

## 2018 NATS NEWS

Hi Skysters! Remember last year, when we asked you to pre-register your models online, after registering yourself for the meet? We're doing it again!! It's EASY and it's FUN!

### PLEASE PRE-REGISTER YOUR MODELS ONLINE PRIOR TO THE MEET!

We have developed an online model registration form for both old and new models. **Once you have registered for the 2018 Nats and have received your Contest Registration #, you can use this online form to pre-register your models for the 2018 Nats.** Here's the workflow:

- 1) You register for the contest, in the way you always have, by mail. You'll receive a Contest Registration # from Rick, as well as copies of your Pilot's Reports from the 2015, 2016 and 2017 contests.
- 2) You use your registration # and the information on your Pilot's Reports to pre-register all your models for the meet, using the "Add Model to Contest" online form. New models, and old models that are not on record as competing at the 2015 Non Nats / 2016 Nats / 2017 Non Nats, can also be pre-registered. **You will be sent an automatic confirmation of each pre-registered model, via e-mail.**
- 4) When you have entered ALL your models, there is a button that will say "Finished-All Models Added". Click that button, and you will be e-mailed a customized *Time Sheet*, very similar to last years' time sheet, with all your models filled in for you. Sweet! Print it out, and bring this to the meet! All you have to do is fly, record your times, and hand in the time sheet periodically and at the end of each day. Pick it back up in the morning and you're ready for that days' events.

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ONLINE MODEL PRE-REGISTRATION!! It saved the Admin staff a TON of time last year, and based on the positive feedback we got last year, we think it worked very well for the contestants too.**

Those of us who for whatever reason do not take advantage of the online model pre-registration will receive their 2015 / 2016 / 2017 Pilot's Reports in their registration packet, along with generic Time Sheets. **Use your Pilot's reports to fill out the Time Sheets with any models listed on it that you intend to fly at the 2018 Nats; these models do not require any further scale judging, compliance checks or bonus point reviews.** NEW models, or any old model that does not appear on your Pilot's Report, must go through the appropriate Scale Judging / Compliance / Bonus Point Award reviews for the events in which they are entered. List them on your Time Sheet and bring the Time Sheet with you for any required compliance check / bonus point review. Once so judged or reviewed at the 2018 Nats, they can be entered into future Nats / Non Nats without further review.

### BACKGROUND

FAC GHQ has been keeping digital data on all models flown at the Nats / Non Nats since 2015. We know when any given model has been:

- 1) Scale judged, and the scores received, or
- 2) Checked for and passed PPLC compliance, or
- 3) Checked for and passed other rules compliance requirements, such as plan reviews, or
- 4) Awarded bonus points as required, or
- 5) Any combination of the above

**OLD models that were flown at the 2015 Non Nats, 2016 Nats or 2017 Non Nats can be pre-registered online for the 2018 Nats, and all further Nats / Non Nats, without any further review.**

**NEW models that have not yet been flown at a Nats / Non Nats can also be pre-registered, but must still go through the appropriate Scale Judging / Compliance / Bonus Point Award reviews for the events in which they are entered. Once so judged or reviewed at the 2018 Nats, they can be entered into future Nats / Non Nats without further review.**

QUESTIONS? Read the Q&A sheet first; if you're still confused, e-mail me at [webmaster@flyingacesclub.com](mailto:webmaster@flyingacesclub.com), call at 202-744-9345, or write me: Dave Mitchell, 230 Walnut St. NW, Washington, DC 20012