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### *President's Corner*

by Trey Witte

The 2018 racing season is half-way over. We have all had a ton of racing so far and by looking at the schedule, we have a lot of racing to go!! Be sure to check the schedule below and the regional schedules so that you do not miss out on any of the great racing that is going on.

#### **2018 AMA Pylon Nationals**

The 2018 Pylon Nationals are done! It was a great week of racing that showcased some of the closest racing and some super-fast times. We 86 entries who participated in 6 classes: Club 40 (Bronze & Silver), AMA 424, NMPRA EF1, AMA 426 & AMA 422.

We need to thank several people and groups that help make the Nats possible and a success.

- Yolanda, Joyce & the field guys with the AMA. Without these two ladies keeping us in line and the guys' diligent work on Site

3, registration, information from the AMA, tent setup, trash collection, PA equipment would never happen. These folks need our thanks for all they do.

- Dub Jett and Mike Langlois for providing the tent that covers us for the entire week.
- Mike Helsel, Terry Fraser and all the guys who help with processing. They stop what they are doing to get us ready to compete. Processing is a tedious job and they handle it well for us.
- Tom Scott, Jim Nikodem and Tom Melshimer for setting up and tearing down the light system each and every day. Racing just does not happen without them.

- Chuck Andraka for creating and re-creating the matrixes for every race and for creating and updating the website with the results.
- Dennis Cranfill, Mark Parker and Dickie Ritch for the awesome food at the banquet. These guys always make sure we eat like kings and queens.
- All of our wonderful sponsors who provide the products for the banquet raffle. Please think of them when you need gear for your next building project or all your racing needs.
- Randy Ritch for providing the fuel we all need to have fun. He had other, bigger things to worry about this year and still took care of us.
- Dan Kane for all his help to me to keep



me on the right path. Also taking time to help out with starter duties.

- Ray Brown for stepping up and being the starter for us in EF1.
- Tim Sparks for, once again, ensuring that Club 40 is setup and handled.
- Pete Bergstrom for keeping us all in line on the line. He spends his valuable time ensuring that the contest is efficient and fair.
- Mike Condon and Tom Melshimer for being the CD and Assistant CD. Mike takes on the most difficult and thankless job in all of pylon each year and never shies away from making each contest great. Please take time to thank Mike

whenever you see or talk to him. The Nats is just not possible without him.

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Congratulations to all the winners:

#### **Club 40**

Bronze – David Poland  
Silver – Trey Witte

#### **AMA 424**

Expert – Duane Hulen  
Standard – Daniel Troup  
Fast time – Dan Coe (1:20.37)

#### **NMPRA EF1**

Expert – Travis Flynn  
Standard – Bill Hiller  
Fast time – Mike Helsel (1:05.20)

#### **AMA 426**

Randy Bridge  
Fast time – Randy Bridge (1:01.53)

#### **AMA 422**

Jim Allen  
Fast time – Gary Schmidt (1:00.66)

#### **Overall Category Champion**

Randy Bridge (426 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 422 – 4<sup>th</sup>)

#### **2019 Race Schedule**

It is never too early to get your race on the schedule for next year. Get with Mike Helsel with the dates as you are able to get them scheduled.

#### **Officer Nominations**

We will be taking officer nominations until September 15<sup>th</sup>. If there are any election races, they will be done by voting online. I will keep you updated on the Forum.

#### **NMPRA Q40 Championship race**

Don't forget that the NMPRA Q40 Champ Race happens later this month. Get with Hank if you need to register. This is going to be a great race. Don't miss out!

Until next time....  
Pull Harder!!

**Trey**

**Club 40 National's**

Tim Sparks

Well, it's July and for the last four years our July race has been conducted as part of the annual National Aeromodeling Championship generally known as the NATS. This year was a bit different in that the NMPRA (National Miniature Pylon Racing Association) invited us to race on site 3, show center, on Friday, 6 July, to kick off Pylon Week in Muncie!

Flying off pavement was a bit different; the planes really jumped into the air and the electronic airplane release couldn't be anchored by spikes in the asphalt so they were mounted to a board that was weighted down to keep from being dragged across the runway.

It didn't rain! The weather wasn't hot, but it was windy! Landings were a bit of a challenge. But the wind was pretty much in the direction we wanted to take off in so with the exception of the Silver class fly-off everything was fine, just lots of corrections for the high crosswinds to stay on course between the pylons, and the race times were higher than normal due to the wind. The racing was as tight as ever; it's just the times didn't reflect it.

New to our group (but not pylon racing) was Bronze racer Jeff Jones setting Bronze fast time. Once he gets used to flying in traffic, he will be a serious contender for the top step in the finish order. The Cincinnati gang was also represented by the father-son team of Brian and Michael Delahunty with respectable results.

The biggest surprise was defending NATS champion Clint Seyer and former NATS champion Tim Sparks were unable to reclaim their form to get to the top of the standings in the Silver class. Cuts due to the high winds and mechanical issues had them tumble through the standings. Better able to cope with the winds were our top three finishers in the Silver class: Trey Witte on top (including fast time) and local circuit familiars Tom Koehler (TK) and Matt Fornefeld.

This year we did not fly the Texas Ladder to figure our winner but after six rounds finished on points order. Both Bronze and Silver classes needed a fly-off to determine Top Dog so after a day of racing it came down to a one-on-one, head-to-head race to see who was going to be our new NATS champion, kind of a Mini-Texas Ladder.

First up was the Bronze race between defending NATS winner David Poland and Tim Porter (T3). Things looked great for the first few laps; then the wind got a little fierce and planes got unsettled with David prevailing and repeating his efforts from last year. In the Silver class it came down to Trey Witte and TK for all the marbles; again the wind was a factor with Trey prevailing.

Awards were handed out and a big thank-you goes to Tom Melshimer who assisted with the computer and ground work that allowed me to race as well as run the event. Try it some time; it's a lot harder than it sounds.....even for a small race.

Everyone had fun and some merchandise from Stegall Hobbies was passed out to the last place finishers in Silver and Bronze along with Bronze fast time. Thank you Don!

We offered the Gold class but we had no entries. At the first two NATS we did an after-the-race between the top two Gold places and the two top Silver places.... Silver has always prevailed.

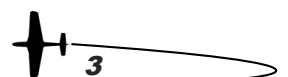
**Club 40 Silver :**

- 1 Trey Witte
- 2 Tom Koehler
- 3 Matt Fornefeld

**Club 40 Bronze:**

- 1 David Poland
- 2 Tim Porter
- 3 Jeff Jones

Sparky





Overall Champion – Randy Bridge



AMA 424 – Expert – Duane Hullen & Fast time – Dan Coe



AMA 422 winners



NMPRA EF1 winners



The ladies of Pylon



Club 40 - Bronze winners



Club 40 – Silver winners



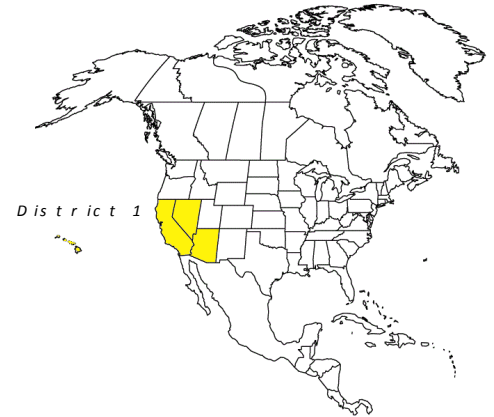
AMA 426 winners



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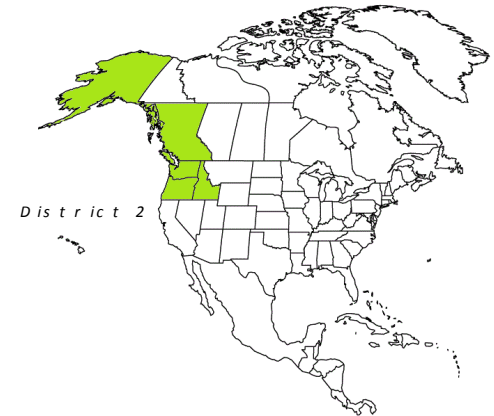
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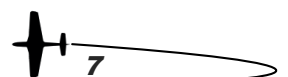
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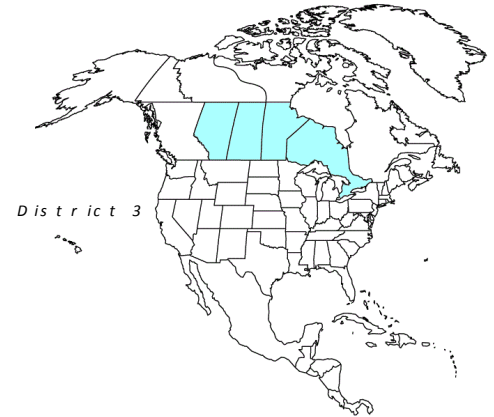




## DISTRICT NEWS

### District 3: Randy Smith

Racing has finally begun in District 3 for the 2018 season. Our racing began on June 23 in Edmonton, Alberta with 426 and 422. Eight rounds of each were flown over two days. Eleven pilots were entered. First, second, and third places in 426 were awarded to Roy Andrassy, Randy Smith, and Kevin Umbach. Roy had the fast time at 1:06.04. One of our newer guys, Mark Duncan, was awarded best crash having sustained his first mid-air in what is likely to be a long and rewarding pylon career!



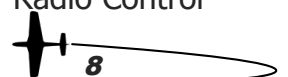
First, second, and third places in 422 were awarded to Hank Kauffmann, Roy Andrassy, and Randy Smith. Roy had the fast time at 1:0.24. Mark Duncan, our new guy, also had the most fortitude and "stick-to-it-ness" that I've witnessed in a long time. Mark had troubles with his fuel shutoff in his Sweet-V nearly the entire day in 422. After only two rounds, Mark's Sweet-V would mysteriously shutoff on the line just prior to start. After five more rounds of pounding and troubleshooting, the cause was found to be a faulty shutoff servo that would pinch the line prior to launch. After changing the servo, Mark had one more successful heat before the beer drinking started. Mark was then ready to race! Many thanks to the Edmonton Radio Control Club for hosting the race on their pristine grass field. Thanks to the Umbach brothers and all the ERCC helpers for putting on the pylon contest.

Calgary hosted their annual summer contest on July 21st. Again 426 and 422 were on the pylon menu. Saturday was a great day of racing with the identical finish as in Edmonton. However, this time Kevin Umbach stole the fast time from the usual winner (Roy) with a 1:06.44. First, second, and third places in 426 were awarded to Roy Andrassy, Randy Smith, and Kevin Umbach.

Sunday's weather did not cooperate as much as we would have liked. The wind started to blow early in the morning and never let up. We were able to record an official contest, but the 90 degree crosswind was a challenge for all on landing and takeoff. First, second, and third places in 422 were awarded to Roy Andrassy, Kevin Moorehouse, and Cecil Graval. Roy had the fast time at 1:04.59.

At this contest, the Calgary club made use of a troop of enthusiastic Air Cadets to man the #1 pylon and the lap counters. With a little training and orientation the weekend before, this worked out very well! The young teenagers were very sharp on the lights, cuts, and lap counting. This made it easier to staff the course, and we didn't have to rely on friends and family of pilots for help. The club made a donation of \$300 to the Air Cadet troop. It was a win-win for all. The Cadets were invited out to a future "learn to fly" session to be hosted by the club so that the kids can get some time on an RC trainer aircraft and experience our hobby first hand. Who knows, we may even cultivate a new pylon pilot one day!

Meanwhile, the summer pylon contest in Medicine Hat has been cancelled due to the club's inability to guarantee club helpers for the contest. The Saskatoon pylon race held by the Hub City Radio Control



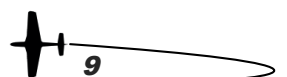


Club is scheduled for Sept 8, 9th. It will be 426 and 422.

Alan Umbach, Jeff Martin, and I will attend the NMPRA Champ race in Colorado later in August. We are excited to attend this race and compete for the first time at the JEFKO Mile High Champ race. See you in the pits!

**Randy**

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### District 4: Travis Elbert

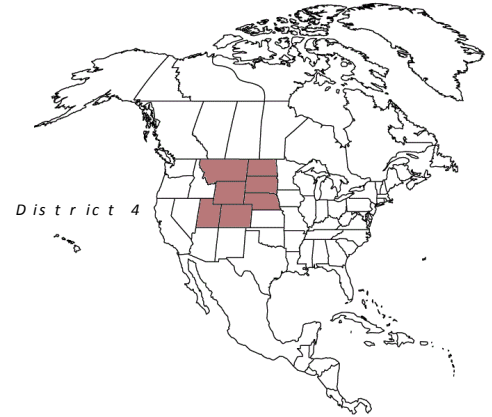
Hello fellow NMPRA members,

I was saddened to learn about the passing of Jerry Small. I met Jerry in my youth, then was reacquainted with him in the early 2000's when he was manufacturing indoor aircraft under fantastic models. He was a phenomenal artist, designer and a great advocate for our hobby.

More recently we got in on the bottom floor when EF1 started; Jerry and Dan sent us parts, kits, and encouragement. We ran with it; now my brother Shane is manufacturing some of their kits. I love EF1; yes, there are faster classes, but the playing field on EF1 means lots of excitement and they look great. We lose great people in this hobby all the time; some we know and others we do not. Jerry Small was unique, brilliant, and insightful, and I will miss him.

Twin Falls Idaho will be holding their first race August 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>; we are all excited about the new venue; maybe it will become an annual thing. The Kane/Small tomcat kit is now available through Central Hobbies as well as a kit plus which comes with a built fuse and sheeted wing cores. A Denight is in the works and possible a Duane Gall Loki 2.0.  
Well, good racing

**Travis A Elbert**  
District 4 VP

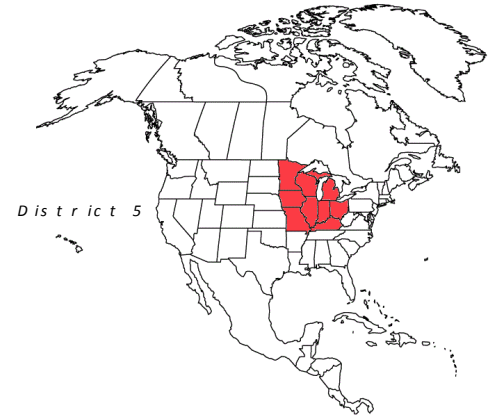




## DISTRICT NEWS

### *District 5: Jim Nikodem*

First is a picture of a new 1/4 40. Some may recognize the Caudron from 1930's racing. A collaborative effort of some of the biggest names in racing, this 1/4 40 Caudron will be available soon. It uses the Sweet V wing. This is the prototype flown by Dan Kane. It took fast time first time out!



dan Sollman starting his 424 with Tom Melsheimer holding on at Muncie Spring Race

Mid-May was the Indy Shootout at the AMA site in Muncie Indiana. It was a really good turnout especially considering the rain in the forecast. Lots of flights were flown around the poles on Friday, with just an occasional sprinkle. Saturday looked fine to start, but we knew we had three events to fly and some storm clouds on the way. We ended up with two rain delays, but got it done with four rounds. There were 16 competitors in EF1. At the end of the day, Jim Nikodem came out on top followed by Mike Helsel and Trey Witte. 424 had 13 competitors (15 on Sunday). Rick Vogelsang came out on top; second was Doug Scherrer who also took fast time (a very impressive 1:17.65 on the AMA short

course). Third was

Daniel Troupe, and fourth was Tim Sparks in his first 424 race after a few years flying EF1. 426 was the big event of the weekend with 24 entries. Dub Jett came out on top at the end of the day. Second was determined by a fly-off between Rich Beers and Terry Frazer. Rich won and set the fast time for the day in the process - a very impressive 1:03.16.

Sunday, the weather was ideal. Just a light tail wind, which is no big deal. In fact, we had a strong tailwind on Friday, and I saw a few airplanes from each class launch downwind with absolutely no problem. 424 flew the long course, which if you have never done it, is a challenge. It pays to be patient. Seventeen entries in 1/4 40 made for a bigger field than normal. There were a few 1:03's set, but at the end of the day, Dan Kane had the lowest with a 1:03.21. With a perfect score, Mike Helsel was first, Duane Hulen was second, and Rich Beers was third. A larger field in 424 plus the long course made 424 fun. Typical times are 15 seconds longer per heat flying the long course over the short course. Jim Nikodem came out on top followed by Augie Haupt. In the fly-off for third Larry Lisowski won, putting Daniel Troupe in fourth.

In his second 424 race, Tim Sparks came in fifth with the second fastest fast time!



Left to right, Trey Witte, Tom Scott, and Mike Spencer ready to fly a 1/4 40 heat in Muncie



What they were looking at.....

The beginning of June was another great Moonshot race put on by the Cincinnati R/C Club and Tom Scott. The weather was great with the only exception, some rain late afternoon Friday. So much practice happened prior, I don't think it held too many people back from getting the practice they wanted. Some outstanding 424 racing. I saw one heat with all three airplanes very close all race and a very tight finish with all three grouped very close together at the finish, and no cuts from anyone. Augie Hapt came out the big winner both days with fast time on Sunday of 1:22.60! That compares almost exactly to the EF-1 fast time Saturday set by Mike Helsel. Jim Nikodem won the fly-off with Mike to take first. Daniel Troup was third. Back to 424, Adam Oswald took second in a fly-off with Rick Vogelsang on Saturday. Sunday, Adam hit pylon three on the first heat, ending his racing day. Teammates Brad Clayton and Greg Doe came in second/third on Sunday. 426 was once again the big event. Once again, Mike Helsel took fast time (1:02.26) and second place. Dub Jett was first, and in a flyoff with Ray Brown, Jim Nikodem took third. Fifteen entries in 1/4 40. Mike Helsel once again got fast time (1:01.53), this time winning the top spot tied in points with his teammate Dub Jett. Third was Terry Frazer.

Race results: Club 40 Bloomington Indiana (not to be confused with Bloomington Illinois) First week of June

### Silver Class

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tim Sparks	18	1:28.7*
Clint Seyer	14	1:34.1
Tom Koehler	12	1:31.6
Matt Fornefeld	8	1:39.9

### Bronze Class

David Poland	15	1:54.2*
Jake Chapman	15	2:07.0
Tim Porter	11	1:58.7
Mike Edwards	11	2:00.0
Mike Huggins	11	2:07.0
Brian Delahunty	10	1:55.7
Ned Gochenour	10	2:00.5
Mike Delahunty	6	2:00.1

\* fast time for the day

Bloomington Illinois held their mid-June "NATS Warm Up," and a great NATS warm up it was in all three events. Of particular note was first-time racer Kris Akin flying EF1 not far behind some very experienced racers. After some encouragement he signed up for the NATS and should do quite well. We had one other first-time racer in EF1 also.

Larry Lisowski dominated 424, taking fast time (1:19 and 1:18) and first place both days. Bernie

Vanderleest did the same in 426, with a very impressive 1:05.44 in the fly-off for first on Sunday. Lots of really good racing all weekend. A terrific location right off a lot of major highways makes this a terrific place for racing. 6 acres of pristine short manicured grass. They also do a September race, this year on September 8-9. Come join us for this terrific race.



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IPRA Hall of Fame Member Jerry Elert with another R-200. A force behind Minnesota Pylon Racing

The NATS is next!!

**Jim Nikodem**  
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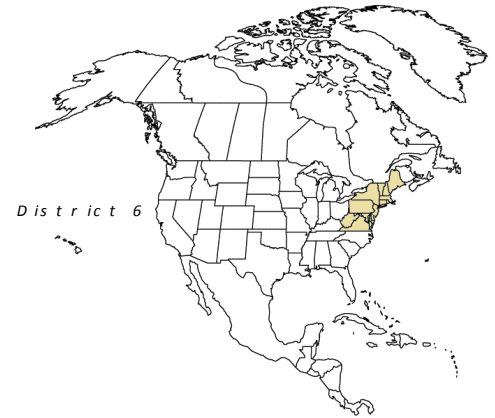


## DISTRICT NEWS

### District 6: Peter Tani

Hello all:

While there has not been much actual racing here in district 6, there has been much activity in preparation for our traditional August two-day race: this year the first annual "Pete Reed Q500 Barefoot Showdown" of August 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to race organizers and senior statesmen Ralph Rinaldi, Joe Tropea, Irv Thurrott, and Lloyd Burnham for your great guidance and effort. Thank you too to "race lieutenants" and special operation managers Craig Korsen, Bob Triggs, Mike Masi, Kevin Cyr, and many others for taking responsible charge of a great variety of projects that include the production of event tee-shirts, race day transportation trailers, and several others. As I write we have over 24 race registrations for AMA 426, and we anticipate a burgeoning, fun, and successful regional race.



Having returned from the 2018 Nats, I am glad to report continued good representation from district 6 membership. I count an even dozen participants from our region which includes those from the state of Maryland and one transplant formerly of Massachusetts now hailing from South Carolina. It was especially good to have time to meet with some of my fellow district representatives to exchange ideas and learn first-hand of some of the goings-on in other parts of the country. Most enjoyable was meeting and on occasion even dining with race organizers, AMA officials, our contest director, and several NMPRA hall of famers learning of their efforts in putting on a national event.

Congratulations to current NEPRO and past NEPRO presidents Joe Tropea and Lloyd Burnham respectively, for your 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place finishes in the 2018 Q40 finals. Congratulations past Nats

overall champion Craig Korsen for your 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in AMA 426.

Congratulations to district 6 VP Peter Tani for your 9<sup>th</sup> place AMA 424 2018 finish. Thank you Joe for pointing out that a "top ten" finish at the Nats is an achievement no matter how measured. Thank you too Lloyd for several decades of help and support including your expert calling for this event.

Special congratulations to the district 6 father-son team of Ola and son Leo Nordell for your team performance in EF-1. Ola, I recall working with you as a sportsman, later standard and now current expert pilot. Thank you for your leadership and involvement at one of our three local hosting clubs. Thank you Leo for calling for me in EF-1, a great job, the student of the student is now the master. Leo Nordell finished third in the standard class for EF-1 and in addition was named "Best Junior" of the event. Not too bad for your first Nats, and I hope to see more of this team in future Nats to come.



Of special note in my opinion is the great effort shown by all to provide a truly world class race. Thank you to contest director Mike Condon for all your efforts in cultivating a small army of young people who helped officiate. That some individuals are four and five year veterans speaks to their caliber and the effort in maintaining consistency. I especially enjoyed when you called all of them to the tent after the final races to introduce them as a group. Thank you to all of the starters and assistant starters for your continued great effort and performance in the heat and humidity. I especially appreciated the short and welcomed breaks between racing rounds; it slowed the pace a bit and I believe did not extend the overall duration excessively.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at our district 6 Pete Reed two-day August race.

**---Peter Tani 23J**



## DISTRICT NEWS

### District 7: Scotty Smithwick

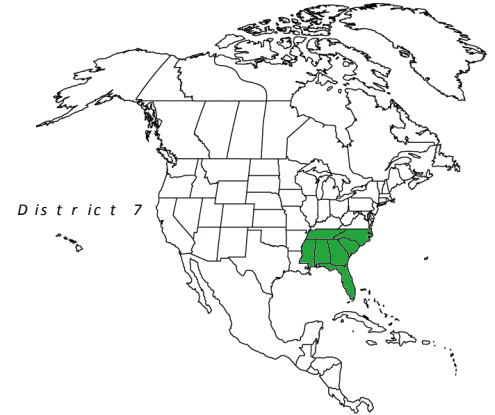
Given the lovely Florida weather we enjoy each summer, 95 degree temps, feels like 106, humidity ranging from 87 to 100% depending if it's raining now or not; it's safe to say we are not real busy racing!! We are, however, busy traveling to race :-)

June Cincinnati MoonShot race found Mike Helsel, Dubb Jett, Rocket, Mario Travieso, Conrad Wondolowski, Scotty & "M", and Terry Frazer duking it out with "the Guys"! Scotty managed to let his transmitter get drenched in the surprise Friday T-Storm! Saturday morning found Rocket and Team Futaba to the rescue programming his back-up radio to Scotty's planes! After the programming was complete, Rocket flew and trimmed them! Clearly, Rocket decided Scotty was not going home early!!! SEMPRA was very well represented at the Nats. Dean Stone & Josh, Trey Witte, Mike Helsel, Dubb Jett, Craig Korsen, Mike Massi, Conrad Wondolowski (way too many

syllables with this one!), John McDermott, Mike Langlois, Mario Travieso, Rocket, Randy Bridge, Bob Brogdon, Terry Frazer, Lloyd Burnham, Gary Freeman Sr & Jr, Fehling family with Mom showing up after "Shopping" each day :-), Tim Yousey and of course Scotty & "M"! Who did I miss?

In addition, SEMPRA dominated the podiums! Mike and Dubb cleaned up at Moonshot. At the Nats, EF-1 ~ Mike 2nd & Fast Time, 424 ~ Dean Stone & Josh 2nd, 426 ~ Randy 1st & Fast Time, Matt 2nd & Rocket 9<sup>th</sup>. In 422 Rocket 2nd, Randy Bridge 4th, Gary Freeman Jr 9th, Lloyd Burnham 7th! Randy took grand Champion honors! I told Randy he was going to spend more gas money hauling all those trophies home :-)  
At the Nats, SEMPRA took 50% of the top 10! Clearly, those SoCal guys need to spend more time at SEMPRA races!!!  
Now we are all off to the August Connecticut race for, in addition to racing, some great Italian food!!!!

In the 2019 race department, we have October 12-14 World trials at Tavares, then a short pause until Tangerine in December. Senior listened and is moving the pits to the top of the course this year, so plan on a much improved race experience!!! January will be Tavares Invitational (still



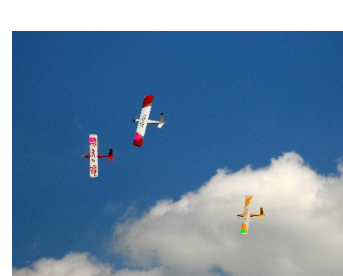
working on On-Site camping), and Deland is moving slightly ahead of last year to end of March, I think :-)

**XXOO**  
Scotty & "M"



# **OJA 2018 FALL OCT 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** **424, EF1, 426 and 422 RACE**

**Old Julian Airport Model Airplane Club**  
**Liberty, North Carolina**



## **Oct 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**424, EF1 & 426 Saturday – 422 Sunday**

**Field open Thursday & Friday for test flying**

**Processing and Registration open on Friday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration Closes 7:30am SHARP Saturday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

**422 Registration Closes 7:30am Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Flying starts 9:00 am SHARP each day**

**3 Pilots maximum per Team**

**\$35.00 Entry Fee 422**

**\$35.00 Entry Fee 426**

**\$20.00 Entry Fee each 424 & EF1**

**You may pre-register at ([www.OldJulianAirport.org](http://www.OldJulianAirport.org))**

**The website also has information about Hotels, Directions, and site photos.**

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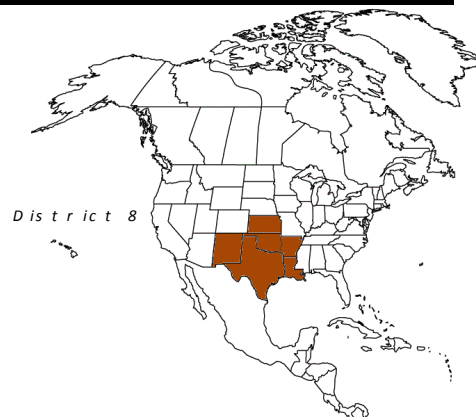
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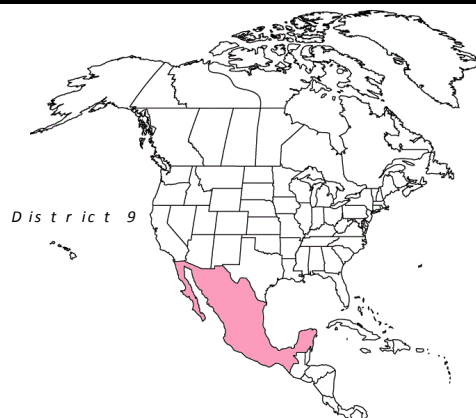
## District 8:

No article submitted for publication.



## District 9: Alejandro Vazquez

No article submitted for publication.



## District 10: Joe Luxford

No article submitted for publication.

District 10  
INTERNATIONAL





# AMA - 422

## Points & Standings

422 Points: Gary James

	Location	Date
1	Tavares Invitational	1/14/18
2	QM Classic	
3	Denis Lyon Memorial (SAT)	3/24/18
4	Denis Lyon Memorial (SUN)	2/25/18
5	Deland	4/28-29/18
6	Riverside	5/5/18
7	Fred Bergdorf Memorial (SAT)	5/19/18
8	Fred Bergdorf Memorial (SUN)	5/20/18
9	Muncie	5/20/18
10	Cinci	6/3/18
11	George Finch Memorial (Sat)	6/9/18
12	George Finch Memorial (Sun)	6/10/18
13	NATS A	7/11/18
14	NATS Final	7/12/18

	NAME	NMPRA #	Races Flown	Total of Best 6 Races
1	Helsel, Mike	5A	7	525.43
2	Holik, Robert	23A	7	524.77
3	Salazar, Mario	18C	8	471.34
4	Robinson, Jeff	27B	7	453.83
5	Jett, Dub	1I	7	446.63
6	Lloyd, David	15C	7	428.48
7	Killebrew, Doug	10C	7	419.98
8	Beers, Richard	22I	6	411.02
9	Hulen, Duane	12V	6	392.84
10	Brown, Ray	15T	6	383.18
11	Kane, Dan	1V	5	376.65
12	Scott, Tom	26P	7	359.55
13	Gardner, Dave	58C	5	357.75
14	Frazier, Terry	37P	6	356.60
15	Fehling, Matthew	59S	4	338.56
16	Flynn, Travis	55A	6	335.30
17	Van Baren, Rusty	7D	5	324.14
18	Andrassy, Roy	31X	5	296.86
19	Johanson, Bill	52P	4	289.54
20	Thordarson, Dan	53C	5	288.24
21	Coe, Dan	42C	8	287.48
22	Allen, Jim	17D	5	282.00
23	Schmidt, Gary	27D	4	263.84
24	Lampe, Tim	16U	5	262.93
25	Cranfill, Dennis	29I	4	259.67
26	Andraka, Chuck	11H	6	256.75
27	Burnham, Lloyd	22J	4	240.93
28	Coffey, Bruce	81B	5	237.84
29	Tahhan, Gabriel	22Z	2	208.05
30	Seaholm, AJ	17V	3	207.75
31	Nogy, Kent	12C	4	199.35
32	Grunkemeyer, Craig	22P	4	189.30
33	Korsen, Craig	16J	4	185.84
34	Witte, Trey	23R	3	180.49
35	DeLateur, Joe	15B	4	177.45
36	Langlois, Mike	12R	3	168.85
37	Barrios, Salvador	26Y	2	167.07
38	Masi, Mike	37J	4	145.87
39	King, Robert	46C	5	144.52
40	Stone, Dean	19R	3	128.21
41	Parker, Mark	24I	2	127.86
42	Lime, Jim	41D	4	123.98
43	Coffey, Joanne	83B	3	123.42
44	Von Der Hey, Lee	7C	3	103.52
45	Jones, Ben	27R	1	102.53
46	Baker, Steve	15R	2	101.50
47	Oliver, Richard	26H	4	101.03
48	Vasquez, Alejandro	41C	1	94.49
49	Jump, Eddie	20G	2	91.36
50	Vogelsang, Rick	29P	2	90.69
51	Brogdon, Bob	1S	4	90.32
52	Lucero, Gilbert	16C	1	80.01
53	Wondolowski, Conrad	33Q	2	76.84
54	Kaufmann, Hank	12X	1	75.19
55	Aboumradi, Mario		1	67.15
56	Russell, Matt	5E	2	66.42
57	Arguello, Juan		1	62.32
58	Vanderleest, Bernie	7W	2	56.74
59	Triggs, Robert	21J	1	54.28
60	Richmond, Brian	85S	1	52.67
61	Tucker, Richard	14S	2	50.54
62	Spenser, Mike	64P	1	49.86
63	Flood, Marty	15D	1	49.45
64	VanTuyl, Ken	25F	1	44.63
65	Ragnarsson, Borie	33Z	1	38.19

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66	Grim, Adam	20S	1	38.01
67	Nenzel, Chris	28D	3	37.81
68	Farnsworth, Scott	25W	1	37.69
69	Farthing, Craig	19F	1	36.59
70	McDermott, John	2R	2	32.84
71	Seymore, Anthony	32V	1	30.92
72	Diffendaffer, Bryan	24E	1	28.80
73	Houston, Doug	14X	1	28.54
74	Thompson, Chuck	28C	1	24.22
75	Hartman, Scott	30H	1	23.72
76	Smithwick, Scotty	4C	3	23.00
77	Platt Jesse	97W	1	22.43
78	McDonald, Anthony	20A	1	21.60
79	Galermeault, Pat	95W	1	20.31
80	O'Brien, Dennis	2S	1	18.19
81	Diepenbroek, Hank	24F	1	17.28
82	Redekop, Henry	30X	1	15.68
83	Hiller, Jim	3V	2	15.35
84	Hiller, Bill		1	13.94
85	Baker, Lyle	19X	1	10.85
86	Gall, Duane	23F	1	9.69
87	Redig, Pat	23W	1	7.57
88	McWilliams, Gordon	4G	1	5.45
89	Linsagan, Joe	52T	1	4.03
90	Gage, Ronald	12W	1	3.32



# AMA - 426 Points & Standings

**426 Points: Doug Scherrer**

	Location	Date
1	Winterfest, AZ	1/13/18
2	Tavaras, FL	1/13/18
3	Whittier, CA	3/24/18
4	Whittier, CA	3/25/18
5	Riverside, CA	4/21/18
6	Riverside, CA	4/22/18
7	Lee's Summit, MO	4/28/18
8	Lee's Summit, MO	4/29/18
9	Brooklyn Park, MN	5/5/18
10	Brooklyn Park, MN	5/19/18
11	Muncie, IN	5/19/18
12	Woodland, CA	5/19/18
13	Woodland, CA	5/20/18
14	Cincinnati, OH	6/2/18
17	Hillsdale, KS	6/9/18
18	Hillsdale, KS	6/10/18
19	Sepulveda Basin	6/9/18
20	Sepulveda Basin	6/10/18
21	Brooklyn Park, MN	6/23/18
22	McLean, IL	6/23/18
23	McLean, IL	6/24/18
24	NATS A MATRIX	7/10/18
25	NATS B MATRIX	7/10/18
27	NATS FINAL	7/10/18

	NAME	NMPRA #	Races Flown	Total of Best 6 Races
1	Jett, Dub	4I	7	560.69
2	Beers, Richard	22I	7	499.94
3	Coe, Dan	42C	13	494.02
4	Nikodem, Jim	22V	8	492.48
5	Salazar, Mario	18C	6	450.15
6	Hulen, Duane	12V	9	443.48
7	Coffey, Joanne	83B	7	415.88
8	Allen, Jim	17D	5	385.09
9	Holik, Robert	23A	6	377.39
10	Gardner, Dave	58C	7	352.78
11	Flynn, Travis	55A	4	346.50
12	Verecke, Maurice	23V	4	332.23
13	Helsel, Mike	5A	5	331.26
14	Andrassy, Roy	31X	5	327.17
15	Andraka, Chuck	11H	5	321.29
16	McDonald, Tony	20A	9	309.29
17	Etken, Randy	20W	6	308.41
18	DeLateur, Joe	15B	7	298.07
19	Scott, Tom	26P	4	297.46
20	Fehling, Mathew	59S	3	282.03
21	Vanderleest, Bernie	7W	4	273.47
22	Seymore, Tony	32V	7	273.02
23	Korsen, Craig	16J	3	271.77
24	Lampe, Tim	16U	5	265.76
25	Brown, Ray	15T	4	265.43
26	Scherrer, Doug	35G	4	262.06
27	Frazer, Terry	37P	4	259.89
28	Killebrew, Doug	10C	4	255.38
29	King, Robert	46C	7	254.72
30	Redig, Pat	23W	7	249.92
31	Thordarson, Dan	53C	4	244.90
32	Thompson, Chuck	28C	5	237.72
33	Galameault, Pat	95W	5	231.13
34	Jump, Eddie	20G	3	227.47
35	Lisowski, Larry	31V	5	221.22
36	Nenzel, Chris	28D	8	212.49
37	Gage, Ron	12W	6	209.22
38	Platt, Jesse	97W	3	208.08
39	McWilliams, Gordon	4G	4	206.17
40	Kane, Dan Jr.	23U	3	198.40
41	Lime, Jim	41D	8	189.08
42	Brown, Kelly	25G	4	187.30
43	Finch, Lonnie	21V	2	180.11
44	Seaholm, AJ	17V	2	173.94
45	Grunkmeyer, Craig	22P	3	168.47
46	Diepenbroek, Hank	24F	3	160.18
47	Gall, Duane	23F	5	159.47
48	Von Der Hey, Lee	7C	2	157.82
49	Troup, Daniel	35P	3	150.64
50	Brogdon, Bob	1S	3	150.25

51	Hartman, Scott	30H	4	148.81
52	Thompson, Taylor	26C	3	140.97
53	Langlois, Mike	12R	2	140.95
54	Parker, Mark	24I	2	139.76
55	Masi, Mike	37J	3	138.27
56	Cranfill, Dennis	29I	2	130.28
57	Oliver, Richard	26H	3	126.83
58	Coffey, Bruce	81B	3	126.29
59	Baker, Steve	15R	2	114.55
60	Tropea, Joe	28J	2	99.94
61	Johanson, Bill	52P	3	95.94
62	James, Gary	15I	2	89.85
63	Burnham, Lloyd	22J	2	87.83
64	VanTuyt, Ken	25F	4	85.77
65	Melsheimer, Tom	99P	3	85.69
66	Farthing, Craig	19F	5	85.07
67	Yost, Dave	34C	3	82.76
68	Houston, Doug	14X	1	81.60
69	Stone, Dean	19R	2	79.16
70	Smithwick, Scotty	8C	2	78.56
71	Kauffmann, Hank	12X	1	75.64
72	Hempel, Bill	36W	1	66.24
73	Witte, Trey	23R	2	62.25
74	Triggs, Bob	21J	1	61.27
75	Vogelsang, Rick	29P	3	57.10
76	Doe, Greg	7S	2	55.94
77	Lucero, Gilbert	16C	1	48.84
78	Panzardi, Santiago	18P	1	47.13
79	McDermott, John	2R	1	43.60
80	Deneve, Mike	21P	2	40.64
81	Russell, Matt	5E	1	40.07
82	Luce, Don	18W	2	39.56
83	Schmidt, Gary	27D	1	36.53
84	Diffendaffer, Bryan	24E	1	33.00
85	Spencer, Mike	54P	1	27.40
86	Nordell, Ola	31J	1	25.93
87	Kane, Jack	23U	1	22.40
88	Wondolowski, Conrad	33J	2	21.61
89	Van Baren, Rusty	7D	2	17.52
90	Tani, Peter	23J	1	15.33
91	Hiller, Bill	8V	1	8.27
92	Tucker, Rich	14S	1	5.25
93	Hegland, Tom	37C	1	1.20



# AMA - 424

## Points & Standings

424 Points: **Trey Witte**

### 2018 Events

1	Whittier - Sat	3/24/18
2	Riverside - Sun	4/22/18
3	KCRC - Sat	4/28/18
4	KCRC - Sun	4/29/18
5	Indy Shootout CAPS - Sat	5/19/18
6	Indy Shootout CAPS - Sun	5/20/18
7	Moonshot - Sat	6/2/18
8	Moonshot - Sun	6/3/18
9	George Finch - Sat	6/9/18
10	Bloomington - Sat	6/23/18
11	Bloomington - Sun	6/24/18
12	2018 Nat's	7/7/18

	NAME	NMPRA #	Races Flown	Total of Best 6 Races
1	Jim Nikodem	22V	6	511.82
2	Duane Hulen	12V	3	286.13
3	Daniel Troup	35P	5	275.26
4	Rick Vogelsang	29P	3	252.68
5	Dan Coe	42C	4	249.86
6	Larry Lisowski	31V	5	197.73
7	Gordon McWilliams	4G	2	127.10
8	Clint Seyer	21U	3	121.65
9	Tom Meisheimer	99P	5	111.14
10	Doug Scherrer	35G	2	109.62
11	Tony Seymore	32V	2	100.89
12	Greg Doe	7S	2	100.23
13	Dean Stone	19R	1	99.26
14	Kevin Fisbeck	77K	3	80.79
15	Mark Warning	22W	1	76.63
16	Joe DeLateur	15B	1	73.63
17	Peter Tani	23J	1	72.86
18	Scotty Smithwick	8C	2	69.60
19	Jim Hiller	3V	2	69.18
20	Craig Farthing	19F	2	68.60
21	Scott Hartman	30H	2	63.40
22	Conrad Wondolowski	33J	1	61.54
23	Robert King	46C	1	59.14
24	Bill Hiller	8V	1	57.77
25	Trey Witte	23R	1	50.23
26	Jim Lime	41D	1	44.66
27	Brian Diffendaffer	24E	1	42.69
28	Gary James	15I	2	40.50
29	Matt Russell	5E	1	35.14
30	David Ford	29X	1	12.51
31	Mario Salazar	18C	1	1.20
32	Leo Nordell	32J	1	1.20



# NMPRA EF-1 Points & Standings

*EF1 Points:* Dan Kane

## 2018 Events

1	WINTERFEST	1/15/18
2	CAPS	5/20/18
3	Woodland	5/20/18
4	Woodland	5/21/18
5	Moonshot	6/2/18
6	Billings, MT	6/2/18
7	T-Bird (TX)	6/16/18
8	Mesa AZ	1/7/18
9	Mesa AZ	2/4/18
10	Mesa AZ	3/25/18
11	Mesa AZ	4/22/18
12	Mesa AZ	5/20/18
13	NATS	7/8/18
14	Bloomington	6/23/18
15	Bloomington	6/24/18

	NAME	NMPRA #	Races Flown	Total of Best 6 Races
1	Nikodem, Jim	22V	6	492.46
2	Adndrassy, Roy	31X	5	399.15
3	Nenzel, Chris	28D	4	314.20
4	Huffman, Eric	25D	6	289.07
5	Helsel, Mike	5A	3	278.42
6	Allen, Jim	17D	3	247.44
7	McDonald, Tony	20A	3	226.69
8	Diffendafer, Bryan	24E	2	182.31
9	Kane Jr, Dan	1V	2	180.08
10	Beverson, Charlie	36D	5	176.07
11	Troup, Daniel	35P	3	157.98
12	Robinson, Jeff	27B	2	147.22
13	Witte, Trey	23R	2	136.39
14	Holik, Robert	23A	2	130.45
15	Hiller, Bill	8V	3	118.94
16	Gall, Duane	23F	2	114.27
17	Doe, Greg	7S	2	111.45
18	Flynn, Travis	55A	1	106.76
19	Russell, Matt	5E	2	104.86
20	Belfort, Don	31P	3	96.59
21	McWilliams, Gordon	4G	1	93.57
22	Carpenter, Jeff	28B	2	88.75
23	James, Gary	15I	1	88.11
24	Lampe, Tim	16U	1	83.01
25	Seaholm, AJ	59X	1	81.97
26	Stone, Dean	19R	1	72.45
27	Seyer, Clint	21U	2	69.83
28	Scott, Tom	26P	1	69.81
29	Killebrew, Doug	10C	1	66.24
30	Hiller, Jim	3V	1	65.70
31	Baker, Steve	15R	1	64.54
32	Cranfill, Dennis	29I	1	61.90
33	Elbert, Shane	13G	1	59.94
34	Frazer, Terry	37P	1	59.26
35	Lisowski, Larry	31V	3	56.90
36	Kane, Jack	23U	1	56.62
37	Kauffmann, Hank	12X	2	53.60
38	McDermott, John	2R	1	48.70
39	Von Der Hey, Lee	7C	1	46.44
40	Elbert, Leon	7G	1	45.26
41	Masi, Mike	37J	1	43.42
42	Lime, Jim	41D	2	43.20
43	Meisheimer, Tom	99P	1	38.15
44	Alves, Ed	23G	1	37.91
45	Nordell, Leo	2S	1	35.51
46	Huber, Robert	20P	2	34.65
47	Ford, David	29X	1	32.87
48	Tani, Peter	23J	1	19.67
49	Dooley, Tom	14D	2	12.60
50	Mollyhorn, Allen	32D	1	12.51
51	Coffey, Bruce	81B	2	11.69
52	Schmidt, Gary	27D	1	9.12
53	Parker, Mark	24I	1	3.84
54	Jett, Dub	4I	1	1.20
55	Small, Jerry	5H	1	1.20
56	Triggs, Robert	21J	1	1.20

Danny Kane

	NAME	NMPRA #	Races Flown	Total of Best 6 Races
1	Lopez, Tony	23B	6	443.66
8	Bailey, Gary		4	244.60
10	Mangino, JJ		4	212.97
15	Compton, Scott	31D	2	155.40
19	Panzardi, Santiago	18P	2	129.58
21	Sparks, Tim	22U	2	114.99
23	Baker, Bob		5	113.20
31	Porter, Gary		4	89.93
33	Paine, Cory		1	88.29
37	Tropea, Joe	28J	1	80.37
38	French, Fred		1	73.63
39	DelPonte, Mike	44D	1	72.60
43	Martin, Neil	38G	1	67.29
50	Blackwell, Steve		1	59.14
53	Russell, Allie	30E	1	52.60
57	Plake, Jim		1	44.66
60	Welch, Montey		2	41.38
61	Ponzo, Ben		2	40.47
67	Clayton, Brad		2	31.95
68	Seaholm, Earl		1	30.57
69	Bruce, John		1	30.17
70	Widmer, Jerry		3	26.50
71	Swaney, Chuck	28X	1	23.23
72	Ruff, Bob		2	22.80
73	Sollmann, Dean		1	21.60
75	Wood, Bryan		1	15.89
76	Parks, George		1	15.69
77	Paine, Richard		1	14.40
83	Martin, Mark	37G	1	8.54
84	Greening, Craig	17U	1	6.48

The season points are attached as far as what I have. If you participated in a contest and the results are not shown, please contact me.

Another point of interest is the second graphic with names highlighted in yellow. This represents pilots who are not NMPRA members. I know it is a tough sell for spending \$25 per year on a membership that may not directly benefit you. I encourage everyone to take the time to join. If you are unaware of the benefits please ask. It is so much more than just a T-Shirt at the end of the season.

I need to say goodbye to a dear friend this month; Jerry Small passed away on 7/19/2018. Jerry had an uncanny way of bringing people into the mix and getting them to work on his agenda. Many years ago he approached me with an idea that Scott McAfee, Pete Bergstrom, George Parks, John Jennings, and Jerry had been working on. It was a new pylon event called Electric Formula 1. In the beginning all I needed to do was help finalize the rules and clean up some loose ends. That was how he roped you in, start small and expand rapidly and at a pace that only Jerry could keep up with. After the rules were written, Jerry asked if I could help do a little clean up on some CAD work that he and Steve Westerfeld had done for the little Toni they were flying. This quickly turned into about 15+ plus designs all with small variations, enough that they had to be re-drawn and new cowls and canopies needed to be sculpted. During my daily phone calls Jerry would

quickly ask how far along I was and when did I think I could finish my part, as he would say, "I am just sitting on my hands waiting for you to finish." As quickly as I could finish the CAD, he would call in a favor from someone in his circle to get parts laser cut so he could start on carving the masters for the cowl and canopy. Jerry was an artist in the purest sense. If it looked "right," it was good no matter what. Jerry had an eye for smooth lines and fast airplanes. All the while this was happening, Jerry learned I knew enough CAD to be dangerous so he expanded his reach into the Q40 world. During the last 7 years, I think we collaborated (along with many others, Archie Adamisin, Gary James, David Hudson, Steve Westerfeld, Tom Scott, Robert Vess, Harold Sattler, John Shannon, and Dub Jett, sorry if I missed anyone) on at least 5 different Q40 airplanes. And before I could even ask where we were, Jerry had the masters done, or the molds finished or had parts made and airplanes ready to fly. Then he would jump in his car and drive for hours just to see it go, most often still working on getting it ready to fly. Why? I think it is apparent, Jerry loved model airplanes. He loved building and flying them. He loved designing them and making them the best they could be. He would do anything for anyone and often put others way in front of himself. His ideas and efforts are used by every person who participates in pylon and extend so much further than just airplane design. When Jerry saw a problem, he tried to solve it, and if he didn't know how, he would search for someone who could.

Until we meet again, your friend,

**Danny Kane**



# NMPRA : 2018 RACE SCHEDULE

*National Contest Coordinator:* Mike Helsel

If I don't have your races listed please send me a copy of your schedule, events to be flown and contact information, and I will get them added to the master schedule.

## 2018 NMPRA Master Race Schedule

5/25/2018

Date	Location	Events	Comments	Contact	Other Info
<b>July</b>					
6th - 13th	NATS	424, EF1,426,422		AMA	
7th - 8th					
14th - 21st					
21st - 22nd					-
28th	Brooklyn Park, MN	426		Tim Brockman	

### Aug

4th - 5th	Ellington, CT	424, 426	2 day Quickie Race	Joe Tropea	<a href="mailto:tropeajm@gmail.com">tropeajm@gmail.com</a>
11th	Brooklyn Park, MN	426		Pat Redig	
18th - 19th	Muncie, IN	EF1, 424, 426	2 day Quickie Race	Ben Martin Classic	<a href="mailto:abbelrents@fuse.net">abbelrents@fuse.net</a>
25th - 26th	Littleton, CO	422	NMPRA Champ Race	Hank Diepenbroek	<a href="mailto:nsdraft@comcast.net">nsdraft@comcast.net</a>

### September

1st - 2nd					
9th	Bloomfield, CT	424, EF1		R. Niezabitowski	<a href="mailto:rnierz@sbcglobal.net">rnierz@sbcglobal.net</a>
8th - 9th	McLean, IL	424, 426, EF1		Jerry Worden	<a href="mailto:jwfly1697@msn.com">jwfly1697@msn.com</a>
15th	Brooklyn Park, MN	426		Jesse & Jerry E	-
22nd - 23rd					
23rd	Salem, CT	424, 426		Dennis Duplice	<a href="mailto:dduplice@comcast.net">dduplice@comcast.net</a>
29th	Brooklyn Park, MN	426		Ramy Etken	
29th - 30th	Wichita, KS	422	Mike Talman Mem	Lonnie Finch	<a href="mailto:lfinchcpa@sbcglobal.net">lfinchcpa@sbcglobal.net</a>
29th - 30th	Oakdale, CA	EF1, 424, 426			<a href="mailto:joe.delateur@gmail.com">joe.delateur@gmail.com</a>

### October

6th - 7th	Liberty, SC	424, 426, 422, EF1		Trey Witte	<a href="mailto:Treywitte1@gmail.com">Treywitte1@gmail.com</a>
13th - 14th					-
20th - 21st					
27th - 28th	Whittier, CA			???	

### November

3rd - 4th					
10th - 11th					
17th - 18th					
24th - 25th					

### December

1st - 2nd	Apopka, FL	426 Sat, 422 Sun	Tangerine	Gary Freeman, Sr	<a href="mailto:garysr50@yahoo.com">garysr50@yahoo.com</a>
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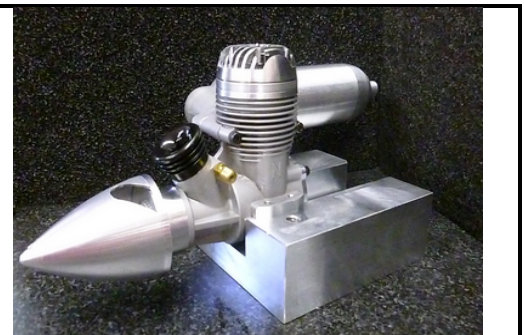
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