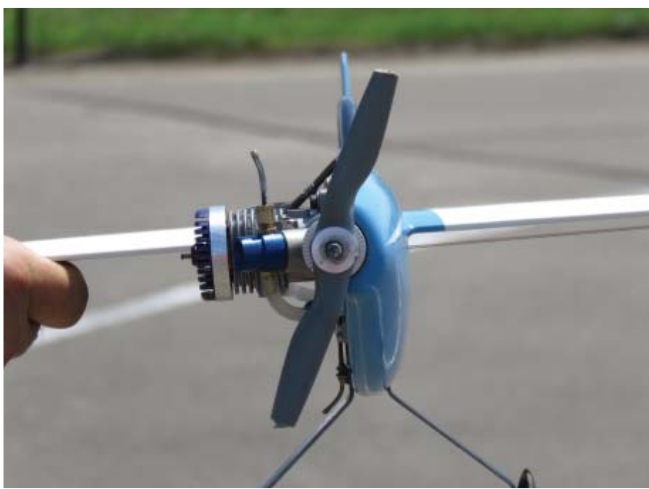
Contestant	1 st Heat Race	2 nd Heat Race	Final Race	Place
Mike Greb	4:20.59	4:34.06	8:42.22	1 st
Charles Barnes Jr.	4:19.54	5:39.82	9:05.07	2 nd
Bob Oge	7:52.12	4:19.50	11:04.63	3 rd
Bill Bischoff	4:20.59	4:34.06		4 th
Patrick Hempel	4:30.08	4:37.56		5 th
Tim Stone	4:39.13	4 laps		6 th
Melvin Schuette	4:42.37	4:51.47		7 th
Charles Barnes Sr.	4:46.53	70 laps		8 th
Dave Betz	5:57.50	7:42.63		9 th



Bill Bischoff (R), High Point Trophy winner and NCLRA Hall of Fame inductee.



Zela Betz spent all week timing without complaining about it.



A pilot-shortened propeller.



Sport Goodyear winners with Event Director Charlie Johnson.

CL SPEED

Thursday was the best day weather wise. Thursday's events included A Speed, B Speed, and the very popular Sport Jet.

A Speed had five entries and started right away. Chris Montagino put up an excellent speed of 186.2 mph and this would hold up for Chris to be the National Champion. The New Math/Hines team made a gallant run late in the day but fell a little short with a run of 185.37 mph for second place. Glen VanSant placed third at 180.81 mph.

B Speed had six entries. The piped engines had some problems and made the competition very close until Glen VanSant finally solved his issue and again became the National Champion this year. His son, James, was second at 167.82 mph. The New Math/Hines team was third at 157.63 mph.

NASS Sport Jet had nine entries and the competition was also very close. The New Math/Hines team, with Joey on the handle, made a gallant charge early. It remained with a run of 154.32 mph, which held up and the team became the National Champions. Butch Andrews was second at 151.32 mph, Carl Layman was in third with a run of 150.58 mph.

Friday will be the Big Block engines and Jet. 🚀

—Warren Gregory



Jeff's new Sport Jet.



A little sideways.



A Pod Racer from the Northwest.



B Speed about to take off.

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EVENT 302 A Speed						
CONTESTANT	1	2	3	4	BEST	
Doering Howard					185.37	2
New Math / Hines	173.24	184.16	185.37			
Montagano Chris	186.2				186.2	1
Van Sant James	172.47	ATT			172.47	4
Van Sant Glen	180.81				180.81	3



National Champion in A Speed, Chris Montagano.

EVENT 303 B Speed						
CONTESTANT	1	2	3	4	BEST	
Doering Howard	138.69				138.69	6
Layman Carl	ATT	ATT	146.7		146.7	4
Montagano Chris	ATT	ATT	142.5	144.71	144.71	5
New Math / Hines	157.63				157.63	3
Van Sant James	ATT	162.82	ATT	160.79	162.82	2
Van Sant Glen	174.05				174.05	1



James VanSant, B Speed second place.

EVENT Sport Jet						
CONTESTANT	1	2	3	4	BEST	
Gregory Warren	ATT	133.21			133.21	9
Citchel Jeff	134.08	141.27	144.46	—	144.46	7
New Math / Hines	154.32	153.55			154.32	1
Butch Andrews	151.32				151.32	2
Howard Doering	141.24	141.81	142.84	—	142.84	8
Patrick Hempel	ATT	148.11	145.7	ATT	148.11	5
Carl Layman	150.0	ATT	149.61	150.58	150.58	3
Steve Perkins	144.83	146.13	148.48	—	148.48	4
Mike Hazel	144.11	145.51	145.51	—	145.51	6



Glen VanSant, National Champion B Speed.



Steve likes to fly 'em low!



Sport Jet third place goes to Carl Layman.



A Speed runners-up.



A Speed contestants.



Butch Andrews, second place in Sport Jet.



Sport Jet winners.



Second and first place in B Speed, James and Glen VanSant.



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Photos by Jenni Alderman and Mike Unger.

After fighting with all of the weather earlier in the week, and finally getting a good day in on Wednesday, Thursday morning was left to finish up AMA Sportsman, Advanced, Expert, and F3C. Things went off without a hitch, and the 2018 Helicopter Nats are now in the books.

In F3N, the final round of music Freestyle was done center stage at the IRCHA Jamboree. All seven competitors put on a great show and the crowd enjoyed it.

After the scores were tabulated, the F3N final results were Nick Maxwell, first; Jamie Robertson, second; Ben Storick, third; Aaron Cole, fourth; and William Ramsey, fifth. This also means that Nick, Jamie, and Ben will represent the US at next year's World Championship in Germany, and William Ramsey will be the first alternate. Aaron Cole is from England and will likely be there as well, representing his county.

In F3C, Nick Maxwell finished in first with a commanding lead, but the battle for second through fifth was a close one. Dwight Shilling ended up second, Nob Muraki third, Mike Goza fourth, and Tim Diperi fifth. The World Championship team will be Nick Maxwell, Mike Goza, Tim Diperi, and Chris Diamanti as a Senior.

The other podium finishers chose to opt out of next year's World Championship.

Two rounds of the AMA classes finished up Thursday morning, with all of the competitors pushing for the final solid flight that would firm up their final positions in the rankings. Class 1 (Sportsman) would have the tightest battle, with Michael Parker and Mike Unger battling for the top spot. Mike Unger would get lucky and edge out Mike Parker by a mere 12 points out of 6,000 to take first place overall. Michael Parker finished second, Dan Brickman third, Phillip Goodwin fourth, and Don Irvine fifth.

In Class 2 (Advanced), last year's Class 1 champ, David Snow, finished first, Wesley Minear second, Bernard Shaw third, and Peter Bisbal fourth. In Class 3, it was Robert Montee first and Eaton Bryce second.

Overall, despite all of the crazy weather, soggy judging sheets, and damp helicopters and transmitters, everything came together in the end. Fun was had by all and there was great execution of flying by everyone. Thanks to all of the competitors and we will see you all next year to do it again. 🚁

—Mike Unger





F3C winners: (L-R) Nob Muraki, Dwight Shilling, Nick Maxwell, Chris Diamanti, Tim Diperi, and Mike Goza.



The F3N winners: (L-R) Nick Maxwell, Jamie Robertson, and Ben Storick. Photo by Jenni Alderman.



Sportsman winners: (L-R) Phil Goodwin, Michael Parker, Mike Unger, Dan Brickman, and Don Irvine.



Worlds Team: (L-R) Tim Diperi, Nick Maxwell, Mike Gorza, and Chris Diamanti.



Advanced class winners: (L-R) David Snow and Wes Minear.



Expert class winners: (L-R) Eaton Bryce and Robert Montee.



Team Scale: (L-R) Eaton Bryce, Luther Farmer (not pictured), second; Darrell Sprayberry, Paul Holland (not pictured), first.



518B Scale winners: (L-R) Rene Gotiear-Bailey, first; Mike Zaborowski, second; and Brian Shaw, third. Rachele Haughn photo.



Sport Scale winners: (L-R) Steve Smith, second; Mike Zaborowski, first; and Eaton Bryce, third. Haughn photo.



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INVERTED HOVER

LEFT IS RIGHT
RIGHT IS LEFT
DOWN IS UP
UP IS EXPENSIVE



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