



August 2011 Newsletter



George and David Ford competed in their first Nats together this year at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana. George also competed in the Nats last year, but this was his 29-year-old son's first National Aeromodeling Championship. Both were competing in the Sportsman Class. As of late Tuesday afternoon, David was in first place in the class, and his father couldn't be prouder.

The two travel to helicopter competitions throughout the country during the warmer Months, and fly indoors at a hockey arena near their home in Bloomington, Illinois, in the winter. The arena is rented by their model aircraft club. Both fly smaller helicopters and model airplanes indoors. David prefers large 3-D Pattern electric model airplanes, while his father is happy with electric Scale, Sport, and midsized models.

They competed in the same event for the first time in March at Cocoa Beach, Florida. They later competed in Huntsville, Alabama, in April, Dayton, Ohio, in June, and Nashville, Tennessee, in July.

George and David had dabbled in model helicopters on and off throughout the years, but didn't become serious about the sport until roughly four years ago. "I bought him his first MCX and that lit a fire in him," George said about his son.

This was edited from a NATS News article. For the full story you can find it on the AMA web site

Sportsman

1 David Ford	4000
2 Dennis Groves	3603.378
3 Roberto Munoz	3097.381
4 William Ramsey	2814.416
5 George Ford Sr.	2554.033
6 David Ford II	872.3958
7 Paul Strobel	0



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Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the flying field. Meetings begin at 2000 (CDT).

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SIRS, Inc. Meeting Minutes - July 9th

Meeting started at 8:13 pm

10 members present and 0 guests

Approved minutes from last meeting

Treasurer report:

\$6965.23 after all bills have been paid. Corporate filling has been done with the state.

Old business:

Pylon races: Pylon racing went well, we had 17 registered pilots compete. Thanks go to all club members who helped out. Next race will be September 24th and 25th. We already have people signed up, including racers from as far away as Florida. Once again the club asks for volunteers to help run the race, which saves the club from having to pay outside helpers. See Jay Cappis for more info.

New Business:

The clubs tractor needs a second new master cylinder for its brakes. Members present voted unanimously to approve the cost of \$100.00 for a new one. Thanks go to Ken Ausili for getting and installing the parts.

Tent for club events: It was brought up that the club could use a new, or used, tent for future club events. There is nothing wrong with the large tent we already have, but a smaller, and easier to set up tent would make things much easier for things such as food preparation and the like. If any club members have or can get a used pop-up style tent or shelter and are interested in donating it to the club please see an officer. If we cannot find a used one, a vote will be held to decide if we should buy one.

Dumpster: A vote was held and it was decided that the club should discontinue our dumpster contract. This would save the club approx \$700.00 a year. Since we will no longer have a large dumpster it is asked that club members bring out what they bring in. We do not want to leave a mess for the Thompsons to deal with, so please keep our awesome field as clean as possible and remove all your trash. Please pass this info on to any club members that might not read this newsletter.

Show and Tell:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

**The September meeting will be officer nominations.
The October meeting will be the election meeting.**



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AMA Quickee & EF1 race Sept. 24th & 25th

Our club will be hosting another pylon race. We will also be flying the new eclectic EF1 class. The Pogo is the only ARF but a Shoestring is coming out soon. I have seen this class a couple of times this year, it has been developed for new racers and for people who enjoy electrics. Speed wise it is the slowest of the AMA classes and the planes are all scaled from full scale formula 1 racers. They look amazing in the air.

This weekend will generate a lot of revenue for the club. We need volunteers for food both days and a couple more for entering times and keeping things rolling. Please contact Jay or Fred to help out.

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The Thompson Cup September 11th

This has been a yearly event from early in the clubs history. The rules are simple but the strategy to get it done can make or break you.

Rules - Fly any airplane that you want to. Trainers, sport and race planes have all won this event over the years. You must fly around two poles for 20 minutes and stop and re-start your engine at least once.

Strategy - Try to get 10 minutes into the race before you need to re-fuel. Have a fast helper that can retrieve long landings and help you get re-fueled, started and in the air again. Oh, and try to stay focused for the 20 minutes.

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September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Thompson Cup	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 pylon races
25 pylon races	26	27	28	29	30	