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RC Helicopter

Day three of the Helicopter Nats finished Wednesday. AMA Classes 1, 2, and 3; Scale, and F3C all finished their last rounds of competition and the final results were posted.

In three days, 205 competitive flights were completed and with the exception of stopping for 30 minutes twice for lightning, the weather held off. F3N will finish its last round Thursday afternoon at center stage at the IRCHA Jamboree.

Here are the final results after three days of flying:

Class 1: David Snow and Wes Minear had a good battle at the top. They kept swapping the lead early in the event, with David pulling away at the end with some solid flights to lock in the top spot. Wes finished in second by less than 60 normalized points. Christopher Diamante rounded out the top three.

Class 2: Like Class 1, there was a battle at the top. James Hall and Robert Montee

fought it out with James winning four rounds to Robert's three—putting James on top by only 40 normalized points. Bernard Shaw rounded out the top three.

Class 3: Only had one competitor, Charles Anderson. Needless to say, he was crazy busy with setting up for the IRCHA Jamboree, so he only did one flight to officially put up a score. Maybe next year we can find a way to organize his schedule and rounds a little better.

F3C: Dwight Shilling locked this class down by winning every round, but Yasunobu "Nob" Muraki and Tim Diperi had a great battle for second and third places. Nob won by only 30 normalized points.

518 Scale: Emile Sheriff won overall with solid static and flying results. Second and third places were a battle between Darrell Sprayberry and Michael Zaborowski, with Darrell getting it done in the end.

F3N: Will finish today at noon at the

IRCHA Jamboree. First place currently is held down by Jamie Robertson, second by Christopher Diamanti, and third by Mike Dipalo. Final results will be posted after the last round at 1 p.m.

Finally, during the award ceremony, Craig Bradley was presented an award from the helicopter community for 22 years of service. He was the RC Helicopter Nats contest director (CD) for 22 years, was the CD for two World Championships, and served as an FAI judge. Congrats to Craig and although he is officially settling down, he has graciously agreed to continue to help out behind the scenes. We thank you for your service!

The famous Dwight Shilling Food Challenge will be center stage Thursday, immediately after the F3N competition. We will see what totally disgusting semiedible food from around the world Dwight will eat this year. This one is always a fan favorite—don't miss it.



Class 1 (L-R): First place David Snow and second place Wes Minear.



Class 2 (L-R): First place Jim Hall and second place Robert Montee.



F3C (L-R): Second place Nob Muraki, first Dwight Shilling, and third Tim Diperi.



Team Scale (L-R): Mark Smith, second; Darrell Sprayberry, first; Luther Farmer and Eaton Bryce, third.

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Sport Scale Helicopter winners (L-R): Second place Brian Shaw, first Emile Sheriff, and third Eaton Bryce.



RC Scale Helicopter winners (L-R): Darrell Sprayberry, second place; Emile Sheriff, National Champion; and Michael Zaborowski, third.



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