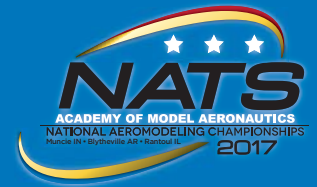


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Well, day one is in the books. Everyone worked hard to help out the new CD (Mike Unger, yours truly). Between 23 pilots in the precision flying classes and 11 in Scale, we completed 78 competition flights yesterday. Wow, what a long day.

After day one and three rounds, the F3N leader is Jamie Robertson (fresh from his 10-hour plane trip back from Poland), followed by a newcomer to competition, Chris Diamanti, and Mike Dipalo. All six of these competitors are putting on a great show and are impressive to watch.

In F3C after only two rounds, Dwight Shilling is the overall leader followed closely by Yasunobu (Nob) Muraki. These four competitors are demonstrating the skills required to compete on the world stage. Needless to say, all I can do is observe the skills.

The AMA classes are well represented. There are eight pilots in Class 1. After two rounds, the early leader is David Snow, followed closely by Wes Miner and Peter Bisbal. This is the class for getting into precision flying and we are very happy to see it growing.

Class 2 has five pilots and after three rounds, the early leader is James Hall followed closely by 2015 Class 1 winner Robert Montee, and 2016 Class 1 winner Bernard Shaw. I'm glad to see all of these pilots back and not only competing, but stepping up to the more difficult classes.

In Scale, we have a bigger than expected turnout with 11 entrées. This year's event includes static/flying AMA 518 class, as well as two provisional classes: Team Scale and Sport Scale. Five contestants are entered in the 518 class, three in Team Scale, and four in Sport Scale.

Static judging was held Monday morning and round one of flying was at noon. After day one, the leader in 518 is Emile Sheriff, followed closely by Darrell Sprayberry and Michael Zaborowski. Team Scale and Sport Scale results were still being tallied after a very long day Monday, and the CD deeply apologizes.

Day two starts with F3N to music ... should be fun to watch. 🚁









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