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### President's Corner

#### **2013 NMPRA Champ Race**

The OJA group is working hard to make this year's champ race one of the best ever. Visit <http://www.aldjulianairport.org/> and take the time to register. This is a reminder that in order to compete at the Champ Race you must be a Current NMPRA member. In talking with the OJA group, we may have several competitors from outside the US, Canada and Mexico; the NMPRA will not require these guests to be NMPRA members and will open this NMPRA Champ Race to all foreign competitors.

#### **2014 Election nominations**

All nominations for the district Vice President positions or President position are due by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. If you wish to run for office, please send your nomination to Lonnie Finch.

#### **2013 US Nationals**

At this point the US NATS are in the books. Congrats to Jim Katz, Billy Johanson, and AJ Seaholm for winning the 3 events flown. A big thank you goes out to Mike Condon for his efforts.

There was some discussion that has already taken place about the NATS next year. Mike has already mentioned that he doesn't like EF-1 being run before the other events because there isn't enough time. I don't agree with this. At other big contests we have gotten nearly double the entries than we have had this year and only fly 8 or fewer rounds. Do you guys realize those who flew 426 and 422 flew a total of 24 rounds in each event or 48 if you flew both? That is a ton of flying. My feeling is that we can cut down the number of rounds flown and introduce 424 to the NATS. I am willing to work on this only if we have enough interest. Therefore, if you want to fly 424 at the US NATS please let me know.

### **NATS RESULTS**

#### **ELECTRIC FORMULA ONE**

PLACE	NAME	LOW TIME	POINTS
1	Jim Katz	*1:08.46*	23
2	Mike Langlois	1:13.35	23
3	Jerry Small	1:13.61	23
4	Richard Beers	1:13.54	21
5	Roy Andrassy	1:12.86	21
6	Adam Grim	1:17.45	20
7	Dan Kane Jr.	1:11.32	19
8	Mike Helsel	1:12.99	19
9	Dan Kane Sr.	1:24.34	18
10	Mike Tallman	1:16.42	17

#### **426**

PLACE	NAME	LOW TIME	POINTS
1	Bill Johanson	*1:03.23*	23
2	A.J. Seaholm	1:03.84	22
3	Jim Katz	1:04.63	20
4	Tom Scott	1:04.74	18
5	Ralph Rinaldi	1:03.62	18
6	Scott Causey	1:04.42	17
7	Randy Ritch	1:04.59	17
8	Bryan Blanchard	1:04.93	16
9	Lloyd Burnham	1:04.85	15
10	Joseph Tropea	1:06.79	15

PLACE	NAME	LOW TIME	POINTS
1	A.J. Seaholm	1:04.12	
2	Mike Helsel	1:04.79	
3	Stephen Vaclav	1:04.08	
4	Dub Jett	1:03.51	
5	Matthew Fehling	*1:02.21*	
6	Bryan Blanchard	1:04.71	
7	Joseph Tropea	1:05.83	
8	Mike Langlois	1:07.13	
9	Tim Yousey	1:04.14	
10	Steve Baker	1:02.95	

### **2013 US F3D team**

I am writing this article from a hotel in Amsterdam. Congrats to the 2013 US F3D pylon team for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the team competition. The team worked hard for the last 3 days to earn the Gold. I am proud of the way they all worked together to win the gold. The team placing wasn't decided until the last round. Randy and Travis did their jobs by posting a 58 and 59. At this point all the pressure was on Ray; he needed to post a score and he did. The team from Guatemala finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and Germany 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Randy Bridge finished second and Eddie Melville finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 2013 champion is now a 5-time champion, Chris Callow. Chris came out in the first round and set a world record and never looked back.



Randy Bridge and Ray Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Eddie Melville and Gary Freeman Jr. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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#### **Wanted**

Interesting photos of planes and events.  
Send photos by electronic format to the editor.



Chris and Kevin Callow, 5 time World Champs!

After the worlds were complete, a Super Final was run. The top 12 place winners were given the opportunity to fly two more rounds to compete in the super finals. The top 12 were broken down into



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4 heats of 3 and would have 2 rounds to post their best time. After the 2 rounds the 3 fastest times would then fly off for 1<sup>st</sup>. The 3 best times were Eddie Melville with a 57:04, Travis Flynn with a 57:53, and Chris Callow with a 57:85. The flyoff was fast and furious; Chris had a cut around lap 4 and then Travis on lap 5; Travis ended up with a second cut on lap 10. Eddie was clean and cruised to his super final win; his prize was a new MB 40 FAI motor. Chris was second; his prize was beautiful Christian Wolfe Dago for FAI. Travis finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and received a DXT F40 FAI motor.



Congratulations to all the competitors and supporters from the US team. We were able to talk to many friends from around the world as well as meet new ones. Thank you to all the many workers who worked hard to support the 2013 World Champs. The crew from the Netherlands worked extremely hard to make this one of the best. They were very well organized and executed all the details of the event at the highest level.

## **NMPRA Hall of Fame**

This is a reminder that nominations are due. If you think someone should be a member of the NMPRA Hall of Fame, you need to submit a nomination form. Don't let someone else do it for you; take the time to honor those who made racing what it is and the sport we all enjoy. Until we meet again, safe

landings!  
Dan Kane

Please welcome the following new members to the NMPRA:

- William, Doran New Bern, NC
- Dennis Seymour Lacey, WA
- Larry King, Jr. Whitsett, NC
- Tim Lampe Champaign, IL
- Joel Blackthorne Austin, TX
- Richard Paul Fairfield, CT
- Alejandro Vazquez Jalisco, Guadalajara
- Hector Javier Jalisco, Guadalajara

## **District 1. Tom Hegland**

–no article submitted

## **District 2. Allie Russell**

As I write, we are heading home from our most recent battle with the pylon gods of Muncie. It was a short trip for us; we flew in on Tuesday to watch the last of quickie and get some test flights in on the Q-40's. Weather was hot and humid as usual, which adds an extra challenging physical element to all the racing. We were set with fast equipment that was flying well when we started. Test flights on Wednesday went well; we were in good shape. As quickie finished up Thursday, however, the bad luck hit us. We went out to practice with my primary airplane, which was attacked by gremlins. We salvaged a few bolts from the wreckage but not much else. We switched over to my backup, which had been flying great but started having weird trim and flutter issues. I flew a couple of heats, but on the third the airplane was nearly out of control and we had to quit racing. After a string of troubleshooting different options, we found to blame a cracked rear spar that had been changing the shape of the wing as we flew. Once I was out of the running, we

were able to focus on Dad's equipment. He made the finals on attrition and consistency, ending up with 13<sup>th</sup> overall, which we were pretty happy with after the week's struggles. Congratulations to Jim Katz, Billy Johanson, and especially AJ Seaholm. AJ and his caller Scott Causey are a class act, and it is always fun to watch them race. AJ's win was well deserved, and it couldn't go to a nicer competitor. It was a fun week as usual; we sure love the company and the chance to see our friends from around the country.

This month we have lots to report here from the Northwest! Our racing season is in full swing, and we are having a great summer. For our first race we traveled to Calgary. It was a fun weekend despite some weather on Friday and a run-in with the pond. We really enjoyed our time with the Canadians. Randy Smith ran a phenomenal contest. The race in Billings, MT was the weekend after, run by Ed Alves who is becoming not only a very competitive pilot, but a world class CD as well. Hopefully that contest will continue to grow; we sure had a good time and Ed put on a great race. I got out of school for the summer and was home in time to help prep for our race in Deer Park June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our weekend in Deer Park started off toasty with forecasts for 100+ degree temperatures. Friday was hot with just a little breeze, which was great for test flying and practice. I have to thank Travis Elbert for the fastest, straightest, and prettiest pink pogo I've seen; it flew great and made my weekend that much more fun. We were set to go when the sky opened up early Saturday morning, and everyone camping at the field got to experience a Spokane summer thunderstorm firsthand. Heavy





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rain lasted well into the afternoon. Finally clouds cleared and it was immediately HOT again. Starting at 4, we managed to get a few rounds of EF-1 which ran till evening. Our late start racing meant the party at our house didn't start until late either. We grilled brats and hotdogs, and good conversation was had by all. Sunday we finished Ef-1 and elected to forgo flyoffs in order to get more quickie racing in. Our goal has been to make the races as low key and fun as possible. We encourage everyone to compete in 424 to give beginners a chance to race as much as everyone else there. We flew 426, but allowed Short Stroke Nelson engines with no inner pipe, a la Canadian rules. Due to the extreme heat, our timing computer shut down and we were unable to obtain times for much of our contest. However, we were able to get fast times for the 426 event which showed a remarkably small speed difference between the Sport Jett motor and the detuned short stroke Nelson. The difference in our two fastest was less than a second. We flew both quickie classes on a 475' course with EF-1 on the standard 375' course. Sunday in 426, it came down to a three-way flyoff for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place. Marc Winz and I connected on takeoff, leaving Mike Bergan with the flyoff and Marc with two halves of a ninja. I got away with some wing damage and a broken prop, giving Marc third place with his faster time. Overall, racing went well and we got everyone on the road home at a decent hour Sunday night.

Our results for the weekend were

## EF1:

1<sup>st</sup> Dan Nalley with a perfect score  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Allie Russell  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed Alves  
 Fast time (determined by card draw)  
 Tom Strom Sr.

## 424:

1<sup>st</sup> Tom Sr.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Allie Russell  
 3<sup>rd</sup> David Long Jr.  
 Fast time Tom Strom Sr.

## 426:

1<sup>st</sup> Marty Hoppe (ssn)-1:04.92  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Bergan  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Marc Winz  
 Fast Time Marc Winz (Jett) 1:04.44

Congrats to all our winners! We had a great time and really appreciate all the help and support we received from the racers in our area. Our CD Bryan Batch puts on a great show and makes sure everyone has fun. We also appreciate the support from the BARON's RC club for the use of their field.

This coming weekend we are looking forward to another race here, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of August. This contest will be sponsored by Marty Hoppe and his company, In Depth Creations. It should be another few days of hot weather, fast airplanes, and great company. Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for the Shelton contest August 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> and the 3-day Labor Day weekend Helena Fall classic Aug 31<sup>st</sup>-Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. See you at the races, Allie



Leon & Travis Elbert vs Mark Scarborough with callers Mike Bergan, Ed Alves & Shane Elbert. Matt Russell watches closely with the checkered flag.



Marc & Bryan show off the remains of the ninja.



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Dan Nalley, perfect score in EF-1



Your author with my friend  
Tom Strom Sr.



Dave Long Jr. 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 424, he's  
getting to be quite the competitor!  
Watch out district II!

## **District 3, Randy Smith**

The deadline for articles in this issue of the newsletter came on the heels of the NATS. So I guess this issue is the NATS in review from the perspective of each district representative. While composing this article, Roy and I are cruising down I-90 in South Dakota just under the speed of an E-F1. When I think about it that way, the miles ahead seem even longer.

The NATS are over for another year. I think about it in terms of highs and lows. Rather than a blow by-blow-description of our experience at the NATS (believe me, there were lots of blows), I think I'll just summarize some of those moments. The NATS in Muncie looked something like this:

- Five days of racing with many of the best friends I have.
- Five days of punishing heat and humidity.
- Meeting new racers and making new friends.
- Laughing with old friends and re-living races gone by.
- Every joke from Jim Katz made my side hurt

- It was great to see Terry Frazer on the line and witness his strength to call for Steve Baker in Q40 and bring home a 9<sup>th</sup> place win. Take it one day at a time, Terry.
- It was cool was to see Kane Jr. and Kane Sr. racing together in E-F1. Dan Sr. kicked some butt along the way too.
- E-F1 was a blast. It was cool to see all the different model designs and color schemes.
- Quickie SUCKS! and the bad air on pole three is REALLY bad. More good equipment ruined.
- Calling for Roy is fun when he is in that groove we know him to be in.
- What's that bright orange blur that went by you? Oh, that was Roy.
- Three bright orange skid marks across the asphalt at "Canadian Corner."
- Pete Bergstrom did an awesome job as Starter all week on the hot asphalt.
- Thank you to the number of assistant Starters all week (Mike Tallman, Duane Gall, Trey Witte and others)
- Mike Condon did a great job directing the contest and organizing all the helpers. Thank you, Mike.
- I think the matrix went well. I learned a couple of things along the way. Only minimal whining this time around.
- A cold beer after the races! What more can I say?



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- An air conditioned hotel room. What more can I say?
- Good friends and good food in the evening complete with special Canadian dessert. Dine with us next year and have the *Frosty Beaver* treat.
- The excitement of racing in the finals at a heightened level of competitive intensity is what the NATS is about.
- Exciting races never to be forgotten. Tim Yousey and Steve Baker had an exciting Q40 flyoff wing tip to wing tip for ten laps.
- My Q40 race in the finals against Mike Helsel. The ground got a little higher with each lap. This was the most exciting race I've flown in a long time. Thanks, Mike.
- Did I mention that Quickie SUCKS?!

That's my summary of the NATS. It was great to see y'all there once again.

Roy and I, as well as Harold Sattler, Henry Redekop, and Lyle Baker, will be racing at the champ race at OJA in October. See you there.



Team "Ground Pounders" left their mark at the NATS.

## **District 4, Travis Elbert**

Hello again, racing season is in full swing and going fast. I have been to several races around district 4. Milt Sanders and several others in Salt Lake have put together some EF1 racing. Leon and I went to their first event of the season and had a great time. The event was a half-day race and went very fast. Next event I attended was the Billings race hosted by Ed Alves. It was a two-day race with EF1 and 424. Earl Seaholm started the racing. We also had guests from South Dakota and Colorado. The spring race in Spokane had a great turnout with people from Washington, Idaho, and Montana. Saturday we were rained out until about three; then the racing was on. Spokane held three events: 424, 426, and EF1; with the added 426 event and the rain things still went very smoothly. Thank you to all race event sponsors: Milt Sanders, Ed Alves, Bryan Batch, and Matt and Allie Russell.

Helena will be hosting a three-day race over Labor Day weekend consisting of 424 and Ef1 Saturday and Sunday with Monday being a gold, silver, and bronze EF1 race. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact me: Travis A Elbert (406) 431-5877

Thank you

## **District 5, Jim Nikodem**

The 11th annual Greater Cincinnati RC Club 'Moonshot' was once again the first weekend in June. We found out once again that you cannot count on the forecast. A strong line of thunderstorms was moving across the country and expected to hit the field around noon Saturday. What we got was

a windy Friday and Saturday and a real nice Sunday. This race, headed up by Tom Scott, not only has a great field and very experienced and enthusiastic club workers, but is also known for its food! Six rounds of 426 and 424 and five rounds of EF-1 were flown. As usual, 426 and 1/4 40 were the big events of the weekend. EF-1 was flown both days as well as 424. Teammates Moe Vereecke and Lonnie Finch topped the 426 field tied with Craig Grukemeyer in points. Fast time went to Mo with a 1:04.70. Lonnie squeaked out the second fastest time with a 1:06.73, followed very closely by Tom Scott, who took fourth for the day. Dan Kane lost an airplane when he nailed pylon number 2. Later in the day an EF-1 hit the flag of pylon 3. This was made even more close when you consider the flag went only about 10 inches from the pole. That EF-1 survived and did not even seem to slow down. EF-1 had 10 contestants and was flown on the 2-mile course, the same as 426. Dan Kane came in first with the fast time for the day included (1:24.24). Jay Cappis was second with an airplane he had very few flights on. He also had the second fastest time of the day, about four seconds behind Dan. Jim Nikodem was third with the third fastest time, two seconds slower than Jay.

424 had a small field. At the end of the day Jim Nikodem was first also with the fast time of the day (1:23.51). That is about the same as EF-1 on the same course. Darwin Larson was second and Rick Vogelsang was third. Following racing, an outstanding dinner was served at the field. It is nice not to have to get cleaned up and go into town. Thanks, Tom!

The second day of racing had ideal weather. 1/4 40 was the big event





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of the day. Dub Jett ended the day with 17 out of a possible 18 points - good enough for first place. His teammate Mike Helsel was down on points, but claimed fast time for the day (1:01.36) by about two seconds over Tom Scott - also low on points. Lonnie Finch was second, and in a flyoff win against Dan Kane, Bill Johanson was third. Since EF-1 was not going to be flown on the long course, it was decided to fly the EF-1 course and get used to the timing for the NATS. This required the pylon 1 workers to move every two rounds. Mike Helsel with his Sweet V came in first with a 1:15.55 fast time. Jim Nikodem was second with the fast for the day of 1:15.37. Dub Jett was third and Dan Kane was fourth with a fast time of 1:15.44. These three fast times were virtually identical in my opinion, all within .18 of a second. 424 was run even though attrition the previous day brought the field down to three - short of what is required for a countable race. It ended up a very nice weekend for racing.

The Bloomington IL race normally held the third week in June was not run this year but will be back next year. The club moved fields and has the grass planted this spring coming up nicely. The September race is planned there and the June and September races next year.



EF-1 launch Dub Jett, Joe Rue, and Darwin Larson



Mike Tallman landing right on the centerline with a Sweet V right behind



Tom Scott starting with Craig Grunkemeyer holding



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The guy behind the scenes making CAPS races happen Rick Vogelsang



EF-1 winners Saturday, L to R Jay Cappis 2nd, Dan Kane 1st, and Jim Nikodem 3rd



Tom Meisheimer with his EF-1 and Giant Scale racer



Three EF-1's on lap three very close together

## **District 6, Peter Tani**

Hello all.

We are coming up on our mid-season Ellington two-day race that will take place on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This is our signature event where we will fly both AMA 424 and AMA 426 in addition to our Sportsmen race venue. On Saturday afternoon we will have our traditional and NEPRO hosted picnic that has always been fun and complete with entertainment. In years past some have brought Formula 1 aircraft and even a Quarter Midget racer or two as a demonstration for those who may be new to racing or may have never seen one in the air. On occasion racers who happen also to be factory helicopter pilots have put on demonstrations for all to see. If you are in the area or can make it, I would highly recommend attending.

Our most recent race was at the South Shore Radio Control Club in Bridgewater, MA where we had an afternoon of practice and an entire day of racing for all three classes.

NEPRO welcomed two Sportsmen pilots: Kyle Mooney, a new member of our Maine constituency with fellow Mainer and Standard pilot Eric Waterman's support. Also Conrad Wondolowski was in attendance and competed under Lloyd Burnham's tutelage. By the third heat both were competitive and only tens of seconds away from qualifying for Standard Class racing. Congratulations to Jeff Linscott also of Maine for your first podium finish. Bravo!

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> we were able to conduct a three-day NEPRO Nat's tune-up at Westover AFB that served as our practice field for all three days. While this was my first time ever at the facility, many in attendance were familiar with the "Dog Patch Training Area" located at the end of what was an original WW II landing strip that now serves as a mile-long taxiway. Some even pointed out the lone and distant telephone pole that they managed to hit during the AMA national championships that were held there prior to their obtaining their





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national flying site. At times it was hard to keep up with who's flying what, as we had a huge obstruction-free area to make first flights and many test flights thereafter. You could really land from any direction you wanted, and the freedom and generosity of others was much appreciated. Many, many thank you's to the 439th Airlift Wing for your hospitality in hosting our event. Thank you too for the military police escort to the Dog Patch Training Area and fighter coverage provided by the 104th fighter wing F-15 that may have been visiting. I never felt safer in my life.

I was very fortunate to be able to attend the 2013 Nats. Many thank you's to others for the help along the way including doing all the driving. It was a great deal of fun, especially in the pre-dawn hours under the tent while others waited to run engines until the instant it turned 7:00 am. Many very funny stories were told and exchanged. It was still dark, and I believe I was breathing rarified air in the presence of masters of the hobby and the sport of R/C pylon racing. It felt like my parents had let me stay up late for a special occasion, and it was a real treat to be a part of the event especially when the pressure was off and folks had time to enjoy before the rigors of competition were even a thought. Jim Katz was front and center with his great and unique brand of humor and "Sweet Pea," a V-tailed EF-1 electric of his own design that was both very successful and almost too pretty to race. Several flew this design that when back-lit by the sun reminded me of some of the beautiful rubber powered free-flight designs I flew many years ago. I never had great interest in scale R/C other than the

great appreciation for the work of others including some master craftsmen that are members of my local club. This craft was different and worth every effort I believe. It certainly flew well at Jim's hands. Congratulations for your first place EF-1 finish.

Also in attendance from District 6 that I know by sight were Joseph Tropea, Mike Masi, Lloyd Burnham, Ralph Rinnaldi, Richard Berner, Steve Baker, Trey Witte, and Miki Kono who was able to attend for a day as he was traveling on business in the area. The Judgeman lighting system that NEPRO has used and has maintained to date was rigorously race tested for all but the first day's electric event. It performed continuously and admirably for all four days of the remaining competition and will be used next at the Ellington race. Contest director Mike Condon and starter Peter Burgstrom did absolutely spectacular jobs. Mike seemed capable of controlling even the weather, and Peter knew who won well before any pilot even thought about landing. Congratulations to all who participated and especially to those who had a top finish.

Peter Tani  
NMPRA 23J

## **District 7. Scott Smith**

From the **FAST LANE...**

The last few weeks have been filled with NATS practice and FAI F3D for the worlds in our region, and you all know that means: good times! I am very happy and proud of our district at the NATS this year, as we once again had a super showing for our district! Congratulations to the run-a-way winners of the EF1 event, 1<sup>st</sup> place

Jim Katz (*with fast time of 1:08.46!*) and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mike Langlois with their own designed Sweet Pea. Way to go and congratulations on doing it your own way! Adam Grim came in 6<sup>th</sup>, Mike Helsel 8<sup>th</sup>, Bill Johanson 14<sup>th</sup>, Dub Jett 17<sup>th</sup>, Trey Witte 20<sup>th</sup>, Marcus Blanchard 24<sup>th</sup>, Dennis O'Brien 28<sup>th</sup>, Dean Stone 32<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Salisbury 35<sup>th</sup> and Matt Fehling in 44<sup>th</sup>.

In 426, congratulations to Bill Johanson (*with fast time of 1:03.23!*) and the win! Jim Katz 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bryan Blanchard 8<sup>th</sup>, Mike Helsel 12<sup>th</sup>, Marcus Blanchard 15<sup>th</sup>, Dean Stone 16<sup>th</sup>, Dennis O'Brien 24<sup>th</sup>, Dub Jett 25<sup>th</sup>, and Robert Vess 26<sup>th</sup>. SEMPRA district members who didn't make the finals were Trey Witte, Mike Langlois, Tim Yousey Matt Fehling, Joseph Rafalowski, Bob Brogdon, and Jerry Salisbury.

In Q40, congratulations to Mike Helsel 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stephen Vaclav 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dub Jett 4<sup>th</sup>, fast time Matt Fehling (1:02.21) 5<sup>th</sup>, Bryan Blanchard 6<sup>th</sup>, Mike Langlois 8<sup>th</sup>, Tim Yousey 9<sup>th</sup>, Joseph Rafalowski 16<sup>th</sup>, Dean Stone 18<sup>th</sup>, Marcus Blanchard 20<sup>th</sup>, Robert Vess 24<sup>th</sup>, John McDermott 25<sup>th</sup>, and Bill Johanson 28<sup>th</sup>. SEMPRA district members who didn't make the finals were Lawrence Lewis, Adam Grim, Jim Katz, Dennis O'Brien, and Bob Brogdon. Congratulations to all of you who made it to the NATS.

We wish all of you the best and look forward to the next races. Until next time, we will see you at the starting line soon...

Scott Smith  
NMPRA 86t



- - - **Start of 2013 season** - - -

Julian, NC.                      October 5-6, 2013  
**OJA Championship Race**                      422

Mulberry, Fl.    October 18-20, 2013  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mulberry 500**  
 422, 424, 426

Julian, NC. November 2-3, 2013  
**OJA Champ Race** EF1, 424

***District 8, Jim McGuinn***

– no article submitted

**District 9, Alejandro Vazquez**

Hello, Congratulations to all the Nats pilots! On this July we held our second race for this year at Guadalajara, Jalisco, MX. It was very attractive and competitive because almost all of the pilots have improved their skills and equipment with the new kits and Nelson engines, so the speed has increased, but the best of all is that all the rounds are very close and tip to tip so you can't be too confident.

We received pilots from Aguascalientes, Michoacan, Puebla, Morelos, Toluca, and Mexico City. Great races on Saturday 428 and Sunday 422, afternoon Sunday with good food, beers, and Tequilas. Some pictures and top 10 lists:

Q500-428.-

- 1.- Pedro Marin.
- 2.- Salvador Barrios.
- 3.- Eduardo Guzman.
- 4.- Federico Ochoa.
- 5.- Angel Garcia.
- 6.- Christian Reynoso.

- 7.- Jose Calderon. Best Time:  
1:14.25  
8.- Ismael Pastrana.  
9.- Juan Carlos del Campo  
10.- Mario Aboumrad

Q40-422.-

- 1.- Jose Calderon.
- 2.- Salvador Barrios. Best time:  
1:06.25
- 3.- Pedro Amezcua.
- 4.- Luis Miguel Sanchez.
- 5.- Antonio Guzman.
- 6.- Angel Garcia.
- 7.- Eduardo Guzman.
- 8.- Jose A. Mata.
- 9.- Pedro Marin.
- 10.- Javier Castellanos.



We're working on a new pylon class  
event...



## Sunday Q40 Racing day



## Q500 Group Picture





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## **District 10, Joe Luxford**

This report comes from the F3D world championships in Holland. These are the third world champs that I've been to now. The first was Ballenstedt in Germany in 2009 to see what was involved in running a world champs, followed by Bundaberg in 2011 where we did run the world champs and this time in 2013 where I'm the New Zealand team manager. The NZ team is Tom Wetherill with Jim Orenshaw as his caller.

I'm writing this up on the third day of racing and have to compliment the Dutch pylon racing association on a very well run event. There have been no complaints and the cut judges have done an excellent job.

The event got off to an unfortunate start when Elias Sopeoglou from Greece set fire to his van during practice. The pilots passed the hat around and collected 1600 Euros to get his van repaired and back on the road. Adam Argus loaned Elias a plane to compete with – which is still running strongly after 11 rounds.

This event is on a par with Germany in 2009 with 50 entries from 18 countries, which includes five juniors. Two of the juniors are very highly placed at the midpoint of the championship with Emil Bromberg from Sweden in second place and Robert Kaiser from Germany in 14<sup>th</sup>.

As far as the seniors go, Chris Callow from Australia is on track for his 5<sup>th</sup> title with a 14 second margin under his nearest competitor. There are about 15 pilots behind Chris who could place 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, which will make for very interesting racing on Saturday.

The pressure stepped up a notch

on Day 3, and the cuts increased amongst the group in contention for placings with 8 cuts in round 8 and another 4 in round 9. Then the weather changed a lot after a storm went through at lunchtime, and even the most experienced engine tuners struggled to find good settings.

The world champs are quite an experience with teams from all around the world. It's quite an experience just to walk through the pits and listen to so many different languages. Luckily, most speak English as a second language which is how people talk to those from other countries. At least half the competitors have been at F3D for 15 years or more, and there is a lot of camaraderie amongst the racers.

All in all an interesting week, and we are really looking forward to the first past the post racing on Sunday that will involve the top 12 finishers with some serious prizes for the first three place-getters.



Joe Luxford (team manager), Jim Orenshaw (caller), Trish Luxford (supporter), Tom Wetherill (pilot)





# District News



## Q40 Points, Doug Killibrew

	Location			
1	Mulberry			
2	Champ Race-Basin			
3	Tangerine			
4	Basin Q40 Classic			
	9th Annual Southern			
5	500			
6	Basin			
7	Wichita			
8	Markham Park			
	Caps Shootout			
9	Muncie			
10	Old Julian			
11	Cincinnati			
12	Basin			
13	Nats			

		Races Flown	Total of Best 6 Races
1	Jett, Dub	9	522.52
2	Helsel, Mike	7	521.04
3	Fehling, Matthew	6	454.28
4	Yousey, Tim	5	407.54
5	Langlois, Mike	5	335.65
6	Johanson, Billy	5	303.55
7	Kane, Dan	4	301.60
8	Finch, Lonnie	4	287.84
9	Tallman, Mike	4	266.89
10	Van Baren, Rusty	3	264.67
11	Flynn, Travis	3	264.14
12	Andraka, Chuck	5	261.89
13	Baker, Steve	3	257.40
14	Katz, Jim	5	249.90
15	Holik, Robert	4	248.15
16	Allen, Jim	3	239.88
17	Grunkemeyer, Craig	4	234.35
18	Verano, Richard	3	231.16
19	Vereecke, Maurice	4	226.85
20	Scott, Tom	5	220.72
21	Blanchard, Marcus	4	208.94
22	Beers, Richard	3	207.60
23	Seaholm, AJ	2	207.56

24	Von Der Hey, Lee	4	205.64
25	Hegland, Tom	4	195.16
26	O'Brien, Dennis	5	186.52
27	Brogdon, Bob	4	184.81
28	Killebrew, Doug	2	182.26
29	Vess, Robert	3	174.94
30	McDermott, John	4	173.92
31	Causey, Scott	2	170.52
32	Blanchard, Bryan	3	168.28
33	Lloyd, David	3	163.94
34	Andrassy, Roy	2	162.54
35	Schmidt, Gary	2	161.69
36	Smith, Randy	2	153.18
37	Tropea, Joe	2	149.61
38	Salazar, Mario	3	144.36
39	Thordarson, Dan	3	139.31
40	Stone, Dean	3	132.21
41	Bridge, Randy	4	130.30
42	Hodgin, Joe	2	122.59
43	Vaclav, Steven	3	116.60
44	Lewis, Larry	2	110.46
45	Russell, Matt	2	108.10
46	Tahhan, Gabriel	2	105.85
47	Grim, Adam	3	96.02
48	Coffey, Bruce	3	88.02
49	Brown, Ray	3	86.47
50	Salar, Matias	2	85.58
51	Del Ponte, Gino	1	85.24
52	Rinaldi, Ralph	1	84.29
53	Colletto, Ray	3	83.71
54	Desgruelles, Gilles	1	83.28
55	Hulen, Duane	1	80.38
56	Baker, Lyle	1	79.38
57	Coffey, Joanne	2	72.22
58	Batch, Bryan	1	71.56
59	Jump, Eddie	3	71.27
60	Vogelsang, Rick	4	68.71
61	Metkemeijer, Rob	1	67.65
62	Eden, Mike	2	66.68
63	Umbach, Al	1	63.74
64	Coe, Dan	3	63.28
65	Moorehouse, Kevin	1	61.79
66	Burnham, Lloyd	1	60.55
67	Freeman Jr., Gary	3	59.52
68	Godon, Delbert	1	55.92
69	Gavin, Dave	2	54.74
70	Masi, Mike	2	54.17
71	Redekop, Henry	1	53.97





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72	Houston, Doug	1	52.01
73	Spenser, Mike	3	51.13
74	Freeman Sr., Gary	2	48.19
75	Buchler, Raul	1	46.15
76	Picelli, Hudson	1	44.20
77	Galarneault, Pat	1	41.56
78	Umbach, Kevin	1	40.29
78	McWilliams, Gordon	2	36.33
80	Small, Jerry	2	35.91

## Quickie 500 Points, Lonnie Finch

426 Quickie		
	Location	Date
1	KCRC - Lee's Summit, MO	10/6/12
2	KCRC - Lee's Summit, MO	10/7/12
3	Brooklyn Park, MN	10/6/12
4	Salem, CT	10/13/12
5	Mulberry	10/20/12
6	Tangerine	12/8/12
7	Wichita, KS	4/20/13
8	Salem	5/5/13
9	Brooklyn Park, MN	5/18/13
10	Muncie, IN	5/18/13
11	Basin, CA	3/23/13
12	Basin, CA	3/24/13
13	Cincinnati, OH	6/1/13
14	Calgary, AB	5/26/13
15	Ellington, CT	6/2/13
16	Basin, CA	6/8 - 6/9/13
17	Brooklyn Park, MN	6/8/13
18	Edmonton, Alberta	6/8/13
19	Bridgewater	6/23/13
20	Wichita, KS	6/29/13
		7/16-
21	NATS - Muncie, IN	7/17/2013

	NAME	NMPRA #	Races Flown	Total of Best 6 Races
1	Finch, Lonnie	21V	7	508.83
2	Burnham, Lloyd	22J	5	438.97
3	Jett, Dub	4I	6	388.85
4	Vereecke, Maurice	23V	5	370.36
5	Jump, Eddie	20G	5	341.08
6	Scott, Tom	26P	4	322.20

7	Andraka, Chuck	11H	5	297.24
8	Korsen, Craig	16J	4	295.27
9	Hulen, Duane	12V	4	288.61
10	Andrassy, Roy	31X	3	253.43
11	Galarneault, Pat	95W	4	247.71
12	Triggs, Bob	21J	4	239.28
13	Tropea, Joe	28J	4	232.37
14	Grunkemeyer, Craig	22P	3	212.10
15	Beers, Richard	22I	3	211.88
16	Thordarson, Dan	53C	3	210.06
17	Helsel, Mike	5A	3	207.68
18	Smith, Randy	22X	3	204.13
19	Etken, Randy	20W	4	202.51
20	O'Brien, Dennis	2S	3	193.42
21	Katz, James	4Q	2	183.48
22	Fehling, Mathew	59S	3	182.10
23	Holik, Robert	23A	2	178.97
24	Larson, Darwin	25U	4	175.94
25	Houston, Doug	14X	2	168.50
26	Coe, Dan	42C	3	165.29
27	Gage, Ron	12W	4	162.91
28	Cappis, Jay	16V	5	159.31
29	Nickodem, Jim	22V	4	159.05
30	Johanson, Bill	52P	2	154.02
31	LeValley, Lee	33W	3	153.25
32	Gavin, Dave	27C	3	149.63
33	Masi, Mike	37J	5	147.78
34	Umbach, Kevin	30Y	2	144.10
35	Blanchard, Marcus	15P	2	141.07
36	Flynn, Travis	55A	2	138.84
37	McWilliams, Gordon	4G	4	137.20
38	Coffey, Joanne	83B	3	136.85
39	Spencer, Mike	54P	2	130.29
40	Eden, Mike	61P	2	129.81
41	Rinaldi, Ralph	27J	3	126.88
42	Elert, Jerry	34W	3	123.74
43	Tallman, Mike	15G	4	123.53
44	Berryman, Del	31W	3	121.19
45	Grim, Adam	20S	2	116.97
46	Hegland, Tom	37C	4	114.16
47	Gall, Duane	23F	4	109.37
48	Seaholm, AJ	17V	1	106.52
49	Spaduccini, Dino	12J	3	105.20
50	Salazar, Mario	18C	2	104.62
51	Schelling, Don	56C	3	101.89
52	Causey, Scott	20V	1	97.56
53	Bridge, Randy	38B	1	94.80



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54	Kane, Dan Jr.	23U	2	91.67
55	Moorehouse, Kevin	36X	2	91.50
56	Tucker, Richard	14S	2	90.20
57	Blanchard, Bryan	16P	2	88.99
58	Small, Jerry	5H	2	88.92
59	Kauffmann, Hank	12X	2	87.93
60	Martin, Jeff	26X	2	85.55
61	Hartman, Scott	30H	2	83.63
62	Vanderleest, Bernie	7W	2	81.69
63	Lucero, Gilbert	16C	2	76.66
64	Vess, Robert	14R	2	74.74
65	Langlois, Mike	12R	2	73.13
66	Baker, Steve	15R	1	72.91
67	Coffey, Bruce	81B	1	69.47
68	Haxhi, Jessica	24J	2	66.93
69	Warning, Mick	22W	1	62.02
70	Brogdon, Bob	1S	2	60.12
71	Umbach, Allan	32X	1	52.40
72	Witte, Trey	23R	2	50.81
73	Konno, Miki	12K	2	45.86
74	Rafalowski, Joe	21S	1	41.53
75	Matney, Kevin	44W	2	40.78
76	Smith, Scott	86T	2	38.40
77	Russell, Allie	30E	1	37.91
78	McDermott, John	2R	1	37.60
79	Glode, Bill	30J	1	23.82
80	Russell, Matt	5E	1	23.23
81	Brown, Kelly	25G	2	22.80
82	Batch, Bryan	79E	1	15.89
83	Stewart, Michael	38J	1	12.51
84	DeLateur, Joe	15B	1	7.28
85	Cloninger, Leonard	17/g	1	1.20
86	Ellis, Dave	14P	1	1.20
87	Linsangan, Joe	52T	1	1.20
88	Swaney, Chuck	28X	1	1.20
89	Zisa, Richard	15S	1	1.20

## 424 Points, Dave Gavin

	Location	Date
1	Salem Fall	10/13/12
2	KCRC Fall	10/6/12
3	KCRC Fall	10/7/12
4	Mulberry 500	10/20/12
5	Mulberry 500	10/21/12
6	Tangerine Sat	12/8/12
7	Tangerine Sun	12/9/12
8	Southern 500Sat	3/16/13
9	Southern500Sun	3/17/13
10	BasinMar	3/23/2013
11	Wichita Sat	4/20/13
12	Indy Shootout Sat	5/18/13
13	Indy Shootout Sun	5/19/13
14	Wichita Sun	4/21/13
15	Salem Spring Sat	5/4/13
16	Salem Spring Sun	5/5/13
17	Old Julian Spring	5/4/13
18	Basin June	6/9/13
19	MoonShot	6/1/13
20	Wichita Summer	6/29/13
21	Wichita Summer	6/30/13
22	Calgary	5/25/13
23	Ellington Spring	6/2/13
24	Bridgewater	6/23/13

1	Korsen, Craig	5	455.05
2	Fehling, Jack	7	438.75
3	Masi, Mike		425.16
4	Cyr , Kevin	5	385.59
5	Reade, Barry		353.83
6	Witte , Trey	5	313.64
7	Burnham, Lloyd	4	311.82
8	Gload , Bill	5	279.36
9	Gall , Duane	4	273.95
10	Hartman, Scott	4	270.87
11	Nikodem, Jim		234.48
12	Tropea, Joe	3	215.22
13	Larson, Darwin	3	212.29
14	Scherrer , Doug	4	211.68
15	Tucker , Richard	4	210.85
16	Triggs , Bob	5	207.89
17	Cappis, Jay	5	199.53
18	Tani, Peter	5	157.47
19	Loucks , Larry	5	154.88
20	Gosnell , Barry	5	153.57
21	Matney, Kevin		150.23
22	Thompson, Chuck	4	143.76





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23	Vanderleest, Bernie	2	142.98
24	Thompson, Taylor	4	128.24
25	Konno, Miki	3	126.01
26	Meyer, Roy		116.92
27	Warming, Mick	2	116.74
28	Ellis, Dave	3	104.68
29	Spadaccini, Dino	2	103.66
30	Vogelsang, Rick	2	92.46
31	Batch, Brian	1	88.11
32	McWilliams, Gordon		86.93
33	Hodgin, Joseph	1	81.78
34	Haxhi, Jessica	2	78.15
35	Obrien, Dennis		77.40
36	Alves, Ed	1	73.63
37	Coe, Dan	1	69.47
38	Scott, Tom		52.04
39	Russell, Matt		44.66

40	Brown, Irl	1	42.13
41	Stewart, Michael	3	40.96
42	Etkin, Randy	1	35.33
43	Martin, Ben		35.25
44	Rue, Joe		34.93
45	Creech, James	3	31.47
46	Elbert, Leon	1	30.17
47	Zisa, Richard	1	29.07
48	Burns, Ted	1	26.80
49	Kittler, Art	1	23.82
50	Hobbs, Ben	2	21.89
51	Jump, Eddie	1	18.07
52	Russell, Alexandria		15.69
53	Balrush, Peter	1	10.30
54	Craig, Tom	1	9.73
55	Begin, Keith	1	1.20
56	Cloninger, Leonard	1	1.20



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***National Contest Coordinator, Mike Helsel***

## NMPRA Master Race Schedule 2013

8/16/2013

Date	Location	Events	Comments	Contact	Other Info
<b>June</b>					
1st - 2nd	Cincinnati, OH	424/426/422	Moon Shot	CAPS - GCRC	<a href="mailto:askus@scottmodels.com">askus@scottmodels.com</a>
8th	Brooklyn Park, MN	426	NCPL	Tom Brockman	<a href="mailto:tbrockman@forestlake.k12">tbrockman@forestlake.k12</a>
15th - 16th	Chicopee, MA	CANCELLED	Westover AFB		
16th	Brooklyn Park, MN	EF1	NCPL	Pat Galarneault	<a href="mailto:pkg@cloudnet.com">pkg@cloudnet.com</a>
22nd - 23rd	Kansas City, Mo	424, 426, 422	HSF	Moe Vereecke	<a href="mailto:moev@ymail.com">moev@ymail.com</a>
<b>July</b>					
6th	Brooklyn Park, MN	426	NCPL	Del Berryman	<a href="mailto:del31@charter.net">del31@charter.net</a>
14th - 20th	Muncie, IN	EF1, 426, 422	NATS	NMPRA/AMA/CAPS	
20th	Brooklyn Park, MN	EF1	NCPL	Ron Gage	<a href="mailto:thegages8511@comcast.r">thegages8511@comcast.r</a>
<b>Aug</b>					
3rd	Brooklyn Park, MN	426	NCPL	Jerry Elert	<a href="mailto:jerry@conmechservices.co">jerry@conmechservices.co</a>
10th - 11th	Albuquerque, NM	424, 426	2 one day races	Chuck Andraka	<a href="mailto:ceandra@comcast.net">ceandra@comcast.net</a>
24th	Brooklyn Park, MN	426	NCPL	Al Schwartz	<a href="mailto:alberts@comcast.net">alberts@comcast.net</a>
24th - 25th	Muncie, In	424, 426, 422	CAPS	Carolyn Martin	<a href="mailto:abbelrents@fuse.net">abbelrents@fuse.net</a>
24th - 25th	Whelton, WA	422, 426, 428, APRA Q500, and EF1		Tom Strom Jr.	
<b>September</b>					
7th	Brooklyn Park, MN	426	NCPL	Pat Rediz	<a href="mailto:rediz001@comcast.net">rediz001@comcast.net</a>
7th - 8th	Woodland, CA	422, 426	Burgdorf Memorial	Robert Holik	<a href="mailto:apcprop@aol.com">apcprop@aol.com</a>
21st	Bloomington, IL	424, 426	CAPS-SIRS	Jay Cappis	<a href="mailto:cappis4@msn.com">cappis4@msn.com</a>
28th	Brooklyn Park, MN	426	NCPL	Randy Etken	<a href="mailto:r140racer@msn.com">r140racer@msn.com</a>
<b>October</b>					
5th - 6th	Old Julian Airport, NC	NMPRA Champ Race for 422		Jim Katz	<a href="mailto:mrjrkatz@aol.com">mrjrkatz@aol.com</a>
19th - 20th	Mulberry, FL	Southern 500	422, 424, 426	Scott Smith	<a href="mailto:ssmith4710@aol.com">ssmith4710@aol.com</a>
<b>November</b>					
2nd - 3rd	Old Julian Airport	EF1, 424,	May add 426	Trey Witte	<a href="mailto:treywitte1@gmail.com">treywitte1@gmail.com</a>
<b>December</b>					



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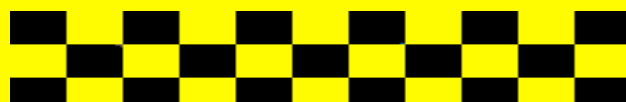
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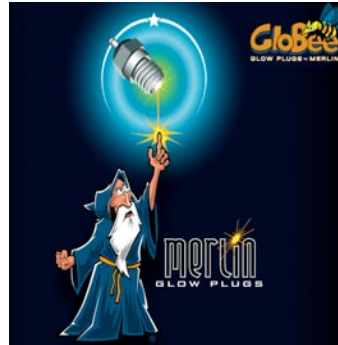
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