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John Shailor, the
2013 winner of
Mulvihill.

Today's Events:
Free Flight



Wednesday, July 10

Free Flight Day 2 Recap

Day 2 of Free Flight began with a forecast similar to Day 1. The southwest winds were 5-15 mph, swinging around to west-southwest by noon, possibly going to west by mid-afternoon. There was approximately a 50% chance of rain throughout the day.

The westerly component of the predicted winds prompted the CD, Joe Mekina, to make a move, switching launch sites and allowing a more conservative use of the field. This move turned out to be a good one and it assured the models would not end up in the cemetery.

The prediction of rain did not come true. Although the wind blew harder in the afternoon, it was still a sultry day for flying, which is to be expected in July in Muncie. Many fliers started in the early morning, and many others were testing for future events.

Seven AMA and six NFFS events were flown.

Tuesday was Rise-off-Water (ROW) day with a temporary pond constructed at Stage Center on the main runways. The ROW crew, led by Abram Van Dover, played host to those fliers with floats. Dan Berry topped the winners' list with a near max-out score of 348 seconds. Dan's score was good enough for a new national record in A ROW Gas. Dan also set a national record in C ROW Gas with his fast-moving model.



A gathering of F1H fliers: Mike Fedor, Colby Fedor, Cade Fedor (kneeling), Chris Matsuno (event director), and Linda and Chuck Powell.

Mulvihill, the “big boy” rubber event, was flown with young John Shailor taking an early lead. John put up his flights—making his minute flight—and sat on his time. Late comers David Mills, David Sechrist, and Carrol Allen made some last-minute charges that caused John Shailor to put up another flight to ensure his lead. John won the event and the coveted bragging rights to go with it. Brother and sister, Hannah and Robert Marier, topped the Junior and Senior age categories respectively with solid scores of 349 and 540 seconds.

Dick Hall put on a show-winning B Gas with an excellent score of 858 seconds while also beating all others in B Nostalgia Gas with a score of 588 seconds. High time of the day went to Bob Hanford whose score of 1,200 in CD Classic Gas was but one step ahead of Bob Mates with a score of 1,183 seconds. The One Design event was won by Dave Edmonson, flying a 1/2 A Ramrod 250.

In F1Q, Julie Parker continued her winning ways, followed by

Mark Freeland and Paul Masterman. F1C drew three fliers, with Gil Morris and Faust Parker ending up tied for first place with a perfect max-out score.

Because of high winds in the evening and a forecast for thunderstorms on Wednesday morning, the flyoff will be revisited



Lee Campbell of Campbell's Custom Kits gives the peace sign while his daughter, Alison, stands next to him.

on Thursday morning, hopefully with favorable flying conditions. F1H was won by Robert Sifleet, with Lee Hines and Mike Fedor taking the second and third spots.

Old-Time Catapult Glider was won by Rocco Ferrario beating Bill Schlarb and Stan Buddenbohm. Diane Gespacher again kept the glider fliers under control in the Glider Pen and it seemed like all had a good time.

Day 2 concluded with the awards ceremony again going well with all being given out for the 13 events by 5:45 p.m. by the competent scoring crew. Thank you to everyone who made this day such a success.

There seems to be a common theme with families that fly model airplanes. Many people start flying when they are young kids or teenagers, take a long break, and then get back into it several years later. I too am part of this theme, and I can attest that it seems to be just ‘part of life.’

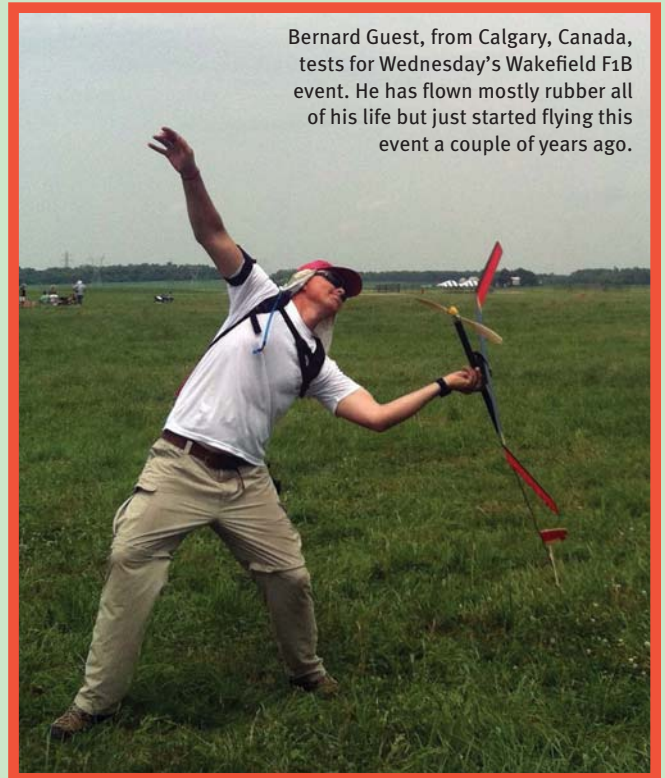
After more than 15 years away from flying, I have returned with my two children, Aiden and Caroline. As an educator, I know that exposing children to new learning experiences is one of the most valuable learning tools a parent can take advantage of. Because the flying field can be a very hot and exhausting event, it is also a wonderful opportunity to teach the importance of staying hydrated and protected from the sun.

We all know that flying with children is a lot of work and takes a lot of patience, but the knowledge learned on the flying field will multiply tenfold in the classroom! Thank you to all of those who have put in the extra effort to bring the young ones out to fly. It's great to see the excitement in their eyes.

—Elizabeth Johnson
reporter/photographer



Robert and Hannah Marier with their fine rubber models.



Bernard Guest, from Calgary, Canada, tests for Wednesday's Wakefield F1B event. He has flown mostly rubber all of his life but just started flying this event a couple of years ago.



Roy Smith with a Cox-powered purple gas model.



John Seymour, from Radnor OH, flew B Nostalgia Gas early in the day and is now testing for Wednesday's Early 1/2A Nostalgia Gas and A Nostalgia Gas. This airplane is a 'Ho Boy' and was built by Floyd Miller. John flew as a teenager, had a 21-year layoff, and began flying again in 2001 when his oldest son got him back into it. His two sons, Ryan and Zach, are also here at the Nats. Ryan won first place in 1/2A Senior on Monday, and Zach likes to collect engines.



Dick Hall with his winning CD Classic Gas model.

The line for hot dogs—well worth the wait.



Below: Debra Carey and David Hale, from Wilmington OH, are flying in OT Catapult today. They usually bring many of their grandchildren with them, but this year the kids are showing their animals at the Clinton County Fair. David first flew in the Nats in Wilmington in the mid-1970s and this is Debra's second Nats.



A memorial service was held for Bob Hatcheck with Alan Abriss reading of Bob's *Free Flight* poem, followed by a moment of silence.



William Wicks and Aiden Johnson, both age five, test for Wednesday's Junior Catapult event. This is their first year competing in the Nats.

Free Flight



Hank Sperzel with his Geef 513 B Nostalgia Gas entry.



John Seymour with his B Nostalgia Gas entry.



Gerald Brown with his potent B Gas aircraft. He placed third.



David Jones and his daughter, Jennifer, from Pittsburgh. David's timer stands by to time.

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Tom Bell, from Houston, with his hot gas model.



Jim Bocckinfuso with his nice, fast B Gas model. He placed fourth.



Dan Berry lets loose of his A Gas ROW national record-setting model for another nice flight.



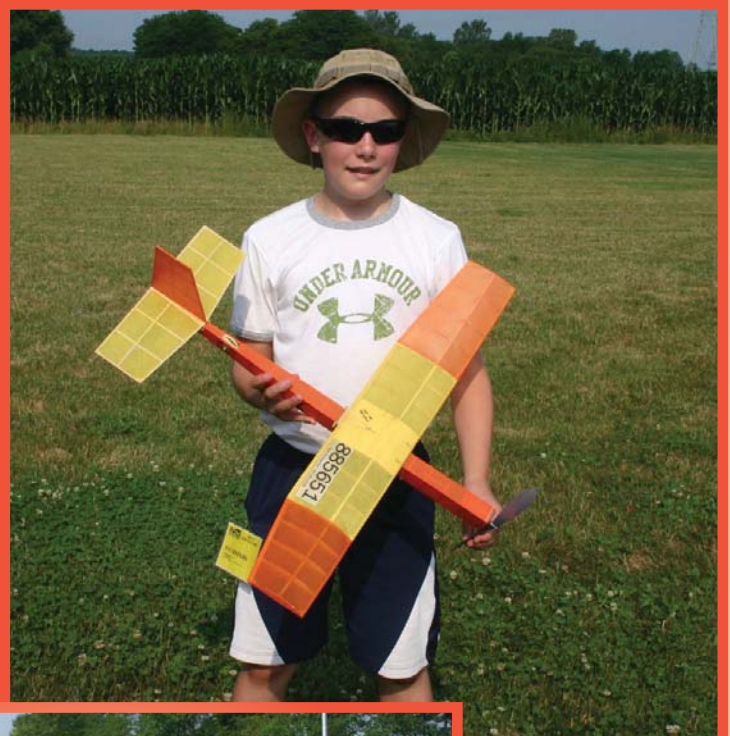
Jim Kelly releases his ROW entry.

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Mark Freeland is about to launch his F1Q. He placed second.



Kyle Gerspacher with his One Night 28, which he flew in Mulvihill.



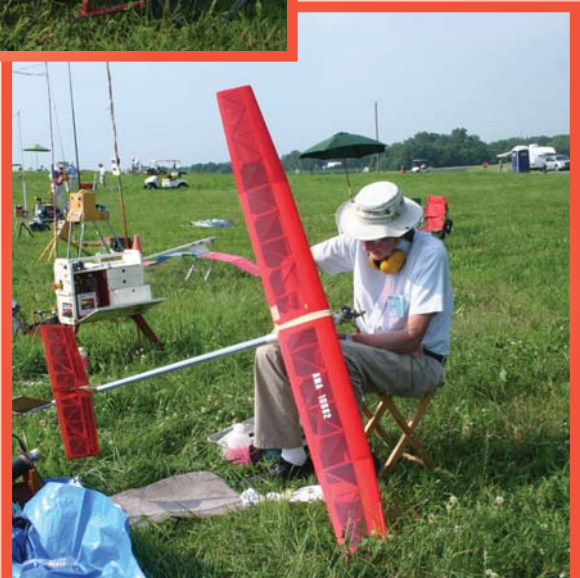
Hank Sperzel with his Geef 513 B Nostalgia Gas entry.



Gene Smith with his CD Classic Gas entry.



Guy Scott with his Nova Rossi 21-powered B Gas model.



Free Flight



John Clapp was seen testing an F1G.

Paul Masterman with his third-place F1Q model.



Dick Covalt, Anderson IN, with one of hot, orange gas models.



Bill Vanderbeek sends his Nelson .65 Satellite 100 skyward in a hurry.



Gary Oakins unleashes his B Gas model.

Free Flight

1-Design Combo

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1	Edmonson	Dave	9788	Eagan	MN	576
2	Erridge	Roger	20953	Saranac	MI	571
3	Sowder	Bob	22179	Troutville	VA	426
4	Smith	Gene	9584	Stillwater	OK	352
5	Sperzel	Hank	80586	Bellevue	NE	269
6	Murphy	Jack	941945	SLC	UT	83
7	Dock	Denny	514011	Stevensville	MI	60
8	Smith	Roy E	596719	Kingston	ON	59

Bgas

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1	Hall	Dick	299	Athens	AL	858
2	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	721
3	Brown	Gerald	79269	Henderson	TX	493
4	Bocckinfuso	Jim	10745	Hardy	VA	473
5	Marsh	Jack	99723	South Bend	IN	330
6	Oakins	Gary	39905	Birchwood	MN	311
7	Bell	Tom	499747	Houston	TX	272
8	Surguine	Skeeter	33920	Ormond Beach	FL	270
9	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	240
10	Dock	Denny	514011	Stevensville	MI	55

BNosGas

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1	Hall	Dick	299	Athens	AL	588
2	Fulmer	Keith	31552	Mishawaka	IN	571
3	Davidson	Larry	118	Moneta	VA	467
4	Watson	Bob	5075	Morton Grove	IL	463
5	Erridge	Roger	20953	Saranac	MI	401
6	Seymour	John	12550	Radner	OH	395
7	Smith	Roy E	596719	Kingston	ON	360
8	Wicks	Gene	5898	Normal	IL	354
9	Sowder	Bob	22179	Troutville	VA	351
10	Vanderbeek	William	853	Cupertino	CA	335
11	Lapraik	Scott	881197	Portland	TN	330
12	McGinnes	Dean	17788	Lakeland	FL	325
13	Smith	Gene	9584	Stillwater	OK	315
14	Dock	Denny	514011	Stevensville	MI	235
15	Sperzel	Hank	80586	Bellevue	NE	146
16	Edmonson	Dave	9788	Eagan	MN	146
17	Sheffer	Jackie	287	Little Rock	AR	120

FIHJ

14

1	Fedor*	Colby	754254	Grandview	TX	409
2	Fedor*	Cade	936871	Grandview	TX	120
3	Vucovich*	Connor	908616	lititz	PA	0

CDClassic

46

1	Hanford	Robert M	7272	Broken Arrow	OK	1200
2	Mattes	Robert	31928	St. Charles	MO	1183
3	Dock	Denny	514011	Stevensville	MI	737
4	Brown	Gerald	79269	Henderson	TX	680
5	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	595
6	Marsh	Jack	99723	South Bend	IN	535
7	Bell	Tom	499747	Houston	TX	410
8	Smith	Gene	9584	Stillwater	OK	354
9	Demeritte	Jim	5487	Palm Bay	FL	328
10	Hall	Dick	299	Athens	AL	323
11	Vanderbeek	William	853	Cupertino	CA	307
12	Stewart	Roy	20380	Princeton	IN	45

OTCAT

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1	Ferrario	Rocco	341628	Napa	CA	247
2	Schlarb	Bill	14425	South Bend	IN	232
3	Buddenbohm	Stan	189385	Westminister	CA	194
4	Ray	Ralph	5007	Boulevard	CA	173
5	Gerspacher*	Kyle	885651	Centerville	OH	171
6	Wicks*	Ian	103377	Normal	IL	143
7	Langellius	Jan	32138	Haslet	TX	117
8	Buchele	Elvin	16590	Sylvania	OH	116
9	Hale	David	35667	Wilmington	OH	91
10	Carey	Debra	998277	Wilmington	OH	88
11	Reuter	Bill	36554	North Olmsted	OH	83
12	Yost	John	906929	Decatur	TN	80
13	Powell	Linda	977828	Benton	KS	72
14	Powell	Chuck	465518	Benton	KS	67
15	Gerspacher	David	762428	Centerville	OH	33

Mulvihills

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1	Marier**	Robert	842547	Roswell	GA	540
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FIQ

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1	Parker	Julie	347486	Huston	TX	921
2	Freeland	Mark	212748	Yeego Harbor	MI	869
3	Masterman	Paul	182816	Porter	IN	803
4	Jennings, Jr.	James T.	675599	Hendersonville	TN	677
5	Lacey	David	25895	Alexandria	VA	619
6	Schlosberg	Aram	63362	Bayside	NY	576
7	Murphy	Jack	941945	SLC	UT	498
8	Tomasch	Andrew D.	61444	Northville	MI	113

Mulvihillo

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1	Shailor	John	18711	Royal Oak	MI	1325
2	Mills	David	7717	Atlanta	GA	1200
3	Sechrist	David	574560	Bristol	IN	1160
4	Allen	Carrol	8395	Copake	NY	1140
5	Sneed	Ed	556614	Columbus	OH	726
6	Crowley	Paul	2298	Warren	MI	516
7	Jennings	Blake	35000	Gresham	OR	512
8	O'Reilly	Jim	9729	Wichita	KS	510
9	Gerszewski	James L.	367788	New Berlin	WI	445
10	Romak	Bud	27032	Lincoln	CA	428
11	Konefes	Ed	53758	Wauconda	IL	381
12	Ferwerder	James	83710	Kenosha	WI	358
13	Williams	Joe	247709	Brookville	PA	271
14	Markos	Charles	5869	Deerfield	IL	266
15	Jones	David	34983	Pittsburgh	PA	206
16	Powell	Chuck	465518	Benton	KS	193
17	Hardin	Edward	312473	Kingston	TN	120
18	Tomasch	Walter	539559	Mishawaka	IN	100

FIHSO

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1	Sifleet	Robert	18326	Glen Rock	PA	536
2	Hines	Lee	7334	Costa Mesa	CA	528
3	Fedor	Mike	16763	Arlington	TX	456
4	Paillet	Jean	2222	Lake Lady	FL	363
5	Powell	Chuck	465518	Benton	KS	288
6	Tarcher	Ben	14553	Berekeley	CA	187
7	Fedor	Jeff	190851	Grandvlw	TX	138

ROWGas.JSO

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1	Berry	Daniel	79311	Benton	AR	348
2	Vanderbeek	William	853	Cupertino	CA	237
3	Fedor	Mike	16763	Arlington	TX	214
4	Kelly	Jim	37564	Yorktown	VA	43
5	Mollendorf	Joseph	25875	Amherst	NY	1

Jetex

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1	Reuter	Bill	36554	North Olmsted	OH	258
2	Sheffer	Jackie	287	Little Rock	AR	205
3	Oliver	John	557832	Pierceton	IN	204
4	Schlarb	Bill	14425	South Bend	IN	202
5	Richardson	Martin	18650	Grosse Ile	MI	100
6	Kane	Dan	9192	Marion	OH	71

HalfAHydro Star Row

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1	Kelly	Jim	37564	Yorktown	VA	222
2	Vanderbeek	William	853	Cupertino	CA	4

MulvhillJ

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1	Marier*	Hannah	931731	Roswell	GA	349
2	Fedor*	Colby	754254	Grandview	TX	303
3	Fedor*	Cade	936871	Grandview	TX	274
4	Gerspacher*	Kyle	885651	Centerville	OH	245



Jackie Sheffer and his Jetex model wait for a thermal.



Gill Morris gets ready to fire up his F1C.



Faust Parker relaxes between rounds with his F1C.

This week's events:

Thursday
Free Flight

Friday
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Saturday
RC Scale
CL Scale

Sunday
RC Scale
CL Scale

Monday
Control Line
Pylon

Tuesday
Control Line
Pylon

Aviation Weather Forecast at Muncie, Indiana

Station: KMIE North: 40.23 West: -85.38 Timezone: Eastern Daylight Saving Time UTC: -4 Model: Aviation (GFS MOS Guidance)

DATE	WEDNESDAY JULY 10						THURSDAY JULY 11						FRIDAY JULY 12								
HOUR	8:00 AM	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	11:00 PM	2:00 AM	5:00 AM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	11:00 PM	2:00 AM	5:00 AM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	8:00 PM	2:00 AM
SKY	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Mostly Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear
TEMP (F)	77	82	84	83	78	69	63	59	61	70	77	79	72	63	59	57	60	71	79	76	62
WIND DIRECTION (AZIMUTH)	240	260	270	300	340	360	350	010	360	020	020	010	020	050	050	050	060	060	060	060	100
AVERAGE WIND SPEEDS (MPH)	9	10	10	11	11	6	6	6	5	12	13	12	8	4	2	1	2	8	9	6	2

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-Fran Lebowitz

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model skyward.

