

HI-LOW LANDINGS The Newsletter of the Navy Carrier Society

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Editor's Notes, Dick Perry:

I have been very negligent in my duties as Temporary Editor this summer. Between prepping for the NATS, taking advantage of travel opportunities with the temporary relief from COVID before the Delta variant took off, and working on real airplanes, I've been too busy on non-modeling things. This issue of H-L-L is going out before I take off on my next trip which will include the Fargo and Dallas contests.

This month's issue will include very brief updates on the NCS Postal Carrier Contest and the NATS (More to follow in later issues), rules change proposals, and a few additional odds and ends. I'll be including the TOP TWENTY feature in H-L-L until our web site can be updated. Enjoy.

Rules Change Proposals

Of the nine rules change proposals for the current cycle, one has been approved for further consideration. It is CLNC22-7, and it would allow muffler pressure to be used in the Profile Navy Carrier event (321). You can review it at: [Rules Proposals | Academy of Model Aeronautics \(modelaircraft.org\)](http://modelaircraft.org). There were no Cross proposals. You should express your opinions no later than 1 September if you want them to be considered by the CL Navy Carrier Contest Board (CLNCCB). The final voting will take place on 15 September, and any changes in the rules will be effective on 1 January 2022. Send your comments to your CLNCCB representative or to Chairman Dick Perry (tailhooker@comcast.net) and he will distribute them to the CLNCCB.

NATS

Registration for the NATS this year was up significantly from last year with the lightening of COVID restrictions and cares. Unfortunately, participation was not quite as good with other illnesses and issues interfering with planned NATS trips. Thanks to the volunteers that made the NATS possible. Event Director this year for the official events was Melvin Schuette, and Burt Brokaw handled the unofficial events. Photos and brief commentary are still available on the AMA Web site in the "NATS News" pages, provided by Melvin.

Scores are part of the TOP TWENTY listing NATS scores are not highlighted. The rest of the TOP TWENTY scores are from the Spring Postal Contest. Photos that I took will be published later.

CARRIER MODELS STOLEN!

Bob Hawk of Albuquerque, New Mexico has his shop broken into before the NATS and some of his Carrier models were stolen. Beware of any models of engines being offered from the Albuquerque area and let us know if you become aware of anyone not of our hobby trying to sell Carrier-related items.

New Models



Johnny Lickley (Redmond, Oregon) is nearing completion on his Class II Nostalgia model, a Roland Baltes Myrt which will be powered by a K&B 61. The photo was taken in early July. This and his new .15 would likely have debuted in the Northwest Regionals, but we just received word that the Forrest Service fire bombers have taken over the contest site at the airport, and the contest is cancelled – or at least delayed.

Memory Lane -- 1960

Dick Perry

I been having fun earlier this summer looking through a catalogue from America's Hobby Center, a mail order and large walk-in hobby shop in New York City. It's been decades since I saw an ad for AHC in the modeling publications. The catalogue is dated 1960, about the time I was getting serious in modeling and thinking about competing. The prices are amazingly low, but I was working for a dollar an hour back then, so it's all relative! A Sterling Ringmaster, Yak-9 or P-51 could be had for \$3.50. The combat wings were often under \$3.00. The Top Flight Flight Streak was top-of-the-line at \$3.95. The good kits were made in the USA by names you might remember: Berkeley, Stanzel, Demeco, DeBolt, Scientific, Consolidated, P.D.Q., Veco, Top Flite, Comet (they once made large CL models), Midwest, J. Roberts (the Mauler was \$5.95), Goldberg, Harters, Jetco, Scientific, A. J. Aircraft. They're all gone, along with some names even I don't remember: Monarch, Darwin, Enterprise, Cavacraft, Amcraft, Henry Engineering (acquired by Veco, I believe). The Scientific 1/2A models that many of us started on were \$1.50 for the profiles and about \$2.50 for the logs.

Engine manufacturers that have passed into oblivion are Atwood, Holland, Cameron, OK, O&R, Forster, Veco, Johnson, Wen Mac. Many won't be missed, but their products were cheap enough to get us started. Others were darn good engines at the time. The .35 engines that interested me were all right around \$15.95 – the price I paid for my first “serious” engine, a Supertigre 35. At \$75.00, there weren't many Dooling .61s flying around the Carrier circles -- not with the McCoy 60 available at \$40.00!

I think the next model I start will be for the Nostalgia Profile event. My Supertigre and K&B 35s haven't been on an airplane for quite a while! I had hoped to get one going by the Fargo contest at the end of August, but that won't happen, I'm afraid.

Let's Go to a Contest!

Speaking of contests, there are a few in addition to Fargo, North Dakota, where the F-M Skylarks will hold their 64th (almost) Annual Red River Valley contest on Saturday and Sunday 28-29 August. This was to be the 65th contest, but COVID cancellation last year interrupted the schedule. Dinner at the field on Saturday evening.

August 14-15 – Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club, AMA 4095, 4837 Indian Town Road, Vienna, MD
Carrier will be flown on 14 August run by Everett Shoemaker. They have a new Carrier deck and would like to see some Carrier action. This would be a great opportunity for those easterners missing the Brodak contest to still get their Carrier fix. I apologize to Everett for not getting the H-L-L out in time to advertise this contest. I hope it went well. Expect a report in the next issue.

September 3-5 – NW Regionals, Roseburg, Oregon. (Latest word: CANCELLED for fire bomber activity at the flying site.)

September 4-5 – Charles Ash Memorial/Greater Southwesterns, Dallas, Texas. Carrier competition is back in Texas!

5 September – Midwest Regional CL Championships, Tree Town Modelaires, Aurora, Illinois

12 September – Michigan CL State Championships, Detroit, Michigan, Strathmore Model Club of Detroit.

2-3 October – Buzzin' Buzzards Fall Festival, Dayton, Ohio.

15-17 October – Carolina Classic, Metroline CL Society, Huntersville, North Carolina.

Using the AMA's Contest Finder has some severe limitations, and it is not intuitive. If you want to look for CLNC contests, you can do that, but you won't find anything but Carrier-only contests or contests in which the CD asked the contest to be categorized as CL Navy Carrier. That's not likely since nearly all CL contests have multiple categories of competition. The AMA site is misleading, in that regard. The best way to use it is to search "Control Line All" as you have a better chance of finding a contest with Carrier included. Unfortunately, you must look through each listing to find if CLNC events are offered. Any club or CD wishing to have their CL Navy Carrier event advertised in H-L-L can send me a flyer at tailhooker@comcast.net.

Fall Postal Contest

With the resurgence of the COVID virus and the Delta variant, the Navy Carrier Society will, once again, encourage participation in a less formal (not sanctioned) virtual contest for the period from Labor Day weekend through the first weekend in October (4 September through 3 October). Rules will be the same as before with less formal deck requirements and the ability for more than one contestant to fly the same model. The object is participation and a chance to introduce new contestants to the excitement of CL Navy Carrier competition. Enter as often as you like, treating each day as a new opportunity to enter. Send the results to Dick Perry (tailhooker@comcast.net) along with photos of the activity for inclusion in the newsletter.

Temporary Editor

For the next couple of months, I'll be producing and distributing the H-L-L newsletter. It will be primarily a means of distributing information about the NCS Postal Carrier Contest, but I'll be including additional items from my archives. If you have an item to share, send it to me at tailhooker@comcast.net.

Dick Perry