

RC Scale

A cookout at the field was well received on Saturday night and Bonnie Rediske and Shannon Ort, as well as Ed Terry were just three of the many who helped to see that this came off.

We must also recognize the efforts on behalf of the Scale Nationals by Jay Mealy and Lonnie Estep. The banquet came off without a hitch and everyone left full. This was much less expensive than the usual banquet and everyone seemed to be happy when they left.

Sunday dawned with sunny skies and little wind at the site. The temperature climbed to roughly 80 degrees with just a little wind during the day, which for Scale is an almost-perfect flying condition.

Event Director Jim Rediske started the contest about 8:30 a.m. with everyone saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Judges took their places on the four flightlines and pilots manned the ready stations. It was great to see so many father/son teams as well as families at the event again this year.

Two of the father-and-son teams entered F4C this year and while they couldn't both win, Hal and Gary Parenti both made the team. Gary was first and Hal second for next year's Scale World Championships to be held in Sweden.

While Hal and Gary are longtime competitors in F4C, Jack Buckley and Mitch Buckley entered the team selection for the

first time. Mitch and Jack will try to beat them the next time around. Jack had problems with a new, bad can of fuel which cost him two good flight scores.

Third place in F4C was Wayne Frederick of Santa Rosa, California, another longtime Scale competitor. Trophies for the Scale Team were provided for the new team members by Onawing Photography and the Scale Team Selection Committee, Mike Gretz, chairman.

The Expert class was hotly contested by the top three competitors and all had a good chance to win with good flight scores today. For third place there was a two-way tie between Dennis Crooks and Kim Foster. Dennis had a high flight score of 96.50 and a static score of 91.00, while Kim had a high flight of 96.00 and static of 96.00. This put Kim in third place and Dennis in fourth place using the formula in AMA's rules and regulations. Second place went to Dave Pinegar with his Piper Arrow.

First place went to a young man who is just plain good on the sticks and we knew it was just a matter of time before he won. Zach Spychalla came to the Nats with his Dad and while his Dad managed to finish seventh, Zach finished for the first time as the National Champion in Sport Scale. That's something to be proud of for Zach as well as for his dad. He was flying a Spitfire MK XIV.



Vince Veltri's Top Flite Stinson SR9 touches down. The twin cylinder four-stroke engine brought this model to life. (Ramsey photos.)



The four O.S. .26 four-stroke engines purred away in Jeffrey Pike's marvelous B-24.



Dave Pinegar flew in Fun Scale Advanced with a Midwest Extra 300SX. A Mokl glow engine was used for power.



Mike Barbee competed in Expert with a Balsa USA Stearman powered with a Mokl five cylinder, four-stroke engine available from R/C Showcase. The quality of the model combined with the engine sound and Mike's talent as a pilot completed one of the most convincing "Scale" performances of the event.



Frank Noll Jr. competed in Fun Scale with a Top Flite P-51D ARC kit that was beautifully painted over a fiber glassed wooden airframe. Frank's flying style didn't agree with the pilot figure.