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### Presidential Notes

Hello everyone!

I just have to say that if you missed the 2007 NMPRA Championship Race, you missed a great race, one of the best that I have seen in a long time; the racing was just a wow experience. We had a total of 48 entries, but lost one in practice and another due to being disqualified so you will see results for only 46. That's a great turn-out. Congratulations to Rusty Van Barren for winning first place and fast time; Rusty was the man to beat this time, and he finished with a perfect score. Many thanks to Jim Perdue, Ray Brown, and all the MPPA crew for a well-run race. The complete results are posted on the NMPRA website.



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This newsletter will be mailed to all current members as it contains the ballot for the election of the 2008 officers, and it also contains a form where you can vote on some of the new rules proposals. By the way, have you let your district contest board member know how you feel about the proposals? You need to do that.

### NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome the following new members:

Craig Greening of Simi Valley, CA  
Joe Tropea of Stamford, CT  
Richard Volelsang of Cleves, OH

Also, I welcome back Horrace Cain of Caney, Texas.

If you know any of these people, be sure to thank them for joining us. Do you know some one who races, but isn't a member? Try to convince him to join us.

### CONTEST DIRECTOR FOR THE NATS

Sound the trumpets! We have a CD for the NATS. Gary Freeman Jr. has volunteered to take on the task. Thank you, Gary. I'm sure Gary would appreciate any help we can give him. If you can help, be sure to let Gary know.

There has been some confusion with the schedule for the NATS, but it is now set. We will process on Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> and race Monday through Friday with Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> as a weather make-up day. We will start with Q-500 and finish with Q-40; this gets us back to our more traditional schedule.

### AIRPLANE TRACKING SYSTEM

In the last newsletter, I mentioned the possibility of using a system to track the airplanes around the course and essentially eliminate the need for course workers or to at least reduce the number of workers required. I have now learned that at least one other person is working on a tracking system using new technology that makes this concept very feasible. Wouldn't it be great to be able to have a race without having to beg for workers, and wouldn't it be great to take the human error factor out of it, no longer being able to yell "I got a light and they gave me a cut anyway!"

Of course, new technology does not come without a price. To date, these individuals have invested their own time and money to get started, but it will take a lot more

money to fully implement either system. So, when you renew your membership for 2008, please consider donating \$5, \$10, \$20, or more to the new airplane tracking system. We have a committee that will see that the funds are directed to the right area.

### Q-40 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RACE AT WICHITA FALLS

This is old news by now, but congratulations to Matias Salar for winning this one; Matias also won the fast time award. Thanks to Ken Reitmas, Frank Jarratt, and the rest of the Wichita Falls RC Club members for hosting this race. Awesome lunch at the field each day!



Wichita Falls, TX  
October 14, 2008

### 2008 OFFICERS

Well, we haven't received any nominations for NMPRA President, but I have received nominations for district 2 and 3 for VP spots. Tom Strom Jr. is running for the district 2 VP position, and John Gemmel is running for the district 3 VP spot.

### Q-500 POINTS COORDINATOR

Those of you attending the Championship Race banquet heard me mention that Barry Leavengood has resigned as the Q-500 point coordinator and does not plan to compete in pylon racing any longer. Thanks for the years of service, Barry.

The good news is that I didn't have to look long and far to find a new point coordinator. After the banquet meeting, Kim Vaclav approached me and volunteered to take on the job. Kim is the wife of John Vaclav and the mother of Stephen. I welcome Kim on board and look forward to working with her; I'm sure she will do a great job.

## BACK TO THE GOLD CUP

At the banquet meeting, I asked if we wanted to continue with the racing series and received a resounding yes so we will continue with the series. I also mentioned that I wanted go back to calling it the Gold Cup Series; there was just too much confusion between calling the series the Championship Series and then also having the Championship Race. So, the 2008 racing series will be the 2008 Gold Cup Series and the Championship Race will be the Championship Race.

Okay, we're off and running. I'm waiting for dates for most of the races, but the first Gold Cup race for 2008 will be the Phoenix Classic on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The tentative plan is have the Ft. Lauderdale race on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and the Bowie race on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. I will post the other dates as soon as I have them, and I will confirm the tentative dates as soon as they become firm.

## YEAR END THANK YOU

As we close the books on 2007, I want to thank each and every one of you for being members of the NMPRA and for participating in the races. I also want to thank the clubs for hosting the Championship Series races and all the people who worked to make the races possible.

I also want to thank our sponsors: **POWERMASTER FUEL, JETT ENGINEERING, AND DARROL CADY.COM.** Your support is greatly appreciated.

Last, but not least by any means, I want to thank the district VPs; the point coordinators; David, our Sec/Treasurer; Stan, our web master; Linda, our newsletter editor; and Pete, our newsletter printer; your support makes my job a lot easier.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Bob

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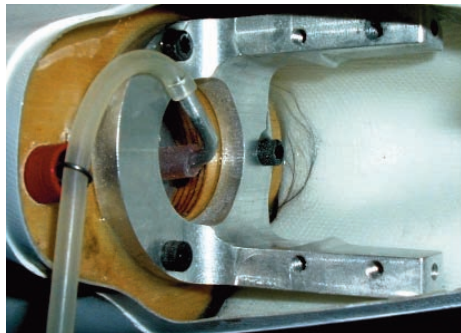
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# District News



Editor's Note: After the October newsletter was published, I received the following email from Pete Reed:



Linda,  
In the last issue of the paper you had a photo of a fuel cutoff set up. Here is another one if you get short of copy.

1. Cut a 1/4" piece of 3/8 brass or aluminum tube and glue it to the firewall where you want the cutoff.
2. Bend a round loop in the end of a piece of .047 music wire just large enough to pass a piece of the fuel tubing you want to use. This technique will let you use the heavy Jett tubing and still clam it off with a small servo.
3. Make sure the loop will fit into the brass tubing.
4. Using the bore of the brass tubing as a pilot drill a depression in the fire wall with a 1/4" dia drill about 3/16" deep.
5. Drill a hole through the center of the depression through the firewall to take the .047 wire and hook the end at the servo so that the servo arm is almost a full 180 degrees away from the firewall. This will keep the pressure from the fuel tubing from moving the servo when the radio is off, and the tubing will stay pinched off.
- 6 This setup will allow a small servo to pinch off even Jett tubing with ease. If you want something easier, I have had good luck with Sullivan silicone tubing which is very flexible but doesn't collapse.

Pete

## District 1, Travis Flynn

Hello, District One. Finally, the season is over. I am not sure how many of the recent contests you have made, but there have been a lot over the last month and a half.

The first race was at Whittier where we had an all right turnout, but we missed some of you guys. The Whittier group did a great job of running the race, and it was good to get back there since they couldn't have a race there last year. One interesting part about the race was that the pylon system used had no turn lights. A lot of the newer guys had never raced like this before. It made for a different contest, to say the least. For guys who haven't done it before, the rules are pretty simple. Cuts get posted after the 10 laps. Yeah, only 10 laps. If any of the four pilots had one cut, he was awarded only one point. If there were no cuts at all, it would be the same as normal 4 points, 3, 2, and 1. But if all the pilots cut, win or lose you get only one point. Bottom line - cutting at all hurts more than normal. I have to give a big thumbs up to Norm Teague for winning both Q500 and Q40 on the Saturday race. Plus it was good to see some new guys in APRA who not only came to race but took some trophies also. Nice job to Mike Shaw and Joshua Soliz.

Here is the list of pilots who kept it clean.

## **Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **APRA**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Shaw f/t 1:33:16
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joshua Soliz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Coe

### **428**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Norm Teague
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Coe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Clark Leadbetter
- f/t Fred Burgdorf 1:04:34

### **422**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Norm Teague f/t 1:00:90
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Schmidt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fred Burgdorf

## **Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **APRA**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Padelt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Coe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Denis Lyon f/t 1:34:30

### **428**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Scott McAfee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Norm Teague
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bobby Ponek
- f/t Fred Burgdorf 1:05:09

### **422**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Holik
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Clark Leadbetter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joanne Coffey
- f/t Travis Flynn 1:01:03

The very next weekend there was an NMPRA Q40 race in Texas. Not too many from our district made the trip, but Matias Salar represented us well. He not only won but he also got the fast time trophy. He and Scott McAfee are making a great team.

The next weekend was the US F5D team trials in San Diego. It wasn't a large turnout, but the racing was tough. 12 rounds were flown, and the difference between making the team and not was less than a second. The 2008 US team consists of Troy Peterson, Dan Kane, myself, and Gary Freeman Jr. Next year the Worlds are set to be held in Odesa, Ukraine.

Again the next weekend off to a giant scale race in Parker, AZ. There were a few of us Q500/Q40 pilots out there. In fact, we even recruited a GSR pilot to give some Q500 a try next year. Craig Greening is a local guy who is a very accomplished pilot and has already joined the NMPRA and hopes to be at Winterfest. The best part of the weekend though was watching Mike Tallman beat up on all the F1 GT pilots and Craig Grunkemeyer taking names in the new Sundowner class. Doug Killebrew and I tried our best to





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keep up with Mike in the GT class, but we fell a little bit short. Doug also did really well in the crazy fast Unlimited class flying a really nice Rare Bear.

Guess what... The next weekend again was the final race for our district in Phoenix, AZ. Again the turnout should have been better, but we still had some great racing with it all coming down to some close point counting to crown the Western Pylon series champ. You guessed it; Fred Burgdorf did it again, winning the series in both Q500 and Q40. What an accomplishment again. Personally, the one thing I need to say about this race is thanks. Saturday afternoon running to the pits I managed to sprain the heck out of my ankle. There were so many people who helped with getting me ice and to the hospital that I can't thank all of them enough. But even more I have to thank Matias Salar and Rhonda Cady. Having a nurse helped a ton, and Matias was a real friend and helped so much just to even get me home. Without his help it would have been a mess. Thanks again all you guys. Three weeks later and still limping but getting better every day. There was one really good fly-off on Sunday in APRA between a couple of good kids. Eric Cammiso and Alexandria Russell battled it out for 10 laps with Eric getting the win. It was a lot of fun to watch those two go at it.

Here are the results for the Phoenix race and the top five in the series.

## Saturday November 3

### APRA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Skavinsky
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Padelt f/t 1:39:54
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eric Cammiso

### 428

- 1<sup>st</sup> Travis Flynn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott McAfee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Allen f/t 1:06:15

### 422

- 1<sup>st</sup> Scott McAfee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Burgdorf
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Allen f/t 1:04:36

## Sunday November 4

### APRA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Padelt f/t 1:44:65
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Gavin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eric Cammiso

### 428

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matias Salar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Burgdorf f/t 1:08:10
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Scott McAfee

### 422

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Ulinger
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Allen f/t 1:03:35
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Lime

## Western Series results:

### APRA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Padelt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Coe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Denis Lyon
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Gavin
- 5<sup>th</sup> Alexandria Russell

### 428

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fred Burgdorf
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott McAfee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Matias Salar
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lee Von Der Hey
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jim Allen

### 422

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fred Burgdorf
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Allen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Scott McAfee
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lee Von Der Hey
- 5<sup>th</sup> Travis Flynn

All right, I know you won't believe this, but the next weekend was the NMPRA Q40 champ race in Florida. There were a few of us from our district who made the trip, and I bet Rusty Van Baren is the happiest. Rusty with caller Doug Killebrew managed to take the top spot and get the fast time. Fred finished in second; third was Lee Von Der Hey. Dub Jett took fourth, and I finished in the fifth spot. Our district guys did awesome, and I am glad so many of us made the trip to support that race.

That's it, guys. Another year gone and a new one ready to start. I hope everybody has a great holiday season and see you next year. Winterfest is just around the corner.

Travis

## District 2, Dan Nalley

Well, fall has definitely been cold and wet up here in the Northwest... but that's not going to keep us from racing! November 25<sup>th</sup> kicked off our latest PROPS Winter Series at Sanderson Field in Shelton, WA. The weather was beautiful with sunny skies, but temperatures only hit the low forties. The turnout was good with five in APRA and ten in 428. It was nice to see everybody out at the field again after taking October off, and big thanks again to the Sanderson Field RC Flyers for hosting another great contest. At the end of the day the following pilots took top honors. Third place in APRA was Jody Haack; second place APRA went to Tom Graves, and first place in APRA was awarded to Tim Strom. Fast Time was also taken by Tim Strom with a 1:39.40. Third place in 428 was taken by Nelson Eddy; second place was won by Brian Richmond, and first place was taken by Tom Strom Sr. Fast Time was also awarded to Tom Strom Sr. with a 1:11.51. Thanks to all who attended, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in January!

Tom Strom Jr.  
PROPS President

## District 3, Randy Smith

### Q-500 Slow Down! ...

OMG!, guys, no wonder our wives and girl friends think we have our heads up our butts most of the time. I have read the endless debate on the NMPRA forum. But it's just that - pointless rhetoric that leads to getting us nowhere. Does any district actually have what it takes to put a stake in the sand and actually TRY a slower set up? If you go ahead and try something, you might actually be surprised how well it works for your district. I stated in this column before that District 3 in Canada uses the Nelson 428 SS motor with the inner pipe removed from the muffler. I'm sure Dub has a similar muffler for his 428 motor. It's just an expansion chamber muffler without any tuning effect.



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Darrol Cady has pointed out on the endless forum debate; the Canadians are flying it quite successfully. My point here is TRY IT, YOU MIGHT LIKE IT. Get out from behind your keyboard and go fly it. It costs only about 50 or 60 dollars to give it a go on your existing 428 motor. It's about the same price as those fancy new harmonic spinners we're all buying for our Q40 motors. I've seen guys who don't hesitate to buy three of these. The key to success is moving to the short (2.0 mile) race course when you run with the expansion chamber muffler. The key is to keep the count from pylon three to pylon one similar to a regular 428 setup. If you go to the short course, your cadence remains very close to 428, and fastest times range from 1:06 to 1:09.

Some argue that the entry level racer is not going to spend \$350 - \$395 for a Quickie motor. The reality is that it is the core group of regular pylon guys who make any of our races successful. It's not the new guys. All of us in the regular core group have a 428 motor so it's a small investment to give it a try. Once the core group shifts, trust me, the entry level guys will go ahead and buy what everyone is running. We have proof in our district. The beginners just asked what the motor of choice is to run, and they go out and acquire it. Most new guys don't buy new motors anyway, and the good thing here is there are plenty of used SS motors for sale to seed the slower 428 Quickie event. So it's not a \$400 investment for the new guy. A used SS motor and expansion chamber muffler can be had for a little under \$300. I'll say it again, if a new guy wants to race, he'll pay what it takes to run with the pack. If a few hundred dollars is an issue, then he either doesn't understand pylon racing or doesn't want to race badly enough.

I will close with the following words of advice: Rid yourselves of "paralysis by analysis" and just step up and try a slower Quickie event in your district. You don't have to do what we did, but try whatever you think will work for you and see how it goes. USE THE SHORT COURSE and have some fun. Get some feedback from your district and take it from there. You can always

fall back to standard 428 and race it at the Nats. This is far more than I intended to write about this topic but now I'm done.

The Canadian F5D Electric Pylon Racing team was selected back in September. A team trials was conducted in Calgary with four participants. Each pilot flew five qualifying rounds. The team consists of Roy Andrassy, Delbert Godon, and Peter Thannhauser. Terence Palaschuk is first alternate and/or team manager, yet to be determined. Roy posted the fastest qualifying time at 57.73. Peter had a couple of sub-60 sec. times as well but suffered time penalties due to cuts. Delbert flew very consistently in the low 60's. Terence's times and consistency suffered a bit from having his head in an epoxy pail more than being on a race course. It took him a few races to get it dialled in, but in the last couple of rounds Terence had his setup working well. The boys were using three-cell Lipoly packs and were getting very good runs. The packs were not watt limited, but for the purposes of our team qualifying event, everyone was equal so we declared a valid team trial.

The snow has arrived so it's down to the workshop to build up more ammo for next season.

Randy



**The 2008 MAAC F5D Electric RC Pylon team is declared. L to R (kneeling): Delbert Godon and Roy Andrassy. L to R (Standing): Peter Thannhauser and Terence Palaschuk. Terence is flying a German designed model called a Batleth. The others are flying a Russian designed model called a D2005.**

**District 4, John Williams** - no article submitted

**District 5, Bernie Vanderleest**

Racing in District 5 has come to an end for 2007 with the arrival of colder weather. There are a couple of season-ending races to report on.

CAPS held their Indy Shootout at Muncie the last weekend in September. The turnout was good, and the weather cooperated well enough to get in some quality racing in 424, 428 and 422. Thanks to Mike Deneve, Ray Hendricksma, and Ed Smith for putting on another great race. Results for the racing are as follows:

## Saturday 9/29/07 424 Class

1.	Darwin Larson	1:40.22
2.	Archie Adamisin Jr.	1:39.42
3.	Mick Warning	1:38.66
		Fast Time
4.	Archie Adamisin Sr.	1:43.90
5.	Mark Warning	1:49.62
6.	Nicholas McKee	1:40.50
7.	Jim Nikodem	1:45.87
8.	George Reynolds	1:52.19
9.	Kevin Matney	1:46.50
10.	Steven Nikodem	1:52.56
11.	Malcolm Reynolds	1:51.94
12.	Richard Vogelsang	1:54.38
13.	Tom Scott	0:00.00

## Saturday 9/29/07 428 Class

1.	Gary Helton	1:12.78
2.	Scott Causey	1:13.44
3.	Terry Frazer	1:13.69
4.	A.J. Seaholm	1:14.13
5.	Mike Eden	1:15.75
6.	Mike Spencer	1:19.31
7.	Darwin Larson	1:20.47
8.	Jim Nikodem	1:17.87
9.	Mike Watts	1:17.28
10.	Rick Miller	1:23.86
11.	Tom Scott	1:16.97
12.	Mick Warning	1:24.47
13.	Mike Deneve	1:12.40
		Fast Time
14.	Craig Grunkemeyer	1:12.69



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## Sunday 9/30/07 424 Class

1. Mick Warning	1:30.75
	Fast Time
2. Jim Nikodem	1:34.81
3. Darwin Larson	1:40.22
4. Archie Adamisin Jr.	1:40.75
5. Kevin Matney	1:41.15
6. Malcolm Reynolds	1:46.00
7. Archie Adamisin Sr.	1:36.85
8. Nicholas McKee	1:44.66
9. Richard Vogelsang	1:50.12
10. George Reynolds	1:47.28
11. Steven Nikodem	1:57.75
12. Mark Warning	0:00.00

## Sunday 9/30/07 422 Class

1. A.J. Seaholm	1:04.45
	Fast Time
2. Craig Grunkemeyer	1:08.42
3. Mike Eden	1:07.88
4. Scott Causey	1:08.89
5. Tom Scott	1:06.97
6. Mike Watts	1:18.87
7. Mike Spencer	1:07.78
8. Rick Miller	1:30.78
9. Gary Helton	1:09.68
10. Terry Frazer	0:00.00
11. Chago Panzardi	0:00.00

The Kansas City Radio Control Association (KCRC) put on its first RC Pylon race in nearly 2 decades. 424 on the AMA short course (475') was the main and only event. It is good to see some more racing activity in District 5. There was a very good turnout with the following results:

## Saturday 10/6/07 424 Class

1. Ken Van Tyle	1:34.28
2. Gordon McWilliams	1:36.40
3. Robert Williams III	1:38.25
4. Mike Scott	1:46.66
5. Rick Miller	1:39.38
6. Eddie Jump	1:44.16
7. Jimmy Cianciallo	1:50.78
8. Daniel Williams	1:29.12
	Fast Time
9. Dave Rieber	1:38.84
10. Keith Begin	1:43.22
11. Scott Causey	1:30.00
12. Dana Calef	1:33.31

13. Robert Williams Jr.	1:36.62
14. Dan Ulledahl	1:37.50
15. Carl Melin	1:45.82
16. Dan Doway	1:56.59
17. Bob Williams	2:00.25
18. Steve Engleman	2:03.88
19. Bill Steinwig	0:00.00

Check out the following websites for more information on District 5

CAPS [www.capsracing.com](http://www.capsracing.com)

NCPL [www.ncplracing.org](http://www.ncplracing.org)

WIPRO [www.q500424.com](http://www.q500424.com)

Regards,

Bernie

### **District 6, Steve Baker**

I would have liked to report that we had a huge turnout for our last two Quickie 500 races of the 2007 season, but I'd be lying. In fact, we had to cancel the September race for lack of both help and competitors, and we had a paltry seven competitors for our last 424 contest in October, in spite of excellent weather. I now have a set of Championship trophies that will be receiving their 2<sup>nd</sup> date change, having been purchased back in 2006.

This isn't good news for racing, at all. In spite of this, our club plans to put on races next year, but if not for a shrinking handful of supporters, there would be no one left to care.

We do plan to put on another NMPRA Q-40 Gold Cup race, most likely in early September, **after** the Labor Day weekend. For those who would like to come but are strapped for cash to pay for a motel, the club has access to the house adjacent to the field and will be outfitting it with the basic necessities of life (air mattresses, a full kitchen, showers, bathrooms) for those who want a bargain place to stay for the weekend. I will keep you posted on how many of you we intend to provide for.

We will also build four flight boxes (stocked with gel cells, starters, and starting batteries) for the out-of-towners who have mentioned how much of a hassle it is shipping their personal flight boxes to contests. By popular demand, we will also put on a Saturday night steak party at the house. We hope that by doing these few extra things we may once again have a respectable turnout.

I could write more, but I am holding up production of the newsletter. Have a safe and prosperous building season.

Steve Baker  
District 6 VP

### **District 7, Tom Dobyys**

We held our last race of the season on September 29-30<sup>th</sup>. It was breezy Saturday as we raced 428 and 424 and planned to race 422 and 424 on Sunday. Unfortunately, the weather became worse the next day so that day's racing was canceled. The racing was good in the 428 class with both the newer long stroke and the still competitive short stroke duking it out. In the end the short stroke prevailed and got First Place and Fast Time! Way to go, Bryan Blanchard! Don't know if it would have ended differently since three of the usually fast guys who have long strokes crashed out during the first heats of the day.

There was only one problem during the day, and that involved Stephen Vaclav's plane. He is flying the long stroke on a Nemi-Q and threw a blade during one race while rounding pole 3 as he was outpacing the other pilots in his heat. Everyone in the pits could hear the change in noise from his plane when it happened, but those on the line could not hear anything with the other racers buzzing around the course. The only thing Stephen noticed was that the plane slowed a bit. After rounding #1 he slowed the plane thinking the engine might have overheated. He made it around



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almost another lap as he gained a little altitude and tried to decide what to do, but as the plane approached #2 pole, the tail sheared through the bolts and flew off. The plane was too low to roll and recover before plowing in to the soft ground.

We have been looking for cracks on blades prior to this race, and all the racers are looking at their props after every race in every class of planes we have. This is the first time we've had a problem on a Quickie. Hope this is not a new problem for Quickie. The Ft. Lauderdale club, Markham Park Pilot's Association, did another great job running the race. Results follow the text.

The start of our new season was for 428 and 424 classes, and it was held in Mulberry by the Imperial R/C Club. They did a good job, and the weather mostly cooperated on both Saturday and Sunday with only light showers in the morning and a light breeze down the runway. Racing action was good through both days and in both classes, and there was a mix of long stroke and short stroke. Attendance was about average with only a few of the usual guys absent due to work or family issues. The club did a good job running the race even though they were having to train a few new guys and were shorthanded. They are looking forward to having at least two races next year, and we are looking at potentially adding a third. Results follow the text.

Speaking of not having enough course workers, I was able to witness some testing of Jerry Small's Pylon judging system while I was down at the Championship Race in Ft. Lauderdale. It has potential, and if all the bugs can be worked out, I think it will be a great improvement to holding races and not having to worry about finding enough course workers. Then I believe that even small clubs that want to hold races will be able to. Another benefit will be that a racer who thinks he didn't get a cut will not have a chance to say that as the evidence will show for

itself, and there won't be any more thoughts about someone cheating... which we don't do!

## Results Ft. Lauderdale September 29, 2007

### 428 Class

1. Bryan Blanchard	1:06.27
	Fast Time
2. Gary Freeman Jr.	1:06.69
3. Gary Freeman Sr.	1:09.37
4. Marcus Blanchard	1:06.47
5. Charlie Kline	1:23.26
6. Ray Coletto	1:12.84
7. Tom Dobyns	1:07.97
8. Jim Perdue	1:17.92
9. John Albritton	1:19.19
10. Steven Vaclav	1:06.89
11. Joe Llanos	1:19.52
12. Matt Fehling	1:13.68
13. Dennis O'Brien	1:20.53
14. Randy Bridge	NT
15. Ray Brown	NT
16. Vern Smith	NT

### 424 Class

1. Scott Smith	1:51.45
2. Rick Ruede	1:43.42
	Fast Time
3. John Walton	2:04.11
4. Dan Warner	1:47.71
5. Rob Rau	1:54.95
6. Lin Bradley	2:10.33

## Results from October 20-21, 2007

### 428 Saturday

1. Dennis O'Brien	1:08.64
2. Randy Bridge	1:05.71
3. John Albritton	1:13.75
4. Matt Fehling	1:09.53
5. Vern Smith	1:15.13
6. Jon Perdue	1:13.69
7. Ray Coletto	1:14.79
8. Tom Dobyns	1:09.43
9. Ray Brown	1:07.73
10. Stephen Vaclav	1:05.62
	Fast Time
11. Joe Llanos	1:26.68
12. Charlie Kline	1:18.47
13. Jim Perdue	1:20.39

### 424 Saturday

1. Allen Sale	1:49.07
2. Lin Bradley	2:01.84
3. Scott Smith	1:43.23
	Fast Time
4. James Creech	1:46.96
5. Dan Warner	1:45.89
6. Chris Handegard	1:49.91
7. Markus Kopa	1:50.56
8. Robert Rau	2:10.89

### 428 Sunday

1. Mat Fehling	1:09.70
2. Ray Brown	1:09.33
	Fast Time
3. Stephen Vaclav	1:10.25
4. Jon Perdue	1:11.81
5. Ray Coletto	1:14.97
6. Charlie Kline	1:21.21
7. Joe Llanos	1:30.50
8. Jim Perdue	1:18.42
9. Dennis O'Brien	NT

### 424 Sunday

1. Jack Fehling	1:44.64
	Fast Time
2. Scott Smith	1:46.01
3. Dan Warner	1:47.86
4. Allen Sale	1:49.87
5. Markus Kopa	1:53.12
6. Chris Handegard	1:56.65
7. Lin Bradley	1:59.61
8. Robert Rau	1:55.18

I'm not going to report on the Championship Race as the results are elsewhere in the newsletter and on-line in the forum. The racing was really good, and almost every heat was like a fly-off! I had a great time flagging for everyone and hope to see everyone come back down for the April Gold Cup race in 2008. The Ft. Lauderdale group did an outstanding job, and we were able to get in 8 heats in 2 days with 49 pilots! That was great and a whole lot of fun. The weather cooperated and was nice with only a light tailwind for take off.

See everyone at the next race in 2008. The date is March 22-23<sup>rd</sup> in Mulberry, and I believe they are going to have a day of 422 and 428, and both days will have 424. Will have the flyer out to everyone as soon as I get it!

Tom Dobyns



# District News



**District 8, Dennis Cranfill** – no article submitted

**Championship Series and Q40 Points VP, Joanne Coffey**

Okay, Linda, here are the results to date on the Championship Race Series & the YTD results given so far on the NMPRA points for 422. I have not received 2007 race results for District 1, final numbers will be held up for those results... SORRY.

I will finalize the points for 2007 when **ALL** race results are in and forward. Have no idea when that will happen though.

Joanne

## 2007 CHAMPIONSHIP RACE SERIES

(NMPRA Members only)

### Point Standings

Place	Name		Points
1	Dan	Kane	351.90
2	Thomas	Scott	300.60
3	Randy	Bridge	273.20
4	Gary	Freeman, Sr.	269.40
5	Gary	Freeman, Jr	257.80
6	AJ	Seaholm	248.00
7	Craig	Grunkemeyer	247.60
8	John	McDermott	216.00
9	Travis	Flynn	211.20
10	Gabriel	Tahhan	201.30
11	Lyle	Larson	200.10
12	Patrick	Galarneault	193.10
13	Rusty	Van Baren	192.40
14	Lee	Von Der Hey	192.40
15	Fred	Burgdorf	180.70
16	David	Doyle	178.50
17	Scott	McAfee	157.50
18	Richard	Moreland	157.00
19	Scott	Causey	144.20
20	Doug	Killebrew	142.70
21	Mike	Helsel	135.50
22	Oscar	Mijares	124.30
23	Dub	Jett	122.50
24	Ray	Brown	122.00
25	Michael	Masi	120.70
26	Jerry	Small	112.60
27	Matthew	Van Baren	109.50
28	Dave	Shadel	108.00
29	Matias	Salar	106.00
30	Lee	Ulinger	104.80
31	Pete	Reed	103.40

### STANDINGS AFTER 3 C'SHIP RACES

Phoenix - Feb07  
 Ft. Lauderdale - Apr07  
 Bowie - July07  
 Markham - Nov07

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## 2007 Championship Race Series cont'd

32	Gerald	Elert	98.90
33	Gary	Schmidt	98.50
34	Dave	Norman	96.10
35	Mark	Parker	93.80
36	Steven	Vaclav	93.80
37	Julio	Quevedo	92.30
38	Jim	Allen	90.70
39	Clark	Leadbetter	87.50
40	Luis	Ochoa	87.20
41	Jarrett	Cangie	86.00
42	Tony	Pacini	82.80
43	Bob	Brogdon	80.10
44	Dan	Nalley	79.70
45	Darrol	Cady	78.10
46	Frank	Wong	76.60
47	Dennis	Cranfill	76.00
48	Jaime	De La Vega	73.40
49	Joe	Llanos	72.50
50	Jerry	Bednark	71.80
51	John	Perdue	71.00
52	Ray	Coletto	70.60
53	Roy	Andrassy	67.10
54	Randy	Smith	65.60
55	Marcus	Blanchard	60.50
56	Tony	Huber	59.30
57	Mario	Travieso	57.40
58	Matt	Russell	56.10
59	Robert	Holik	53.00
60	Murray	Hamula	51.40
61	Michael	Tallman	49.90
62	Ricahrd	Berner	49.10
63	Jim	Lime	48.30
64	Manuel	Martiarena	46.70
65	Tom	Strom Sr	43.60
66	Jonathan	Baker	41.50
67	Tim	Lime	40.40
68	Bruce	De Chastel	37.30
69	Dan	Uledahl	36.80
70	Steve	Baker	35.70
71	Joe	DeAscentis	32.6
72	Ray	Blake	30.7
73	Doug	Houston	27.9
74	Peter	Van Doeseurg	26.3
75	Jeryl	Smith	23.2
76	Jason	Oliver	22.6
77	David	Latsha	21
78	Bryan	Batch	16.9
79	Eric	Ide	15.3

80	Barry	Leavengood	13.8
81	Matthew	Fehling	13.3
82	Tanner	Pacini	12.2
83	Peter	Thannhouser	10.6
84	Jim	Perdue	8.5
85	Michael	Stewart	8.2
86	Paul	Holma	5.9
87	Martin	Hoppe	4.3
88	Tony	Lopez	2.8

## 2007 Q40 Points

### 4 Races - NMPRA Members only\*\*\*\*

Place	First Name	Last Name	Points	Fast Time
1	Roy	Andrassy	<b>554.30</b>	1.01.38
2	Dan	Kane	<b>489.03</b>	1.00.53
3	Randy	Smith	<b>468.00</b>	1.03.65
4	Gary	Freeman, Jr	<b>443.60</b>	1.00.98
5	Jim	Allen	<b>419.90</b>	101.55
6	Gary	Freeman, Sr.	<b>392.60</b>	1.01.88
7	Eric	Ide	<b>390.10</b>	1.01.59
8	Craig	Grunkemeyer	<b>385.30</b>	1.01.99
9	Scott	McAfee	<b>375.50</b>	1.01.89
10	Tom	Strom Sr	<b>374.60</b>	<b>0.57.83</b>
11	Thomas	Scott	<b>372.50</b>	1.01.88
12	Matias	Salar	<b>367.00</b>	0.59.24
13	Terrence	Palaschuk	<b>430.50</b>	1.04.68
14	AJ	Seaholm	<b>340.30</b>	1.01.40
15	Lee	Von Der Hey	<b>329.20</b>	1.03.30
16	Fred	Burgdorf	<b>329.00</b>	1.02.50
17	Mike	Helsel	<b>315.60</b>	1.02.42
18	Gary	Schmidt	<b>283.10</b>	1.00.94
19	John	McDermott	<b>280.40</b>	1.03.38
20	Randy	Bridge	<b>260.10</b>	1.02.28
21	David	Doyle	<b>249.40</b>	1.05.67
22	Jerry	Small	<b>249.00</b>	1.03.18
23	Richard	Moldenhauer	<b>280.40</b>	1.10.69
24	Matt	Russell	<b>227.10</b>	1.06.25
25	Michael	Tallman	<b>224.40</b>	1.08.64
26	Cecil	Graval	<b>230.90</b>	1.04.95
27	Travis	Flynn	<b>219.90</b>	1.00.29
28	Patrick	Galarneault	<b>219.60</b>	1.05.10
29	Gabriel	Tahhan	<b>217.40</b>	1.02.18
30	Scott	Causey	<b>207.30</b>	1.08.97
31	Dub	Jett	<b>204.40</b>	1.04.17
32	Darrol	Cady	<b>201.50</b>	1.07.05



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## 2007 Q40 Points Cont'd

33	Lyle	Larson	201.00	1.01.76
34	Clark	Leadbetter	184.30	1.03.45
35	Doug	Houston	215.40	1.03.90
36	Lee	Ulinger	163.40	1.06.22
37	Ray	Brown	160.40	1.03.88
38	Peter	Thannhouser	151.50	1.07.68
39	Dennis	Cranfill	143.30	1.02.91
40	Rusty	Van Baren	141.20	1.03.98
41	Dave	Norman	137.80	1.03.34
42	Murray	Hamula	137.50	1.10.64
43	Bryan	Batch	129.10	1.05.86
44	Jarrett	Cangie	127.60	0.59.68
45	Jaime	De La Vega	121.50	1.01.93
46	Oscar	Mijares	117.60	1.07.25
47	Mark	Parker	115.90	1.02.37
48	Bob	Brogdon	113.50	1.08.12
49	Matthew	Van Baren	109.50	1.02.70
50	Joe	Llanos	108.10	1.10.46
51	Dave	Shadel	108.00	1.00.74
52	Michael	Masi	104.20	1.07.84
53	Mario	Travieso	95.80	1.01.84
54	Pete	Reed	95.60	1.10.14
55	Jeremy	Voth	180.30	1.05.10
56	Jason	Duda	95.10	
57	Julio	Quevedo	92.30	1.05.35
58	Luis	Ochoa	88.40	1.18.84
59	Jack	Ellefson	88.90	1.10.62
60	Joe	DeAscentis	86.80	1.10.45
61	Rick	Moreland	83.70	1.05.88
62	Jeryl	Smith	83.50	1.10.18
63	Tom	Strom Jr	83.20	1.09.93
64	Tony	Pacini	82.80	1.04.35
65	Gerald	Elert	79.90	1.07.03
66	Dan	Nalley	79.70	1.07.14
67	Frank	Wong	76.60	1.11.81
68	Jerry	Bednark	71.80	1.02.51
69	Doug	Killebrew	70.30	1.03.78
70	Ray	Coletto	66.10	1.08.69
71	David	Latsha	60.20	1.05.91
72	John	Perdue	59.90	1.08.87
73	Bruce	Coffey	59.80	1.07.04
74	Tony	Huber	59.30	1.06.59
75	Robert	Holik	53.00	1.07.52
76	Lyle	Baker	118.60	1.12.50
77	Matthew	Fehling	51.40	1.10.35
78	Paul	Holma	50.80	1.15.64
79	Jim	Lime	48.30	1.09.61
80	Manuel	Martiarena	46.70	1.11.24

81	Daniel	Ulledahl	45.90	
82	Richard	Berner	44.50	1.16.84
83	Barry	Leavengood	43.70	1.08.82
84	Tom	Hegland	43.60	1.06.93
85	Loren	Moen	42.40	1.14.20
86	Jonathan	Baker	41.50	1.05.92
87	Ray	Blake	40.40	1.22.01
88	Tim	Lime	40.40	1.02.95
89	Bruce	De Chastel	37.30	1.05.80
90	Steve	Baker	35.70	1.07.27
91	Marcus	Blanchard	28.50	1.05.13
92	Jim	Perdue	20.10	1.13.25
93	Tanner	Pacini	12.20	1.07.14
94	Mike	Bergen	9.90	1.11.13
95	Michael	Stewart	8.20	0.00.00
96	Nelson	Eddy	5.60	1.09.71
97	Martin	Hoppe	4.30	NT
98	Lee	LaValley	4.10	1.24.57
99	Tony	Lopez	2.80	NT

## Point Standings

*2006 Championship Race, Medford, October 21st & 22nd. 24*

*2006 Championship Race, Tangerine, Dec 2nd & 3rd. 23*

*2007 Championship Race, Phoenix, February 24th & 25th. 73*

*2007 Championship Race Ft. Lauderdale April 21. 29*

*Swift Current Race, May 27 District 3. 13*

*Cincinnati OH Race, June 3 District 5. 12*

*Prince Albert Race, June 3 District 3. 9*

*Nationals July 2006 All Districts. 63*

*Calgary Race, July 22 District 3. 15*

*2007 Championship Race, Bowie, July 28th & 29th. 18*

*Shelton Race, August 4, District 2. 5*

*Shelton Race, August 5, District 2. 5*

*Medford Race, August 18th, District 2. 15*

*Medford Race, August 19th, District 2. 15*

*Saskatoon, Canada, August 26, District 3. 15*

*Swift Current Race, September 9 District 3. 12*

*Regina Race, September 30, District 3. 11*



# District News



## **Quickie 500 Points VP, Kim Vaclav**

The following are the standings submitted by Barry Leavengood.

424				428			
Place	First Name	Last Name	Points	Place	First Name	Last Name	Points
1	Jim	Nikodem	528.42	1	Fred	Burgdorf	599.54
2	Darwin	Larson	524.75	2	Gary	Freeman Jr	584.21
3	Jim	Padelt	490.87	3	Jim	Allen Jr	578.99
4	Tom	Graves	467.14	4	Gino	Del Ponte	553.17
5	Tim	Strom	399.22	5	Gary	Freeman Sr	531.04
6	Mark	Warning	379.93	6	Gary	Schmidt	529.11
7	Ralph	Rinaldi	364.96	7	Matias	Salar	528.01
8	Denis	Lyon	350.50	8	Mike	Tallman	527.75
9	Lloyd	Burnham	344.85	9	Eric	Ide	506.07
10	Mick	Warning	332.61	10	Scott	McAfee	493.36
11	Mike	Masi	321.96	11	Dr Roy	Andrassy	483.07
12	Mick	Waring	305.28	12	Norm	Teague	462.60
13	Jody	Haack	300.80	13	Gale	Enstad	462.20
14	Stanley	Davis	298.30	14	Barry	Leavengood	446.15
15	Eddie	Graves	290.49	15	Mike	Helsel	443.29
16	Doug	Jones	216.70	16	A.J.	Seaholm	435.47
17	Martin	Scott	210.03	17	Dan	Thordarson	423.74
18	David	Doyle	205.05	18	Thomas	Strom Jr	408.93
19	George	Reynolds	195.82	19	Lee	Von Der Hey	403.16
20	Jack	Fehling	189.37	20	Jonathan	Perdue	396.52
21	Jonathan	Baker	189.18	21	Thomas	Strom Sr	393.77
22	David	Gavin	157.83	22	Bill	Johanson	388.56
23	Stephen	Baker	152.77	23	Travis	Flynn	385.49
24	Bernard	Vanderleest	137.67	24	Dub	Jett	374.33
25	Steve	Cook	118.28	25	Scott	Causey	366.12
26	Richard	Moreland	110.69	26	Tom	Scott	351.13
27	Dan	Courtier	102.93	27	Craig	Grunkemeyer	350.81
28	Ernie	Nikodem	99.85	28	Wayne	Cloud	347.56
29	Kevin	Matney	93.70	29	Mitch	West	339.86
30	Scott	Causey	93.29	30	Stephen	Vaclav	331.01
31	Scott	Smith	77.40	31	Randy	Bridge	324.25
32	Dave	Latsha	45.27	32	Jonathan	Packer	317.86
33	Michael	Stewart	39.45	33	Vern	Smith	312.54
34	James	Perdue	35.73	34	Mario	Travieso	307.57
35	Pete	Reed	32.17	35	Thom	Martin	300.94
36	Regis	White	18.18	36	Matthew	Fehling	295.42
37	David	Norman	13.9	37	Robert	Ponek	277.59
38	Jonathan	Perdue	12.71	38	Matt	Russell	263.09
39	Raymond	Blake	12.51				
40	Tom	Scott	1.2				



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39	Darrol	Cady	253.59
40	Jim	Russo	242.65
41	Terence	Palaschuk	242.30
42	Hank	Kauffman	235.62
43	Pat	Galarneault	233.90
44	Dan	Nalley	220.20
45	Clark	Leadbetter	212.64
46	Joe	Llanos	201.91
47	Cecil	Graval	201.51
48	Anthony	Lopez	197.58
49	Tom	Dobyns	192.48
50	Tom	Hegland	184.30
51	Raymond	Brown	176.23
52	David	Doyle	174.84
53	Jeremy	Voth	172.33
54	Richard	Moldenhauer	166.40
55	James	Perdue	159.40
56	Randy	Smith	151.58
57	Doug	Houston	149.42
58	Lee	LaValley	148.74
59	Jerry	Bednark	146.00
60	Doug	Killebrew	140.51
61	Ken	Busse	137.50
62	Nelson	Eddy	135.27
63	Jack	Ellefson	133.88
64	Dennis	Cranfill	123.93
65	Richard	Moreland	120.41
66	Ranieri	Coletto	117.65
67	Dan	Kane Jr	114.19
68	Denis	Lyon	112.16
69	David	Latsha	111.66
70	Daniel	Ulledahl	111.15
71	Joanne	Coffey	109.34
72	Jason	Duda	101.74

75	Tony	Huber	83.10
76	Jerry	Elert	81.20
77	James	Hornsby	80.97
78	Robert	Brogdon	79.65
79	Tanner	Pacini	79.27
80	Jim	Padelt	72.60
81	Mark	Parker	72.59
82	Lewis	Schwab	68.91
83	Gabriel	Tahhan	62.35
84	Mike	Masi	54.55
85	Michael	Walther	50.82
86	Murray	Hamula	43.78
87	Loren	Moen	42.40
88	Alex	Richmond	38.36
89	Lee	Ulinger	37.05
90	Brian	Richmond	29.07
91	Charles	Kline	24.48
92	Mark	Mellott	20.72
93	James	Barr	19.39
94	Scott	Allison	18.47
95	David	Norman	17.82
96	Oscar	Mijares	17.61
97	Don	Schelling	16.93
98	Tim	Lime	16.89
99	Bryan	Batch	13.90
100	David	Gavin	11.46
101	Marcus	Blanchard	11.18
102	Raymond	Blake	10.93
103	Jim	Nikodem	8.07
104	John	McDermott	7.85
105	Luis	Ochoa	7.36
106	Richard	Brener	3.25
107	Tom	Graves	1.2
108	Jerry	Small	1.2



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Should we slow down Q-500, AMA 428? YES NO

If yes, then circle "A" or "B"

- A. Reduce the venture size from 9 mm to 7 mm.
- B. Remove the inner pipe from the muffler.

#### **PLEASE CIRCLE "YES" or "NO"**

Should we slow down Q-40, AMA 422? YES NO

If yes, then circle "A" or "B"

- A. Reduce the venture size from 9 mm to 7 mm.
- B. Remove the inner pipe from the muffler.

There are other proposals on the table, but the ones listed above seem to create the most controversy. If you have an opinion about any of the proposals, **please let your district contest board member know!**

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