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A view of the pit area at the 2016 AMA Nationals.

Welcome to the 2017 AMA Nationals for Control Line Scale! You will notice a wide variety of model types and sizes being flown during the competition. The 1/2A scale models are the smallest, ARFs are allowed in Fun Scale, and the models entered in Authentic Scale will have their cockpits judged.

Pilots will earn static points today and then add the flying score on Saturday and Sunday to determine an overall score. Pilots will also need to fly a minimum of two flights because the best two flights are averaged together for the overall score.

There are six events in which contestants have entered. These include 1/2A, Fun, Team, Sport, Profile, and Authentic Scale. ARFs can be flown in Fun Scale, so it is really a flying event. In all of the other events, the static score is half of the overall score and the Builder of the Model rule still applies.

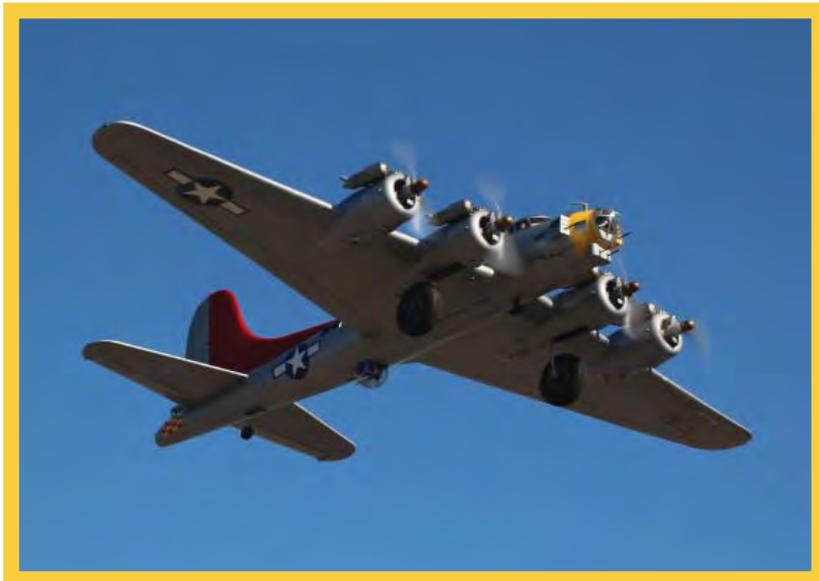
The models in Authentic Scale are judged up close—including the cockpits—so you will see the judges getting close to the models to look at surface finishes and scale details. The static score reflects how well built the model is and how well it matches the outlines and scale details of the full-size aircraft. The pilots provide a book with a three-view, color information, and photographs of the full-scale aircraft.

The models being flown this year can be powered with four-stroke or two-stroke engines, or electric motors, so there is quite a variety. The typical model size has gotten bigger over the years. You will also notice a variety of technology being used including 2.4 GHz radios and other items designed for RC airplanes.

Bob Heywood is the Event Director for the 2017 AMA Nationals for CL Scale. 🛩️



Charlie Bauer's electric-powered Britten-Norman Islander flying in Sport Scale during the 2016 AMA Nats.



Ed Mason's B-17 flying overhead during the 2016 AMA Nats.



The lineup of 1/2A Scale models ready for static judging during the 2016 AMA Nats.



Charlie Bauer's de Havilland D.H. 88 Comet that was flown in Profile Scale at the 2016 AMA Nats.



John Wright starting the motors on his 1/2A Scale model during the 2016 AMA Nats.



You will see everything from 1/2A Scale models, aerobatic aircraft, and biplanes being flown at the CL Scale Nats. Photo from the 2016 AMA Nationals.



Ed Mason's B-29 with an 84-inch wingspan.



A Constellation built by Ed Mason.



Fred Cronewett's 96-inch wingspan scratch-built B-29 flown in Profile Scale.



James and Jeff Jenson at the 2016 AMA Nats with a line of models ready to be judged.



These aircraft, a Globemaster, a B-29, and a Constellation, were all built by Ed Mason.



Fred Cronenwett during a taxi lap with the B-29 at the 2016 AMA Nationals.



On Saturday and Sunday, the lines will be attached and the models will be flown. Mike MacCarthy is shown here getting his Authentic Scale model ready for flight during the 2016 AMA Nationals.



Bob Heyworth and Roger Wildman during static judging at the 2016 AMA Nats.



Overall view of the static judging area at the 2016 AMA Nats.

The pit area can get busy on Saturday and Sunday with everyone getting models ready to fly. This photo was taken at the 2016 AMA Nationals.



Another view of the pit area from the 2016 AMA Nationals.

RC Pylon

The RC Pylon portion of the 2017 Nats kicks off today with Sport Quickie Racing. The Pylon Nats runs through Friday, July 21. The week breaks down as follows:

- Saturday, July 15: Electric Formula 1 Racing
- Sunday, July 16: Super Sport Quickie Racing and Club 40
- Monday, July 17: Super Sport Quickie Racing
- Tuesday, July 18: Q-40 Racing
- Wednesday, July 19: Q-40 Racing
- Thursday, July 20: Warbird Racing
- Friday, July 21: Warbird Racing

Please enjoy some photos from last year's RC Pylon Nats.

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