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President's Corner

2013-2014 Elected Offices

There were no opposing nominations 2014. Therefore all positions will carry over into next season.

The one exception to this is that the Secretary/Treasurer position is being vacated by Lonnie Finch. Lonnie is going to step aside after 12/31/13. Lonnie has been very instrumental to the advancement of the NMPRA over the past 3 years and will greatly be missed. His decision to move on is based on his ability to spend additional time with his family and start enjoying his free time again. If you get a chance, please thank Lonnie for all he has done.

Therefore, we need to fill his vacated position. If you have any interest in becoming the Secretary/Treasurer, please contact me.

Membership

The Champ race marks the beginning of a new season. Please take the time to renew your membership for 2014 and avoid losing any points for next season.

2014 US Nationals

In 2014 the NATS will consist of 4 events. We will be flying AMA 424, which is a big change for next year. 424 has some restrictions and is conditional based on a minimum number of entries. The restriction is that if you register for AMA 422 you cannot enter 424. We are also requiring that a minimum of 20 paid entries is met by May 15th, 2014. EF-1 will have new rules regarding weight. Everything else will remain unchanged. And due to scheduling issues we may be using Saturday. In years past this day has not been used. Please plan accordingly.

Financial Statement

Included in this article is a financial summary for 2013. If you have any questions feel free to ask. We have spent more than we took in this year, but all of it was for good reasons.

NMPRA Hall of Fame

At the NMPRA Champ race, we will be announcing the 2013 inductees of the NMPRA Hall Of Fame. Stay tuned; we haven't made an induction since 1999. I am very glad that we will be back on track with the Hall of Fame and paying homage to everyone who made pylon what it is today.

Old Newsletters

We are working on getting all past newsletters in electronic format. Hopefully by the end of 2013 we will be able to post all past newsletters since 1965 on-line.

Racer Profiles

Please take the time to submit a brief summary of who you are along with a snapshot of your ugly mug. Please don't limit your submission to yourself. If you have information of a racer from the past, let's post it. Send all submissions to Bernie: web@nmpra.org

Final Thoughts

As 2013 comes to an end, I look forward to 2014. I am fully immersed into youth football, and I am having a blast. I miss time away from modeling but also cherish every minute I can spend with my son and the other kids on my team. Take time to enjoy life; it goes by way too quickly.

Until we meet again, may your planes be straight and fast.

Dan Kane

Please welcome the following new members to the NMPRA:

Dale Harwell Tampa, FL
Robert Rau Henderson, NV

	<u>Jan - Sep 13</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
EVENT INCOME	
NATS	<u>7,120.00</u>
Total EVENT INCOME	7,120.00
INTEREST	0.66
MEMBERSHIP	
Dues	<u>5,250.00</u>
Total MEMBERSHIP	5,250.00
SALES	
Hats & Pins	316.50
Tshirts	<u>145.00</u>
Total SALES	461.50
SPONSORSHIP	<u>350.00</u>
Total Income	13,182.16
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>660.55</u>
Total COGS	<u>660.55</u>
Gross Profit	12,521.61
Expense	
DONATIONS	
Donation-World Team	750.00
DONATIONS - Other	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total DONATIONS	1,750.00
EVENT EXP	
Hobby Show	553.66
NATS	6,687.58
NMPRA Champ	<u>350.00</u>
Total EVENT EXP	7,591.24

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Wanted

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

Hall of Fame	1,300.00
NEWSLETTER	
Printing	1,157.30
Supplies	<u>275.00</u>
Total NEWSLETTER	1,432.30
OFFICE	
Bank Charges	70.99
Misc	20.00
Postage	40.52
Supplies	<u>776.22</u>
Total OFFICE	907.73
R & D	
Pylon Course Ei	<u>3,643.00</u>
Total R & D	3,643.00

Web Site	311.37
Total Expense	18,327.09
 Net Ordinary Income	 (5,805.48)
 Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Pay Pal Service Charge	104.68
Total Other Expense	104.68
 Net Other Income	 (104.68)
 Net Income	 (5,910.16)

Total Liabilities	1,872.00
 Equity	
Retained Earnings	16,523.47
Net Income	(5,910.16)
Total Equity	10,613.31
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 12,485.31

District 1, Tom Hegland

Greetings District 1! I'm back. First I must apologize for "whiffing" on the August newsletter. This year's NATS was the second week of a 5-week motor home trip which took my wife and me through 16 states, 4 national parks, and 6400 miles. We finally got back to the Bay area on August 9th. So I'm going to try to catch up on some races that should have been documented in the August newsletter.

District 1 participation at this year's NATS was lower than in years past. NATS 2013 participants from District 1 just included Dave Yost and myself. However, I think I'll include Chuck Andraka in any District 1 discussions, as Chuck attends just about every District 1 race. Thanks for the support, Chuck. If you really want to bugger up a premier racing event, come to it totally unprepared as I did. Putting equipment together each night after driving for 10 hours was a real bad idea. Posting a zero in both 426 and 422 qualifying rounds allowed me to get things packed up sooner than I was hoping for. EF1 was responsible for bringing Dave Yost back into District 1 pylon racing after several years away from the action. Dave teamed up with his brother Kevin to make the trip to Muncie this year. To say these guys are motivated and competitive is an understatement. I expect to see these two picking up their share of trophies in the near future. Dave is also excited about racing 426 soon.



Dave Yost (right) and brother Kevin at their first NATS

	Sep 30, 13
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
NMPRA.CK	9,358.12
Paypal Account	217.26
Total Checking/Savings	9,575.38
Other Current Assets	
Inventory Asset	2,884.93
Undeposited Funds	25.00
Total Other Current Assets	2,909.93
Total Current Assets	12,485.31
 TOTAL ASSETS	 12,485.31
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	1,797.00
Total Accounts Payable	1,797.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Membership Dues - 2014	75.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	75.00
Total Current Liabilities	1,872.00



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Chuck Andraka pretty much cruised through qualifying in 426 and 422. However, the finals were not nearly as friendly as Chuck encountered early round mid-air in both 426 and Q40.



Chuck Andraka with his Sam Rai at the 2013 NATS

Although District 1 didn't bring home any racing trophies, we did manage to leave Muncie with both raffle grand prizes. Joanne Coffey snagged the Telford Scholarship Fund RTR Ninja, donated by CMAD Racing, and I won a new Chuck Bridge-built Vortex by supporting the F3D Team raffle. Oh, by the way, CONGRATULATIONS Team USA. World Champions!!!

On June 8th and 9th, the Valley Flyers hosted The Memorial Race honoring the past contributions of Fred Burgdorf, Ron Schorr, Howard Reed, and Gene Sidwell. The dedication of these four individuals to our sport helped lay the foundation of pylon racing as we know it today. The success of this event was truly a team effort with Doug Killebrew stepping up to CD at the last minute, Dave Gavin handling all the computer chores, the pilots who volunteered to work the course when not flying their events, and of course Dave Sweeny and the Valley Flyers. The race introduced a different format with EF1 being flown on Saturday, AMA 424 on Sunday, and AMA 426 and

Q40 being two-day races. The longest commute went to Marc Winz who came down from the Seattle area to race AMA 424 and AMA 426.

Saturday's EF1 results:

1 st Place	Ted Burns	1:12.75**
2 nd Place	Bill Malo	1:13.61
3 rd Place	Gary Long	1:15.77
		** Fast Time

Sunday's AMA 424 Results:

1 st Place	Larry Stotts	1:25.07
2 nd Place	Ron Russel	1:29.22
3 rd Place	Chuck Thompson	1:29.82
Fast Time	Dan Coe	1:23.51

AMA 426 Results:

1 st Place	Dan Thordarson	1:06.91
2 nd Place	Robert Holik	1:06.54
3 rd Place	Mario Salazar	1:05.15
Fast Time	Travis Flynn	1:04.22

Q40 Results:

1 st Place	Doug Killebrew	1:03.71
2 nd Place	Chip Hyde	1:00.01
3 rd Place	Rusty Van Baren	1:07.03
Fast Time	Jim Allen	0:59.87

The North-South Shootout sponsored by the Pylon Racers of Puget Sound (PROPS) is officially in the books. This event and flying site at Sanderson Field in Shelton Wa. continues to be one of my favorite race venues. District 1 was well represented with Joe DeLateur and wife/caller Sandra, Bruce Coffey, Tom Hegland, and Jim Allen in attendance. Everybody brought home a trophy, with Bruce Coffey and Jim Allen bringing home Fast Time in AMA 426 and Q40 respectfully.



From left to right: Sandra Delateur, Joe Delateur, Tom Hegland, Bruce Coffey, and Jim Allen

The second annual Fred Burgdorf Memorial Race is now in the memory banks. A special thanks to the Woodland/Davis Model Club for hosting this race and especially to Robert Holik (and Annie) for all the time and effort put in to insure the success of this event. For the second year in a row the turnout for this race was lower than what I was expecting with 16 in Sport Q500 (AMA 426) and 11 in Q-40 (AMA 422). The Woodland/Davis Model Club continues to seek areas of refinement on an already high quality and efficient product. Ninety heats (and one fly-off) were flown over the weekend with no re-flies. That is impressive. Those who showed up were treated to great hospitality and some fast/competitive racing.



Robert Holik and Annie. Great Job!

The first two rounds of 426 were flown without incident. Lots of close racing action across the board. First heat of Q40 started off with Gino, Robert Holik, and



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Dave Gavin doing battle. The adrenalin must have been flowing (or maybe the transition from the short to long course) as all three cut out by the 5th lap. Yikes! Round 2 saw Verano and Salazar getting together coming around pylon 3 on the 10th lap. Travis would like to forget Round 3 of 426 as he had to ditch his Vortex trying to avoid takeoff mid-air. However, this allowed Dave Gavin and Jim Padelt to battle for the first-place points. What a close race it was with Dave taking the win by a foot or less (or at least that's how the starter saw it). If Padelt would have had a "challenge flag," he would have thrown it. Mid-air's are always a unfortunate event to deal with; however, when you mid-air after the race is over.....well that's even worse. Unfortunate that was the scenario Mitch West and Gil Lucero found themselves having to deal with. Round 5 was the last Q-40 heat for Jim Allen, as his Too Sweet got rear-ended in a landing collision. Without a backup, I'm sure Jim was wondering if his fast time of 0:59.42 would stand up.

The air Sunday morning was fast. In 426, Bruce Coffey turned a 1:02.96, and shortly after that Travis bettered that with a 1:02.26. In Round 6 of Q40 Gino put up a 0:59.56 just 0.14 seconds behind Jim Allen's 0:59.42 turned early Saturday. In Round 8 of 426, for Bruce Coffey and Dan Coe, their race day come to an end with a lap 1 pylon 1 mid-air.



One of the beautiful Vortex's which didn't survive the weekend,
Round 8 mid-air

After a fly-off for 1st Place in 426 between Gino DelPonte and Robert Holik, which saw Gino take the win, the final results were

AMA426 Results

1 st Place	Gino DelPonte	1:02.4
2 nd Place	Robert Holik	1:06.53
3 rd Place	Jim Allen	1:04.63
Fast Time	Travis Flynn	1:02.26

Q40 Results

1 st Place	Gino DelPonte	0:59.56
2 nd Place	Richard Verano	1:01.49
3 rd Place	Mario Salazar	1:08.40
Fast Time	Jim Allen	0:59.42

Congratulations to Gino for bringing home 1st place wood in both classes. It should also be noted that Gino was just behind the fast times of Travis Flynn (426) and Jim Allen (Q40) by 0.23 and 0.14 seconds respectively.



426 winners (L to R): Travis Flynn, Robert Holik, Jim Allen, Gino DelPonte w/ caller Mike DelPonte



Q40 winners (L to R): Jim Allen, Dan Coe (Mario's caller), Mario Salazar, Richard Verano, Robert Holik (Richard's caller), Geno DelPonte and caller Mike DelPonte

All EF1 and 424 pilots, don't forget the Championship Series Race at Whittier has been rescheduled to the weekend of Oct. 19th and 20th.

Tom Hegland

District 2, Allie Russell – no article submitted

District 3, Randy Smith

Racing in District 3 is over for another season. For me, it was a season of highs and lows. I took fast time in two of our district Q40 contests. This is not easy to do when you are racing against Roy Andrassy at every contest. I also participated in the Basin Q40 Classic for the first time, and I also travelled to OJA to take in the NMPRA Championship race. These were great experiences in my racing season this year.

I also managed to ruin a lot of good equipment along the way. In one respect, I guess you don't get any better by looking at them hanging on the wall. You have to get in there and mix it up with the nation's best. You also have to learn from the mistakes. I think I really need to fly with awareness of the potential for BAD AIR.

I have really been stung by bad air



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over the last couple of years. I know, I know... if you are out in front, you won't have to worry about bad air. Until I can consistently get out in front and stay there, I need to be aware of the air! It's a bit naive just to settle into a groove around the pylons and expect to be safe. I think there is more to it. You have to adjust elevation and the path around pylons 2 and 3 at every moment during these turns relative to who you are behind, overtaking, nearby, etc. At the same time, I don't like to be one of those guys who is all over the sky. If you don't hold a line, mid-air will result. I don't know; I need to think about all of this over the winter. If anyone out there has some tips on flying in bad air, I would like to hear them. How about writing an article in this newsletter for all of us?

Immediately upon returning home from the NATS, Calgary hosted their annual pylon contest for Quickie 500 and Q40. The weather was great; there was a good group of pilot entries and lots of close racing to boot. Ted Ellefson of Calgary proudly took home a third-place trophy having pressed his daughter Jillian into service as first-time caller. Ted wasn't so proud of the third place trophy as he was to have his daughter call for him in their first race together. He won a trophy to boot! Congratulations Ted and Jillian. You two make a good team. We hope to see more of the Evil Ellefsons.

In early September, the District met in Medicine Hat, Alberta for its first pylon race hosted by the local club. [You are reading this correctly. Alberta has some cities with very strange names.] Jeff Martin, our district president, organized a very successful race with this sport club

that has NO pylon racers in their membership. Jeff advertised in our national magazine that hosting a pylon race in western Canada could provide a club with a fund raising opportunity. The Medicine Hat RC'ers took up the offer. The District supplied all of the equipment necessary for the race, and the club supplied the race course workers, judges, lunch concession, event trophies, and all the necessary field support.

The contest was a roaring success as expressed by the race pilots and the club members alike. Light wind and perfect temperature was had for the two-day contest of Quickie 500 and Q40 classes. The club members were impressed by the speed and ruggedness of the models as well as by the skill of the pilots flying them. The pilots were impressed by the club volunteers who manned the race course and picked up the judging roles very quickly. Everyone did a great job in judging the turns and counting laps for the weekend. It appears the club and the district pilots might meet again in Medicine Hat for another race next year.

Final season standings in our district and best time rolled out as follows:

AMA 426 (20 total pilots)

1. Roy Andrassy 1:02.83*
2. Doug Houston 1:05
3. Kevin Umbach 1:07

AMA 422 (18 total pilots)

1. Roy Andrassy 1:03.02*
2. Randy Smith 1:03.46
3. Doug Houston 1:06.62



Ted Ellefson and daughter Jillian take third place in 426 Quickie at the annual race in Calgary, Alberta (District 3).

District 4, Travis Elbert

- no article submitted

District 5, Jim Nikodem

Two major races to report on, first the fall CAPS championship race held August 24 and 25 flown at the premier flying site in Muncie - the nicest field you could ever fly at. The weather was very nice for practice on Friday and two separate race days Saturday and Sunday. Five rounds of 424 and 426 were flown along with four rounds of EF-1. At the end of the day, Kevin Matney came out on top followed by Jeff Adamisin and Jim Nikodem. Kevin posted one of three times less than 1:22 (that is on the short course), but was inched out by .03 seconds by Darwin Larson who came in fourth for the day. 424 had a field of 15. In 426 Jay Capps ended up on top, holding on to the fast time for the day for a while. Late in the day Mike Spencer posted a very impressive 1:03.85. His teammate Mike Eden



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was second and Dub Jett was third. The next fastest time was set by Tom Scott with a 1:06.21. 426 had 13 entries. EF-1 had only four rounds and ten entries, and at the end of the day everyone in lane one had a perfect score. It was decided to go by time, so Jim Nikodem was first with a 1:25.04 (also on the short course), Mike Helsel was second (1:27.92), Dub Jett third (1:28.07), and Darwin Larson 4th (1:31.59). Sunday was on the long course for 424 and 1/4 40, both with 14 entries. Jim Nikodem ended up on top in 424 followed by teammate Darwin Larson with the fast time of the day (1:35.94). Bernie Vanderleest in 3rd. There was a 6-way tie for first in 1/4 40 (all down 4 points for the day) which was settled by multiple flyoffs. At the end of it all the order from first to sixth was Lonnie Finch, Terry Frazer, Santiago Panzardi, Mo Vereecke, John Gibson (in his first 1/4 40 race), and Duane Hulen. Once again a great race at a great field we are fortunate to race at four days a year (two races) plus the NATS!



424 winners Saturday L to R: Jim Nikodem 3rd, Kevin Matney 1st, Jeff Adamisin 2nd



426 winners Saturday L to R: Mike Eden 2nd, Jay Cappis 1st, Dub Jett 3rd



EF-1 winners: Mike Helsel 2nd, Jim Nikodem 1st, Dub Jett 3rd



CAPS president and fall race CD Carolyn Martin along with the Boy Scout leader in charge of the workers and starter for the weekend



422 winners L to R: Santiago Panzardi and caller 3rd, Lonnie Finch 1st, Terry Frazer 2nd and John Gibson

Next was the September 7th North Central Pylon League, Brooklyn Park Minnesota, 426 cash prize race. It was a truly fun time for seven of us from southern district 5 to take part in one of their well-run races. Twenty-seven total fliers took part in this outstanding one-day race. The NCPL switched a few years back from the OS 46 motor to the Quickey Jett 426 motor. They hold a bunch of one-day races throughout the summer, but designate one late in the season as a cash prize race. That's right, thanks to Jerry Elert there was \$2400 in prize money AND a drawing for two Quickey Jett Motors and a fully composite Randy Etkin R-200 airplane. That's not all!! pizza and beer included!! Here is how it works; the top ten finishers are in the drawing for the cash prizes. First place gets first pick of the ten envelopes and on down the line. The top envelope, pulled purely by chance, was \$400. Every flier was in the drawing for the hardware. That was enough to get some to make the trip up to MN, but even without that, they are a really fun group who put on a really nice race. They run things a little differently from what most are used to. No light system, or turn lights, and no idea of cuts until the end of the race. No



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timers, and therefore no fast times at all. At the end of the race cuts are tallied; two cuts is of course a zero, and one cut puts you in last place. It is a little different, but works just fine. I have to mention the 100-foot-tall mound of dirt bordering one side of the field. You just have to see it. Not a problem, but it takes a little getting used to. Six rounds were flown in temperatures in the 90's - pretty hot conditions for Minnesota. Five guys drove in one vehicle from the Kansas/ Kansas City area. One of those was Lonnie Finch, who won the day in a flyoff with Darwin Larson from Wisconsin. Third and fourth were also settled by a flyoff. AJ Hemkin (last year's district Champion and Caudron trophy winner) ended up in third, and Jaryl Smith was fourth. Thank you NCPL and Jerry Elert for a truly fun time.



424 winners Sunday L to R: Bernie Vanderleest 3rd, Jim Nikodem 1st, Darwin Larson 2nd

Since the season ends officially at the end of September, there are two races left. Actually two one-day races in Bloomington IL September 21 and 22, and a 426 race in Brooklyn Park, MN on September 28th. I will get to that and the district season points wrap up - the Lead Goose and Caudron trophy winners - next time.



Phil Zuidema, club president of the Grassfield R/C Club in Brooklyn Park Minnesota of the Minnesota North Central Pylon League



Longtime racer Don Martinson (left) with the CD and race organizer Jerry Elert (right)

Maybe this could be in your plans next year:

NORTH CENTRAL PYLON LEAGUE *presents* **THE E & B NATIONALS** **Racing Class AMA-426**

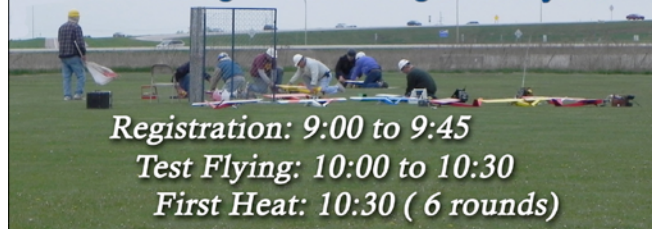
Saturday, September 7th
Grassfield RC field, Brooklyn Park, MN
(for map, go to www.grassfieldrc.org)

Guest AMA Flyers Welcome!
Honored Guest, Jeryl Smith,
former NCPL member, coming from Alabama!

\$2400 dollars in prize money!
(Awarded to Top Ten Finishers)
PLUS Raffles for two Jett Engines and one R-200 built to 2 colors of your choice!

\$20 Entry Fee (includes 4 raffle tickets)
Free Fuel!

Pizza & Keg of Golden Light for Flyers!



Registration: 9:00 to 9:45
Test Flying: 10:00 to 10:30
First Heat: 10:30 (6 rounds)

Contest Director: Jerry Elert, assisted by Del Berryman
For more information, contact Jerry (651.592.2514) or Del (612.799.6247)



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District 6, Peter Tani

Hello all,

It is hard to imagine that since my last writing the final three races in our local series here in the Northeast have come and gone and we can now mark the conclusion of our 2013 season. We have finished our signature Ellington 2-day race, their mid-season picnic, the first annual and first ever Wintonbury race, and just recently the Fall Salem event completed this past weekend.

Many thank you's to the Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club in Ellington Ct and Contest Director Kevin Cyr; the Wintonbury Flying club in Bloomfield Ct, and their Contest Director Richard Niezabitowski and Assistant Contest Director Ola Nordell; the Salem Prop Busters and Contest Director Dennis Duplice.

Many, many thank you's to all who quietly did their jobs large and small while assisting with the process of conducting our 2013 racing season. At times it may seem that every move has been planned from the beginning without a hitch. In fact, a great measure of our success this is the direct result of the great effort of many individuals. Thank you all.

Turns out there is good timing for writing. I opened my October AMA magazine only to find a write-up by our AMA District I Vice President Andy Argenio spot lighting our 2-day Bridgewater Massachusetts Race hosted by the South Shore Radio Control Club in June of 2013. Seems the fact that we do as much as we do has gained a whole lot more credence after seeing our local race receive national coverage. NEPRO's race day stars Monica and Josh Duplice and Louisa Newman; group picture is front and center in the publication. Thank you very much again all three of you for all of your great help in registering pilots and with running the matrix computer for yet another racing season. All of NEPRO is in your debt for keeping it all straight and doing as much as you do during the racing season. Thank you again for your effort.

Also thank you to past president Bill Jensen and his wife Geri for supporting us on race day and especially with their continued support of the Sportsmen racing program. Bill has again sponsored prizes for our Sportsmen class competitors in 2013 with prizes such as TT Pro40BB engines. In the same AMA article is a picture of two of our Sportsmen competitors

Kyle Mooney and Conrad Wondolowski. We have had great success with this program which is intended to provide an opportunity for those new to racing to gain experience racing and flying the course with experienced help. Former students are now the teachers. Former Sportsman competitor Eric Waterman successfully called fellow Mainer Kyle Mooney also now a recent Standard pilot to a ninth place finish at Salem. Congratulations Kyle for stepping up; your hard work has paid off. In the case of Ola Nordell, some have not only qualified to fly Standard but have even stepped up and have become Assistant Contest Directors. Thank you, Ola. In Ellington, fellow NCRCC member and former Sportsmen Austin Binkowski qualified for Standard on Saturday and then flew to a seventh place finish as a Standard pilot on Sunday at our 2-day race. Austin had a nine-lap flier fast time of 1:21.2, a scant 1.2 seconds away from Expert qualification, and he did it in front of his home crowd. Congratulations, Austin, and thank you, Lloyd Burnham, for your race-day effort as his caller. Congratulations too to NEPRO past and current presidents, past vice-



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presidents, past District 6 vice presidents, and our current secretary. They also appeared with their aircraft and competed in both AMA 424 as well as our high-speed AMA 426 event.

Our first ever Wintonbury event was very successful. We appreciate the effort by all that went into putting on this first ever event. Thank you to those help plan and run this event. Thank you to the Wintonbury Flying Club for hosting. Congratulations to home field favorites 3D aerobatic pilot Erik Haakonsen and most days helicopter pilot Steve Sladyk for your bravery and tenacity. Erik was only three seconds away from qualifying for Standard, and Steve valiantly fought the wind and the clock with a 3:18 time with a well-worn scale electric warbird foamy only to hit pylon one. Welcome to racing.

Special thanks to most recent NMPRA member 54J Richard Paul who has joined us in our very competitive Standard ranks.

Many thank you's to NEPRO Club secretary Bob Triggs for heading up efforts this year with the Judgeman lighting system and for hauling all the gear around in 2013. Thank you NMPRA for letting us use your lighting system. Racers here in the northeast have directly benefited by NMPRA's involvement and support.

There are real and tangible benefits in having the backing and foresight of our national racing group, and I would hope that those reading will in turn continue to support NMPRA in 2014. The national membership program for 2014 in the northeast is currently on right now. Country wide membership for 2014 is expected by December 31, 2013. Those who have not yet joined in District 6 are invited to do so now. Please join us for 2014 [here](#). Please

avoid falling off radar only to rejoin come spring time. All of the national point's coordinators and remaining volunteers that help run our national group, thank you in advance. ...You might even win a Tee-shirt.

Peter Tani
NMPRA 23J

District 7, Scott Smith

– no article submitted

District 8, Jim McGuinn

– no article submitted

District 9, Alejandro Vazquez

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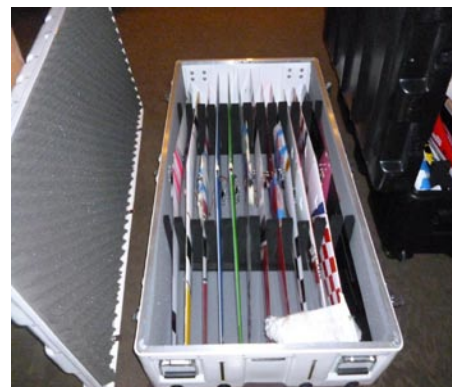
We're very excited for the Old Julian Airport race; this time we are going, a party of 6: Jose Calderon, Salvador Barrios, Oscar Coronado (Lalo), Angel Garcia, Javier Castellanos, and Alejandro Vazquez. We have already sent the 3 big boxes with 12 airplanes, 2 sets of tools, starter box and so on. Mike and Paola have given us a great support with all the logistics regarding this trip; we are very grateful to them. This is our first time at OJA, and we hope can be there for the next year's attending the NMPRA Classic.

These are some pictures of the boxes:



On 14-16 September we held our traditional Q40 and Q500 race. On Saturday we had a very nice race programmed for 8 rounds, but the system had some problems in it, so we had to re-fly about 4 heats on the same day; this took so long that the rain came in the afternoon and we made the decision to finish the race with all 7 rounds completed.

On Sunday the rain started in the early morning; we waited for some hours but without any chance; so sorry we had to suspend the Sunday Q40 race. For the last 10 years, this is the first time that we cancelled a race for rain conditions. On one hand: very bad news for the flying, but on the other hand: we had to start the Tequila-dinner-party earlier!!!. Curious thing, don't you think???





District News



Here you have the Q-500/428 final results:

FINAL AFTER 7 ROUNDS			
AMA428	NAME	PTS	TIME
1°	José Calderón	28	1.16.30
2°	Salvador Barrios	28	1.16.32
3°	Alejandro Vázquez	24	1:16.06**
4°	Pedro Amezcua	21	01:23.3
5°	Carlos Mata	19	1:37.37 F1
6°	Ruben Chavarín	19	1:20.44 F1
7°	Pedro Marín	18	01:20.1
8°	Ángel García	18	01:21.4
9°	Antonio Guzmán	17	01:24.2
10°	Federico Ochoa	17	01:30.5
11°	Mario Aboumrad	16	01:21.3
12°	Juan Arguello	15	01:19.8
13°	Jose A. Mata	15	01:28.9
14°	Octavio Izquierdo	14	01:30.3
15°	Javier Castellanos	11	01:22.7
16°	Luis M. Sánchez	10	01:21.5
17°	Marco Vergara	10	01:23.8
18°	Manuel Rico	10	01:26.1
19°	Aurelio Castro	9	01:35.0
20°	Eduardo Guzmán	7	01:31.8
21°	Juan Manuel Salgado	0	00:00.0

We know that Phoenix will be opened again with the Phoenix classic races already posted. We are very glad to hear about it; congratulations to all the people who made this possible. We look forward to seeing you all at NC and certainly at Phoenix too. Alex

District 10, Joe Luxford

Time for an update on our progress with Fun Fighters as a way to introduce pylon racing to metro clubs in Brisbane and recruit pilots to "real" pylon racing.

Bruce de Chastel and I ran our fourth Fun Fighter pylon contest in Brisbane last weekend. The previous three had been at my club field at Tingalpa, which is centrally located in Brisbane, only 9 km from the Brisbane CBD. Last weekend's comp was at the SAAMBR field in Brisbane's northern suburbs.

The comp attracted strong interest from the hosting club, which has 200+ members. We had seven pilots from the club race on the day, two of whom were committee members and another 20 club members came along to watch and help. We also had a group of four first-time pilots from the Gold Coast club south of Brisbane who have caught the Fun Fighter racing bug. To round the contest out, we had a father and two sons team, who have a background in control line combat and team race competition attending their second Fun Fighter event with Grandad running their pit support.

The highlight was the Family team with Dad placing first and his two sons coming fifth and sixth. These guys have a background in competition and look likely to progress to Q500 next year with any luck.





District News



The local club members and the guys from the Gold Coast really enjoyed racing for the first time. There was a lot of carnage, all due to dumb thumbs, but no one got upset or depressed about it. We lost two models in practice and another five during the racing. I think the low cost is the real beauty of the Fun Fighters. No one was upset about losing a model. It's only \$100 and an hour's work and you are airborne again.

What I did notice was that none of the pilots from my own club, who have flown in previous contests at their field, travelled to this comp. It appears the reality is that most pilots will compete at their own field but don't want to travel to another field to compete. The flip side of that is that the pilots who do get the bug and start to follow the contests are a good chance of taking the next step to Vipers and serious pylon racing.

Our aim in organising these Fun Fighter pylon race meetings is twofold. Primarily, we want to attract new pilots to pylon racing who will catch the bug and take the step to serious racing. It will have been worth the effort of the three comps we are running this year if we can get two or three committed new pylon racers into the fold. Secondly, we are introducing all the main clubs in Brisbane to pylon racing and getting it accepted, which will open up the opportunity in the future to holding F5D and Q500 events in the metro area. Bruce has made a major effort over the last two years to develop F5D pylon racing in Queensland, and these Fun Fighter race meetings are laying the ground work for future F5D racing in the metro area.

On that score, the trials to select the Australian F5D team for Austria next year is on at Maryborough on the first weekend of October. I will report on that in my next letter.



Fun Fighter pilots and officials



Cut judges flagging turns at No.1



District News



Q40 Points, Doug Killibrew

QM	
Location	Date
Mulberry	10/21/12
Champ Race-Basin	11/3-11/4/12
Tangerine	12/9/12
Basin Q40 Classic	2/23-2/24/13
9th Annual Southern 500	3/17/13
Basin	3/24/13
Wichita	4/22/13
Markham Park	4/4-4/5/13
Caps Shootout Muncie	5/19/2013
Old Julian	5/5/13
Cincinnati	5/2/13
Basin	6/8-6/9/13
Nats	7/19/13
Edmonton, CA	6/9/13
Saskatoon, CA	8/25/13
Medicine Hat, CA	9/8/13
Muncie	8/25/13
Woodland	9/7/13

QM Points Standings				
	NAME	NMPRA #	Races Flown	Total of Best 6 Races
1	Jett, Dub		10	522.52
2	Helsel, Mike		8	521.04
3	Fehling, Matthew		6	454.28
4	Andrassy, Roy		5	410.28
5	Finch, Lonnie		5	384.50
6	Smith, Randy		5	370.75
7	Langlois, Mike		5	335.65
8	Flynn, Travis		4	330.38
9	Andraka, Chuck		6	318.84
10	Johanson, Billy		5	303.55
11	Kane, Dan		4	301.60
12	Vereecke, Maurice		5	301.47
13	Holik, Robert		5	295.81
14	Tallman, Mike		4	266.89
15	Van Baren, Rusty		3	264.67
16	Baker, Steve		3	257.40
17	Scott, Tom		6	251.29
18	Allen, Jim		4	250.37
19	Katz, Jim		5	249.90
20	Grunkemeyer, Craig		4	234.35
21	Salazar, Mario		4	219.89
22	Blanchard, Marcus		4	208.94
23	Beers, Richard		3	207.60
24	Seaholm, AJ		2	207.56
25	Von Der Hey, Lee		4	205.64
26	Houston, Doug		4	202.66
27	Hegland, Tom		5	196.36
28	O'Brien, Dennis		5	186.52
29	Brogdon, Bob		4	184.81

30	Killebrew, Doug	2	182.26
31	Moorehouse, Kevin	4	179.53
32	Del Ponte, Gino	2	179.35
33	Vess, Robert	3	174.94
34	McDermott, John	4	173.92
35	Causey, Scott	2	170.52
36	Blanchard, Bryan	3	168.28
37	Martin, Jeff	3	167.89
38	Umbach, Kevin	4	165.50
39	Schmidt, Gary	2	161.69
40	Baker, Lyle	3	154.14
41	Tropea, Joe	2	149.61
42	Umbach, Al	3	141.38
43	Hulen, Duane	2	140.32
44	Thordarson, Dan	3	139.31
45	Stone, Dean	3	132.21
46	Bridge, Randy	4	130.30
47	Hodgin, Joe	2	122.59
48	Lewis, Larry	2	110.46
49	Russell, Matt	2	108.10
50	Spenser, Mike	4	103.73
51	Coe, Dan	4	101.64
52	Grim, Adam	3	96.02
53	Eden, Mike	3	89.91
54	Coffey, Bruce	3	88.02
55	Brown, Ray	3	86.47
56	Rinaldi, Ralph	1	84.29
57	Gavin, Dave	3	83.81
58	Desgruelles, Gilles	1	83.28
59	Vogelsang, Rick	5	77.25
60	Coffey, Joanne	2	72.22
61	Batch, Bryan	1	71.56
62	Jump, Eddie	3	71.27
63	Burnham, Lloyd	1	60.55
64	Redekop, Henry	2	55.17
65	Masi, Mike	2	54.17
66	Freeman Sr., Gary	2	48.19
67	Galerneault, Pat	1	41.56
68	McWilliams, Gordon	2	36.33
69	Small, Jerry	2	35.91
70	Kaufmann, Hank	2	35.37
71	Corum, Don	2	32.14
72	Russell, Alexandria	2	30.60
73	Tucker, Richard	2	26.73
74	Hartman, Scott	1	12.93
75	Rau, Robert	1	9.02
76	Ochoa, Luis	1	7.06
77	Flood, Marty	1	5.11
78	Brown, Kelly	1	1.20



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426 Quickie

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
21	Group A NATS - Muncie, IN	7/16/13
22	Group B NATS - Muncie, IN	7/16/13
23	Finals NATS - Muncie, IN	7/17/13
24	Calgary, Alberta	7/27/13
25	Ellington, CT	8/3/13
26	Ellington, CT	8/4/13
27	Albuquerque, NM	8/10/13
28	Albuquerque, NM	8/11/13
29	Muncie, IN	8/24/13
30	Brooklyn Park, MN	8/24/13
31	Brooklyn Park, MN	7/6/13
32	Brooklyn Park, MN	8/4/13
33	Brooklyn Park, MN	9/7/13
34	Saskatoon, SK Canada	8/24/13
35	Medicine Hat, AB - Canada	9/7/13

	NAME	NMPRA #	Races Flown	Total of Best 6 Races
1	Finch, Lonnie	21V	11	576.03
2	Andrassy, Roy	31X	7	569.35
3	Jett, Dub	4I	8	507.08
4	Burnham, Lloyd	22J	8	505.31
5	Vereecke, Maurice	23V	9	468.91
6	Korsen, Craig	16J	6	456.03
7	Elert, Jerry	34W	7	437.63
8	Hulen, Duane	12V	7	431.58
9	Scott, Tom	26P	6	424.45
10	Andraka, Chuck	11H	8	421.00
11	Houston, Doug	14X	5	410.09
12	Jump, Eddie	20G	7	379.65
13	Triggs, Bob	21J	6	377.41
14	Umbach, Kevin	30Y	5	375.00
15	Galarneault, Pat	95W	8	372.54
16	Etken, Randy	20W	8	367.75
17	Nickodem, Jim	22V	7	354.91
18	Smith, Randy	22X	7	346.42
19	Larson, Darwin	25U	6	346.39
20	Gage, Ron	12W	8	339.59
21	LeValley, Lee	33W	5	301.54
22	Tropea, Joe	28J	6	292.07
23	Rinaldi, Ralph	27J	5	277.78
24	Thordarson, Dan	53C	5	263.66
25	Berryman, Del	31W	6	260.68
26	Helsel, Mike	5A	5	255.70
27	Cappis, Jay	16V	6	254.37
28	Beers, Richard	22I	4	250.12
29	O'Brien, Dennis	2S	4	249.75
30	Katz, James	4Q	3	243.09
31	Johanson, Bill	52P	3	236.82
32	Fehling, Mathew	59S	4	225.97
33	Eden, Mike	61P	3	217.82
34	Hartman, Scott	30H	4	214.03
35	Grunkemeyer, Craig	22P	3	212.10
36	Blanchard, Marcus	15P	3	196.03
37	Lopez, Tony	23B	2	190.13
38	Seaholm, AJ	17V	2	183.42
39	Coffey, Bruce	81B	3	182.80
40	Holik, Robert	23A	2	178.97
41	Haxhi, Jessica	24J	4	171.13
42	Spencer, Mike	54P	3	170.95



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43	Umbach, Allan	32X	3	168.87
44	Moorehouse, Kevin	36X	5	168.33
45	Coe, Dan	42C	3	165.29
46	Martin, Jeff	26X	5	163.33
47	Blanchard, Bryan	16P	3	160.83
48	Kauffmann, Hank	12X	4	160.50
49	Gavin, Dave	27C	3	149.63
50	Masi, Mike	37J	7	148.06
51	Flynn, Travis	55A	2	138.84
52	McWilliams, Gordon	4G	4	137.20
53	Coffey, Joanne	83B	3	136.85
54	Causey, Scott	20V	3	136.08
55	Vanderleest, Bernie	7W	3	131.45
56	Lime, Tim	19V	2	130.40
57	Tallman, Mike	15G	5	122.49
58	Small, Jerry	5H	3	117.29
59	Hegland, Tom	37C	4	115.55
60	Grim, Adam	20S	2	115.00
61	Vess, Robert	14R	3	111.74
62	Spaduccini, Dino	12J	3	105.20
63	Salazar, Mario	18C	2	104.62
64	Schelling, Don	56C	3	101.89
65	Bridge, Randy	38B	1	94.80
66	Brown, Kelly	25G	3	94.27
67	Glode, Bill	30J	3	94.09
68	Konno, Miki	12K	4	93.50
69	Baker, Steve	15R	2	91.92
70	Kane, Dan Jr.	23U	2	91.67
71	Tucker, Richard	14S	2	90.20
72	Gall, Duane	23F	5	87.33
73	Lucero, Gilbert	16C	2	76.66
74	Matney, Kevin	44W	3	71.58
75	Langlois, Mike	12R	2	69.20
76	Brogdon, Bob	1S	2	62.13
77	Warning, Mick	22W	1	62.02
78	Palmer, Keith	18J	2	58.96
79	Witte, Trey	23R	2	54.60
80	Swaney, Chuck	28X	3	52.42
81	Baker, Lyle	19X	1	45.26
82	Rafalowski, Joe	21S	1	44.87
83	Smith, Scott	86T	2	38.40
84	Russell, Allie	30E	1	37.91
85	McDermott, John	2R	1	37.60
86	Russell, Matt	5E	1	23.23
87	Batch, Bryan	79E	1	15.89
88	Stewart, Michael	38J	1	12.51
89	Martin, Ben	62P	1	9.09
90	DeLateur, Joe	15B	1	7.28

91	Cloninger, Leonard	17/g	1	1.20
92	Ellis, Dave	14P	1	1.20
93	Linsangan, Joe	52T	1	1.20
94	Zisa, Richard	15S	1	1.20

424 Points, Dave Gavin

Congrats to Craig and all the top placers!! Great job this year!!

Here are the final results for 424 2013.

Tight battle between Craig Korsen and Lloyd Burnham!!!

Here is the list of races that were submitted.

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
25	Ellington	8/3/13
26	Ellington	8/4/13
27	Wintonbury	9/8/13
28	Muncie Sat	8/13/13
29	Muncie Sun	8/14/13
30	ABQ Sat	8/10/13
31	ABQ Sun	8/11/13
32	Salem Fall	9/22/13
33	BloomingtonSat	9/21/13
34	BloomingtonSun	9/22/13



District News



And the Results:

1	Korsen, Craig	9
2	Burnham, Lloyd	7
3	Triggs , Bob	9
4	Masi, Mike	
5	Nikodem, Jim	
6	Cyr , Kevin	8
7	Fehling, Jack	7
8	Vanderleest, Bernie	6
9	Hartman, Scott	6
10	Larson, Darwin	6
11	Reade, Barry	
12	Tropea, Joe	5
13	Gload , Bill	9
14	Warming, Mick	6
15	Witte , Trey	5
16	Gall , Duane	4
17	Matney, Kevin	
18	Haxhi , Jessica	5
19	Cappis, Jay	6
20	Tani, Peter	9
21	Scherrer , Doug	4
22	Tucker , Richard	4
23	Hulen, Duane	3
24	Spadaccini, Dino	4
25	Meyer , Roy	
26	Konno, Miki	5
27	Vogelsang, Rick	4
28	Ellis, Dave	5
29	Palmer, Keith	
30	Loucks , Larry	5
31	Gosnell , Barry	5
32	Thompson, Chuck	4
33	Thompson, Taylor	4
34	Rue, Joe	
35	Stewart , Michael	6
36	Batch , Brian	1
37	McWilliams, Gordon	
38	Hodgin, Joseph	1
39	Obrien, Dennis	
40	Paul, Richard	3
41	Alves , Ed	1
42	Coe , Dan	1
43	Scott, Tom	
44	Martin, Ben	
45	Russell , Matt	
46	Brown, Irl	1

47	Etkin, Randy	1
48	Coffey , Bruce	1
49	Creech, James	3
50	Elbert , Leon	1
51	Zisa, Richard	1
52	Burns , Ted	1
53	Kittler , Art	1
54	Hobbs , Ben	2
55	Jump, Eddie	1
56	Russell, Alexandria	
57	Balrush , Peter	1
58	Craig, Tom	1
59	Begin, Keith	1
60	Cloninger , Leonard	1

National Contest

Coordinator, Mike Helse

If you are planning a race for next year, please let me know the dates and details ASAP so that I can put together the 2014 calendar to avoid conflicts with other races. This will help maximize the attendance at your races.



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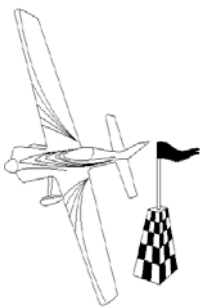
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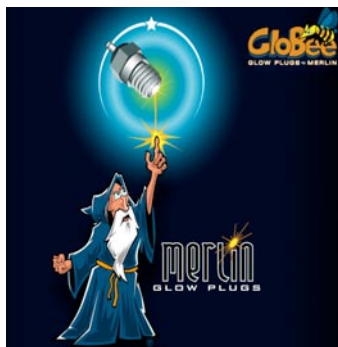
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