

What can we do to pick up HAMSTER? There were 4 entries in Tucson, 2 real hamsters ,a Goodyear, and my F2C. The F2C won because it started and finished every race, so why so much trouble? Nobody seems to be taking the time to get them worked out. I know I will get blasted for this but my idea is to make hamster a suction only event, that way the venturis would have to be made smaller and the engines would run better. What are your thoughts?

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NORTH CENTRAL REPORT-LES AKRE

A new flying season is upon us.

If you have forgotten, now is the time to renew your NCLRA membership.

Elections, Elections!!

Yes, it's that time again. Nominations for the Executive positions are being accepted up to April 30th. If you have someone in mind that you feel would do a great job in these positions, get your nominations in to our intrepid editor Tim Stone ASAP.

This year's Nationals.

Tim Stone has grabbed the reins and will be running this year's Nationals. Tim has asked that if you are planning to attend send him a note of confirmation at your earliest convenience.

NCLRA B Team Race.

The new rules are on the website, and should also be in this issue. My personal thanks to all of the committee members I worked with to bring about this new rule set.

There were no real drastic changes from the "Bob's rules" that everyone has been using these past few years, mainly clarifying each rule to meet our objective for this event. The biggest change is to the size of the flying lines, which are now .016" solids, or .018" braided.

Speaking of B Team Race, I will be running a demonstration race at the N.W. Regional control line championship at Eugene Oregon this May 26, 27, 28. It will likely take place on the Saturday after the days scheduled events are over.

The purpose of this demonstration race is to gauge the interest level of B Team Racing in the region, with the ultimate goal of having the B Team Race event added to the contest schedule in the future.

Anyone who shows up with a B Team Race model will be allowed to participate.

The response so far has been great, with six committed entries at this point.

Other ramblings.

Flash! F2C wins "Hamster" in Tucson.

Yes folks, it's true!

I suppose it was bound to happen sooner or later.

Southeast Rep Bob Whitney put a set of .014" 60' lines on an F2C model, and with 1 flip starts proceeded to win the "Rat" event with a time just over 6 minutes. This was apparently his 3rd string model.

Are the glows going to be outdone by these dastardly diesels?

Will the guys running glows have anything to say about this? The heat and final records are currently held by a "Goodyear". Many of the purpose built Rat models are still getting sorted out at this point. I suspect that when all of the bugs are worked out, these models will take their rightful place at the top of the standings.

The new line sizes for B team race were also debuted at the "Cabin Fever" contest. Preliminary reports say there is no perceptible difference in speed from the old .015" braided, to the new .016 solids. Frankly I would have been surprised if there was!

Let's get those models ready!

After sitting over the winter months, fuel residue congeals in the tanks, controls can be stiff, and models get dusty. Take some time to look over the model closely for damage, flush the tank, and oil the control system (if possible). Paying attention to the little details goes a long way towards reducing the potential for problems during a race. Let's not forget the engine either. A good teardown inspection can reveal potential problems here as well.

Quote of the month.

"It's not the fast airplanes that win races, it's the quick ones".

Until next issue... keep your lines tight!

SOUTH CENTRAL REPORT-RUSS GREEN

Bill Lee, John McCollum and I made the long trip to Tucson to attend Cabin Fever 2006 in the Southwest district. The weather was good and the Central Arizona Control Line Club did a wonderful job of organizing and making sure we had a great time. I think it is important for the health of control line racing that we promote and support these contests that create a highly competitive racing environment by drawing people from far away.



Bill Lee pitting in Tucson

There are a lot of good racing contests coming up this year in the South Central district. Make sure to check out the contest calendar and attend as many as you can. Local racing rules can be found on the South Central page of the NCLRA web site (<http://www.nclra.org/SouthCentral/index.html>) if you need them. Hope to see you there.