

U.S. National Aeromodeling Championships for Free Flight. It was held August 5-9

Dear Free Flight Friends,

I am happy to report on the U.S. National Aeromodeling Championships for Free Flight. It was held August 5-9 at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana. Moderate weather, not too hot, with calm days Monday, Wednesday and Friday made it especially pleasurable for all.

I am very grateful to the volunteers, who assisted with score recording (Lisa Pacelli, Patti Lorbiecki, Julie Parker, Jeri Kluiber, Malav Shah, Skilly DeLoach, Sally Clapp), processing (Faust Parker, Chuck Powell, Linda Powell, Ross Jahnke, Bobby Geyer, Chris Matsuno, John Clapp), helpful walk-up volunteers (Graham, David) event directing (Aram Schlosberg, Jerry Murphy, Faust Parker, Chuck Markos, Mike Fedor, Malav Shah, Tim Batiuk, Jan Langelius, Rudy Kluiber, Bill Reuter, Lousie Reuter, Mike Welshans, Pat Murray, Bill Kuhl, Dan Berry), NFFS president John Lorbiecki, Nats News Rick Pangell, championship scorer Bob Hanford, FAI tabulator Ross Jahnke, Medic David Gerspacher and the onsite AMA staff (especially Yolanda Jones, Marcy Bizzell, Maria VanVreede and Joyce Hager). What a great support team!

Some extraordinary good flying took place. Very long strings of maxes were needed to win AMA Gas, classic Gas and NFFS nostalgia events. There were two national records set. One by Stan Buddenbohm in E-36 with 16 straight maxes!! Another record by Skilly DeLoach in Junior P-30 with a max out, plus three minute and four minute maxes!! The best performances in FAI were by Greg Simon, winning F1B in a flyoff against Brian Pacelli and Aram Schlosberg, and by Bob Sifleet winning F1S in a second flyoff flight against Don DeLoach and Jack Murphy. Seven fliers maxed out in F1S.

The category champions are Ronnie Thompson (Gas events), Dan Berry (Classic Gas events), Bob Hanford (Nostalgia Gas events), Ross Jahnke (Rubber events), Ed Sneed (Nostalgia Rubber events), Jack Murphy (Electric events), Tim Batiuk (Glider events), William Reuter (Junior Champion) and Larson Rignlien (Senior Champion). These and others with high totals are listed in the attached.

For the AMA events you can find scores by visiting https://www.modelaircraft.org/nats-search?field_event_session_type=210&year=2019.

For NFFS and FAC events, Rick Pangell, Don DeLoach and I have those as pdf files from photos of score sheets, and we may be able to distill those for more compact viewing.

For FAI events, here below are the round-by-round scores.

It was a pleasure to serve as the Contest Director. With appreciation, Andrew Barron

2019 Free Flight Nationals FAI Scores

F1A - Monday, August 5

1 180 180 180 180 180 143 180 = 1229 Stalick, Roman (Senior)

2 180 180 180 123 180 180 180 = 1203 Ulm, Gene

3 149 168 131 180 180 180 180 = 1168 Markos, Charles

4 180 074 152 126 180 151 180 = 1043 Tzvetkov, Tzvetan

5 167 180 180 126 180 180 028 = 1041 Langlius, Jan

6 115 180 180 180 180 096 092 = 1023 Ulm, Adelaide (Senior)
7 109 120 116 157 140 161 047 = 850 Ringlien, Andy
8 127 060 078 090 112 x x = 467 Ringlien, Larson (Senior)

F1H - Tuesday, August 6

1 075 070 040 110 064 = 359 Hack, James
2 083 057 120 006 055 = 321 Fedor, Mike
3 x 006 020 067 120 = 213 Powell, Chuck

Junior

1 x x x 070 x = 070 Reuter, William
2 x x x 058 x = 058 Reuter, Wes

F1C - Tuesday, August 6

1 180 180 023 132 143 x x = 658 Parker, Faust
2 180 180 180 ATT x x x = 540 Mathis, Richard
3 180 180 x x x x x = Chesson, Don
4 082 032 x x x x x = Menano, Neil

F1Q - Tuesday, August 6

1 180 180 180 180 150 = 870 Sifleet, Robert
2 180 180 180 180 126 = 846 Murphy, Jack
3 180 180 135 180 150 = 825 Schlosberg, Aram
4 180 180 180 161 x = 601 Tarcher, Ben
5 129 075 090 x x = 294 Wegener, Richard

F1B - Wednesday, August 7

1 240 180 180 180 180 180 170 = 1490 Simon, Greg
2 240 180 180 180 180 180 144 = 1464 Schlosberg, Aram
3 240 180 180 180 180 180 140 = 1460 Parcelli, Brian
4 240 180 180 180 180 180 137 = 1277 Simon, Evan
5 240 180 156 122 180 180 180 = 1238 Jones, Charles
6 240 180 127 168 145 137 131 = 1128 Jahnke, Ross
7 240 180 180 180 180 004 148 = 1112 Joyner, Louis
8 174 123 180 180 154 106 180 = 1097 Matsuno, Chris
9 240 180 152 180 024 x x = 776 Clapp, John

F1J - Wednesday, August 7

1 120 120 120 120 120 = 600 Menanno, Neal
2 120 120 103 120 120 = 583 Parker, Faust
3 120 120 120 093 098 = 551 Fedor, Mike
4 120 092 120 x x = 332 Menanno, Guy

5 120 x x x 120 = 240 Hooke, Drake

6 068 x x x x = 68 Bartick, Don

F1G - Thursday, August 8

1 120 117 120 120 087 = 564 Matsuno, Chris

2 120 082 120 120 113 = 555 Jahnke, Ross

3 120 057 030 071 026 = 304 Jones, Geralyn

4 051 092 x 030 x = 173 Markos, Charles

5 048 120 x x x = 168 Joyner, Louis

6 056 x x x x = 56 Clapp, John

7 x x 042 x x = 42 Mattson, Hailey (Senior)

8 ATT x x x x = 0 Simon, Greg

Junior

1 x x x 039 036 = 75 Reuter, William (Junior)

2 x x 073 x x = 73 Deloach, Kiley (Junior)

F1P - Thursday, August 8

1 180 110 120 061 120 = 591 Fedor, Mike

2 098 113 120 120 120 = 571 Ashworth, Hayden (Senior)

3 113 097 112 120 120 = 562 Stalick, Roman (Senior)

F1S - Friday, August 9

1 120 120 120 120 120 120 105 = 825 Sifleet, Robert

2 120 120 120 120 120 120 100 = 820 Murphy, Jack

3 120 120 120 120 120 120 087 = 807 DeLoach, Don

4 120 120 120 120 120 097 = 697 Ray, Ralph

5 120 120 120 120 120 089 = 689 Murphy, Jerry

6 120 120 120 120 120 078 = 678 Freeland, Mark

7 120 120 120 120 120 068 = 668 Hooke, Drake

8 120 120 120 120 112 = 592 Grogan, Harry

9 120 108 120 120 120 = 588 Greening, Craig

10 120 105 120 120 120 = 585 Bartick, Don

10 120 105 120 120 120 = 585 Parker, Julie

12 120 120 120 097 120 = 577 Sechrist, David

13 120 120 120 067 120 = 547 Pangell, Rick

14 120 048 120 x x = 288 Reuter, Bill

15 080 x x x x = 080 Buddenbohm, Stan