

Charlie Bauer had help from his family to get his models flying. This is his Bristol M.1C that was flown in Authentic Scale.



Hello there and welcome to the 2018 AMA Nationals for Control Line Scale. This event starts out with our static judging that will be held at the Claude McCullough Education Facility next to the AMA museum.

This is where the models are judged against the documentation of the full-scale aircraft for points. The documentation consists of a three-view of the aircraft to judge the outline, color chips, and then



Jeff Jensen having his Fun Scale Chipmunk judged for static points. Airplanes can only earn a maximum of 10 points (5 for outline and 5 for color and markings).

photographs of the full-size aircraft that was copied.

The pilots need to earn static and flight points. The flight points will be judged on Saturday and Sunday. Pilots will have four chances to fly, but only the two best flights will be used to calculate the final score.

So, come by the Claude McCullough Education Facility on Friday to see the models that will be flown on Saturday and Sunday.



The late Jack Sheeks taking a break under the big tent at the 2014 CL Scale Nats.

In May of this year, we lost two legends from the CL Scale circle when Charlie Bauer and Jack Sheeks passed away. On May 21, Charlie Bauer died, and then on May 29, Jack Sheeks passed away. It is really hard to put into words how much these two did to promote CL Scale and other forms of model flying. The things they accomplished in their lives will be remembered for a long time.

Jack Sheeks 1933-2018

Jack was born in 1933 and lived to be 84 years old. During his lifetime, he changed how we fly CL Scale. But, he did not just limit his accomplishments to just CL Scale. He was also very accomplished in CL Stunt.

Jack started his modeling career in 1942 after he became friends with a neighborhood kid who showed him his models. The models were the 5¢ rubber band-powered Free

Flight aircraft and when Jack asked if he could have a model, his new friend said no, but he would help Jack build one of his own. That started Jack's lifelong passion for model airplanes.

Jack was a U.S. Navy veteran. While serving during the Korean War, he built 1/2A and rubber-powered models. He also was a contest director, Nats CL Scale event director, AMA Leader Member, competitor, and FAI F4B team member.

He liked model airplanes, motorcycles, golfing, cars, movies, family, and his friends. It was not uncommon to see his wife Shirley at the Nats, helping out with tabulating the results. He is survived by his wife, his four children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Jack was a team member of the U.S. Scale team for the World Championships (F4B FAI Scale) four times and traveled to Poland, Muncie, Indiana; Holland, and France for the world championships. The FAI CL Scale (F4B) competition was very competitive when it was happening. The Nats was used as a qualifier for the F4B CL Scale team, but that event has been



Dave Betz and his grandson, Christopher DeGross, flew in 1/2A Scale.

dropped in favor of Authentic Scale and we no longer have an F4B CL Scale team.

After he retired from the Indianapolis Police Department, he opened up a hobby shop in Indianapolis and continued to help modelers for another 10 years. Jack was inducted into the AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame in 2002. His awards and trophies also include Nats awards and a Hall of Fame award from the Precision Aerobatics Model Pilots Association.

Over the years, Jack has had 70 CL and RC designs published. This includes CL Scale, RC Scale, and CL Stunt. Jack is a legend and he will be missed. Fly high Jack, we will all miss you.

Charlie Bauer 1930-2018

He was born in 1930 and lived to be 88 years old. He lived in the Chicago area and was a grandfather and great-grandfather.



Charlie receiving one of his many Nats awards.

Charlie started building models in 1936 or 1937 and attended his first contest in 1939. Carl Goldberg helped Charlie trim out a Free Flight model at that contest.

He was one of the first to fly with a ducted fan and a turbine-powered CL scale model. I saw Charlie fly his turbine-powered U2 at the 1995 Nationals. The airplane was difficult to manage, but he proved it could be done.

Even while he was in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954, he was building model airplanes. He was the assistant principal at Lane Tech for 30 years and a professor at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) for 55 years. Between 1995 and 2012, he was an AMA vice president for District VI.

He designed the J-3 Cub, Elder 20 and 40, and Hot Canary for Top Flite models, and the P-82 for Wing Manufacturing. He also produced videotapes for Top Flite models on how to cover with Monokote.

Charlie was a tireless competitor at the Nationals and competed in 2017 with his son, Peter, by his side. He flew all kinds of events—from 1/2A Scale to the larger Sport Scale models.

With numerous Nats trophies to his credit, he was also the recipient of the 1992 Superior Service award, the 2000 Exemplary award, and the 2001 AMA Distinguished service award, all from AMA. In 2002, he was inducted into the AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame.

Charlie was presented with the Certificate of Merit from the National Aeronautic Association (NAA). The NAA presented this award in honor of his more than 50 years of service to the aeromodeling community as a designer, competitor, champion, innovator, and award winner.

Charlie was laid to rest at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles, Illinois.  —Fred Cronenwett

All pictures were taken at the 2017 CL Scale Nats unless noted otherwise.



The first order of business is to check in the models before static judging to get the weight and other information.



Melvin Young's 1/2A-powered Vickers Wellesley.



Jim Smith's Me 163 Comet was flown in Fun Scale.



Allen Goff's Brewster F2A Buffalo that was flown in Profile Scale. The documentation package is next to the model.



Fred Cronenwett flying his B-29 in Profile Scale.



Chuck Snyder's Hawker Typhoon 1B being judged for Sport Scale.



Charlie receiving the Grand Champion award at the 2016 CL Scale Nationals.



Allen Goff's WACO being judged for Authentic Scale. In this event, the models are judged up close for surface detail and other features.



A Great Lakes was flown in Team Scale (Brokaw/Lichtenberg).

CHECK IN AND WIN

Check in on Facebook using the hashtag **#AMANats** for a chance to win a Nats jacket!

One winner will be randomly selected at the conclusion of this year's Nats events.

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Joe Gilbert (on the right) flew Ed Mason's B-17 (on the left) in Fun Scale.



Dave Betz teaching his grandson how a 1/2A scale model is judged.



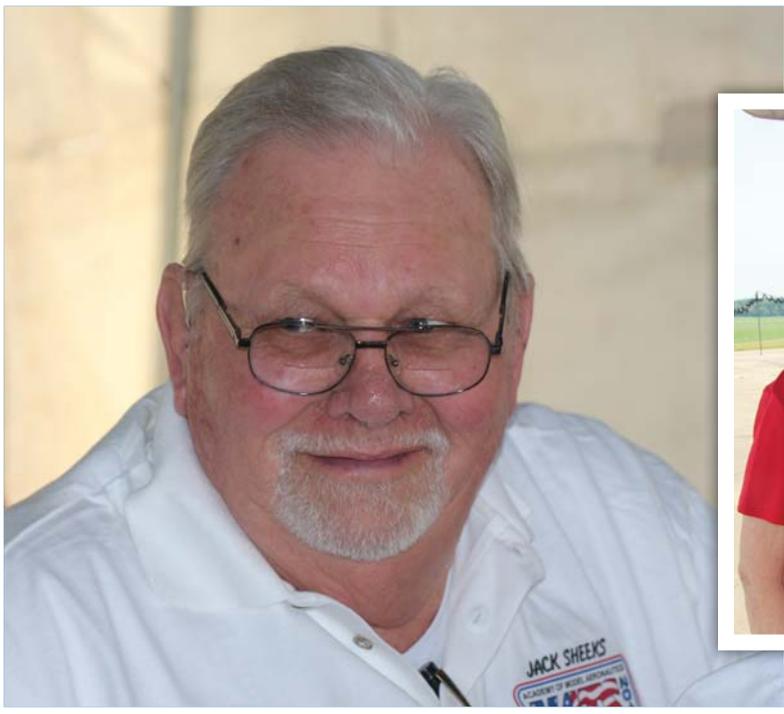
Peter and Charlie getting a P-82 ready for 1/2A Scale.



The detail on Chuck Synder's Henschel Hs 129 can be seen from this angle.



Ed Mason (center) likes four-engine aircraft. He is shown here with his fleet of models.



Jack is survived by his wife, Shirley Sheeks (right side), seen here at the 2016 CL Scale Nats.

Jack was a static judge during the 2015 CL Scale Nats.



Charlie receiving his Profile Scale award at the 2016 CL Scale Nats.



Charlie during the taxi option with a DH.88 Comet that he flew in Profile Scale.



Charlie at the 2015 CL Scale Nats with his Bristol M.1C being static judged.



Charlie getting his Bristol M.1C ready for flight.

RC PYLON

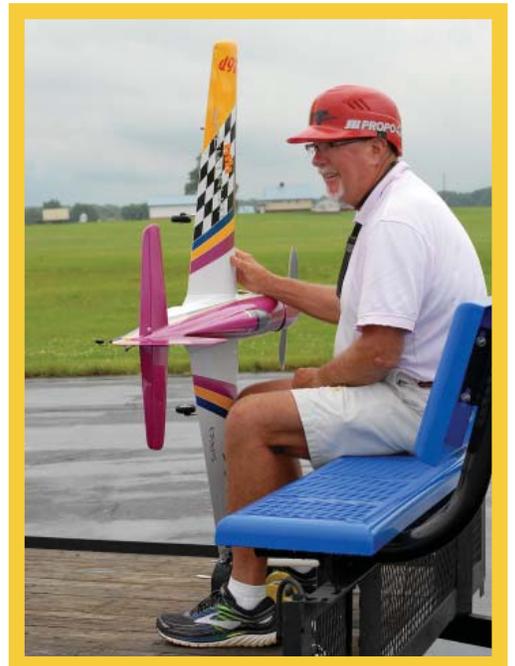
The RC Pylon portion of the 2018 Nats begins today with Club 40 racing. The Pylon Nats runs through Friday, July 13. The week breaks down as follows:

- Saturday, July 7: Q-500 Sport and banquet
- Sunday, July 8: Electric Formula 1
- Monday, July 9: Super Sport Quickie
- Tuesday, July 10: Super Sport Quickie
- Wednesday, July 11: Q-40 and Super Sport Quickie
- Thursday, July 12: Q-40
- Friday, July 13: Q-40

This year's RC Pylon Nats is dedicated in honor of Wayne Yeager, who competed in RC Pylon and served as the Nats RC Pylon event director for 10 years. Wayne also served as the chair of the RC Pylon Contest Board for 10 years and was a district contest coordinator for roughly 25 years.

Wayne ran the first FAI F3D World Championship for Pylon Racing Model Aircraft and oversaw two more. He served as the US F3D Team manager three times. He passed away May 29, 2018.

Please enjoy some photos from last year's RC Pylon Nats. The fuel for RC Pylon Nats, in addition to CL Racing, CL Combat, and CL Speed is proudly supplied by Ritch's Brew. We are very thankful to have them back again this year! 🍷









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