



# *Pitts* SPECIAL



*Official Newsletter of  
Metrolina Control Line Society (MCLS)*



***Flying Control Line Since  
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## **MCLS is also in association with:**

Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation Dept. through the  
Waymer Aeromodelers Chapter of Academy of Model Aeronautics (WACAMA)  
(MCLS Representatives to WACAMA are Sonny Williams & David Smith)

**The next meeting will be at  
David B. Waymer Field, Huntersville, NC  
Saturday, May21'st**

**Flying in the morning - Meeting at 2:00 - More flying after the meeting**

# President's Pen

May, 2016



Last month I compared the three contests that we attend in May and June to the three big Thoroughbred horse racing events. The Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont are known as the Triple Crown, and are held close to the same dates as Huntersville, Joe Nall, and Brodak. It is very challenging to compete and win in any stunt class at all three events. If anyone could pull this off, we should have a special award for them. It cannot happen this year, as we have already broken the winning chain for the different classes... Maybe next year.

## Huntersville Contest

We have two of the three contests completed. Huntersville's Carolina Classic was well attended, with the largest stunt events being the Advanced and Profile classes. Carrier and Combat attendance was about normal for the spring contest, and these two events have proven to have the most spectator appeal. At any time, the fence was busy with onlookers watching with amazement at what these types of models can do. We continue to grow the May contest, but it still does not challenge the October contest for number of entrants.

## Joe Nall

Joe Nall was a very busy week, and the much anticipated threshold of our 2000th student pilot was reached on mid day Thursday. To commemorate the occasion, Mark Weiss presented the winner with a Plaque at Thursday's Center Stage Noon show. After the award was presented, Mark was told to hang around for a minute. Then, during the Joe Nall Perpetual award presentation, Mark's name was called as the 2016 recipient! This is a highly coveted award and it could not have been given to a more deserving individual for his hard work in promoting control line.

After the training flights were over on Thursday, we switched gears to contest prep, setting up the pits for Friday morning. Thursday ended with one of the worst storms I have ever seen at Joe Nall. The sky suddenly turned black around 6 pm, then the winds picked up and a lot of EZ Up tents that had been left up were damaged. But then it was over about as fast as it happened, and we were off to dinner to get ready for the nightly light show of RC models flying in the dark with multi-colored lights and strobes lighting up the sky. One big model of a Telemaster had such bright lights on it that it lit up the ground as it flew over. The contest went well with very nice weather both days, and I hope that we have a report on both contest in time for the newsletter.

## Brodak

The Brodak event is coming up quick. I know that from our club, Watt Moore, Wayne Robinson, James Duckworth, Howard Shenton, Sarah Smith, David Smith, Bob Zambelli, Doug Taffinder, Alan Buck, Diane Buck and me, Will Davis, are going. I hope there are more. If you have a issue with getting models to Brodak or if you want us to pick something up for you to save shipping cost, let me know. I think we can squeeze more stuff into the truck if needed.

## Club Meeting

The next club Meeting of MCLS will be this Saturday May 21st at 2:00 pm, David B Waymer Flying field in Huntersville, NC. We fly before the meeting and then break for lunch at Wendy's in Huntersville then come back to the field to fly before the meeting.

Remember, if you fly electric models the field now has a permanent 12 volt power supply to keep your batteries charged up. All you need is a park pass and key to have access to the charging station.

**Keep on Keeping on!**

*Will Davis*

**President MCLS**



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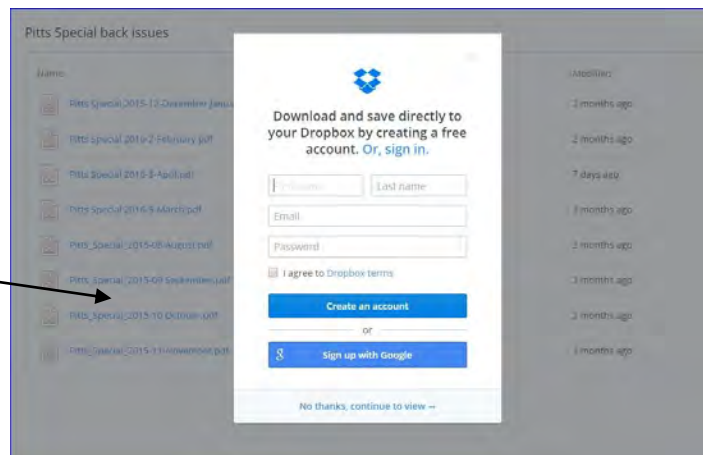
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Thanks for reading. I was very happy to receive lots of thanks and comments from people that I talked to at the Carolina Classic in Huntersville recently. I appreciate your support, and if you have any ideas I can use to make it a better newsletter, feel free to contact me.

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# The Carolina Classic, April/May 2016

As always, it was a great event that leaves me with a warm fuzzy for at least a week, recalling all the people and stories. With the triple tree contest right on its heels, some of the best pictures aren't in yet, so this show will be continued next month. But for starters, John Tate of the Norfolk Gang sent me some good ones, and Holley and I took a few shots too, so here's what I've got. All from the Stunt crowd. I'll follow up with Combat and Carrier as soon as I get them.

**Pictures on this page from John Tate:**



**The Pits**



**Charlie and Charra**



**Steve Fitton 1st place**



**Gerry Glier 3rd place**



**John Tate 2nd place**



Pictures on this page from Rusty and Holley:



Sam and Mike Londke both win first place.



BASIC FLIGHT					
NAME	①	SCORE	②	SCORE	TOTAL
KYLE ANDERSON		181.5	175		181.5 2
Sam Londke		234.5	240		240 1

PAMPA INTERMEDIATE					
NAME	CIRCLE ①	SCORE	CIRCLE ②	SCORE	TOTAL
Leroy Polk	4	467	2	459	467 2
Mike Londke	3	469	4	487.5	487.5 1
Rusty Knowlton	1	443.5	1	424.5	443.5 3
Brian Malin	2	422	3	437	437

NOSTALGIA STUNT					
NAME	①	SCORE	②	SCORE	TOTAL
CHARLIE REEVES	6	545	2	544.5	545
RONNIE THOMPSON	3	507.5	6	531	531
TOM DIXON	7	553	10	553.5	553.5
VINNIE LANGELLA	2	467.5	5	474.5	474.5
DON SOPKA	5	446.5	7	—	446.5
STEVE FITTON	9	554	4	566.5	566.5
BRIAN MOORE	4	455.5	2	469	469
John Tate	1	477	8	505.5	505.5
Tony Chalmers	8	—	1	—	—
Gerry Glier	11	464.5	11	—	4

Old Time Stunt					
NAME	①	SCORE	②	SCORE	TOTAL
TERRY MCDOWELL	2	276	5	277	277 3
CHARLIE REEVES	3	289.5	4	291	291 2
BRIAN MOORE	1	72.5	3	264.5	264.5
ARTIE TESSUP	5	222	2	259.5	259.5
Bob Zankel	4	286.5	1	293.5	293.5 1

PROFILE STUNT					
NAME	①	SCORE	②	SCORE	TOTAL
LERDY POLK	11	433.5	7	402.5	433.5
RONNIE THOMPSON	5	476.5	10	459	476.5
VINNIE LANGELLA	3	459.5	6	456.5	459.5
TOM DIXON	9	503.5	4	519.5	519.5 1
DON SOPKA	6	394	9	—	394
John Rakes	2	—	8	—	—
John Tate	1	457.5	1	486.5	486.5 2
Will Davis	10	486	3	479	486 3
Tony Chalmers	4	—	11	—	—
Ray Cornelius	8	424.5	2	448.5	448.5
Rusty Knowlton	7	434	5	436	436
CARL LINDER	12	183.5	—	183	183.5

PAMPA EXPERT					
NAME	CIRCLE ①	SCORE	CIRCLE ②	SCORE	TOTAL
Steve Fitton	2	563	1	—	—
Matt Colan	3	546	2	—	—
Gene Martine	1	532.5	3	—	—

Somehow, I missed the Advanced scoreboard, sorry guys.





**Video: Sights and sounds from Huntersville**



**Generations**



**Stay tuned for the Triple Tree/Joe Nall contest next month.**

**Here's a primer: Wayne and I both brought  
1st place glass back to Columbia/Lexington**





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## MEETINGS, CONTROL LINE CONTESTS & HOLIDAYS

<b>Legend</b>	Holidays	MCLS Activities (Meetings, Contests, Etc.)	Other Control Line Contests	Updated: 31-Mar-16
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## **SURFING THE WEB - USEFUL WEB SITES FOR CONTROL LINE:**

**Brodak** - [www.brodak.com](http://www.brodak.com)

Complete Control Line hobby shop and manufacturer of supplies and kits  
Also publishes **Control Line World (CLW) magazine**, which covers all aspects of CL activities.

**Bob Machado's Museum and Gallery:** [www.hobbyistparadise.com](http://www.hobbyistparadise.com).

Bob's contact info: [bobandedy@aol.com](mailto:bobandedy@aol.com)

**Phil Brown's Web site:** [www.mastercontrollinelinksite.info/](http://www.mastercontrollinelinksite.info/)

A complete listing of control line web sites.

**Stunthanger** - [www.stunthanger.com](http://www.stunthanger.com)

**Stuka Stunt** - [www.cstunt.com/htdocs/dc/dcboard.php](http://www.cstunt.com/htdocs/dc/dcboard.php)

**Tulsa Glue Daubers Website** - [www.tulsacl.com/](http://www.tulsacl.com/)

**PAMPA** - [www.control-line.org/](http://www.control-line.org/)

You must be a member of PAMPA to access many areas of this valuable site:

**Flying Lines Website** - <http://flyinglines.org/>

Great site out of the Northwest. Lots of columns on all aspects of CL modeling.

**Thomas Wilk's Cartoons** - [tawilk36@cpinternet.com](mailto:tawilk36@cpinternet.com)

A collection of humorous aviation cartoons which are frequently posted on the [Flying Lines](#) website.

## VENDORS' CORNER

The following are club members and frequent contest attendees who provide parts, tools and supplies.

If you find any dead or erroneous links, addresses or phone numbers, please notify me at [RknRusty@sc.rr.com](mailto:RknRusty@sc.rr.com)

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**Norine Armish** - Phone: 717-805-4457. Email: [karmish@ptd.net](mailto:karmish@ptd.net)

We are a small, neighborhood shop in Selinsgrove, PA. I do artwork on wood, tin and slate, and I have two associates who do stained glass and crochet.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/ArmishsCountryStar>

**Phil Cartier** - Phone: 717-566-3810. Email: [philcartier@earthlink.net](mailto:philcartier@earthlink.net)

Combat & Stunt kits, Cores & misc. combat & Stunt CL items.

Website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~philcartier/webcat/catalog.html>

**Tom Dixon** - Phone: 770-592-3279. Email: [bdixon@mindspring.com](mailto:bdixon@mindspring.com). (Does not use email-Call)

Plans and accessories for the stunt flyer. Double Starr engine importer. Stunt eng. mods.

Website: <http://tomdixon.tripod.com/tomdixon.htm>

**Bob Krug** - Phone: 923-696-1291. Email: [rlkrupa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlkrupa@sbcglobal.net)

Supplies Powermaster fuel and other miscellaneous items for sale at contests. Does not ship fuel. Contact him for contests he will attend.

**Jim Lee** - Phone: 785-266-7714. Email: [jlee9@cox.net](mailto:jlee9@cox.net)

Expertly machined parts and tools for model building.

Website: [www.leemachineshop.com](http://www.leemachineshop.com)

**Bob Machado** - Phone: 508-404-6376. Email: [bobandedy@aol.com](mailto:bobandedy@aol.com).

Buy /sell CL and everything else from the website info. Also has a model museum.

Website: <http://www.bobmachadosgallery.com>

**Brian Malin** - Phone: 321-537-1159. Email: [brian@bmjrmodels.com](mailto:brian@bmjrmodels.com)

Laser cut FF, CL & RC kits.

Website: [www.bmjmodels.com](http://www.bmjmodels.com)

**Bill Mandakis** - Phone: 336-499-1192. Email: [mandakis@bjm-home.com](mailto:mandakis@bjm-home.com)

Brodak distributor

Website: <http://www.bjm-home.com/modelshop/openingselectionwindow.html>

**Watt Moore (Brodak distributor)** - Phone: 803-789-9430, 803-517-1153 Email: [medplans@truvista.net](mailto:medplans@truvista.net).

He can order anything from the Brodak catalog or may have it in his shop.



**Tom Morris** - Phone: 256-820-1983. Email: [ctmorris@cablone.net](mailto:ctmorris@cablone.net)

Extensive line of built models. Electric supplier.

Tom's supplies are available through <http://stunthanger.com/hobby>

**John Saunders** - Phone: 856-697-0656. Email: [Stiletto46@comcast.net](mailto:Stiletto46@comcast.net).

Look for John at contests with all sorts of CL supplies. Brodak Dealer.

**Randy Smith** - Phone: 687-407-9376. Email: [Randy@aero@msn.com](mailto:Randy@aero@msn.com)

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# Metrolina Control Line Society

## AMA Club # 1811

### 2016 Membership Application

Name  AMA #

Birthday (M D ?)

Mo Day : (Year) is optional if you want it known

Spouse / or?

Address

City

State

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Home Phone

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email

General Interests / Comment

Control Line Flying Interest ☐ Stunt (St) ☐ Combat (Cb) ☐ Speed (Sp) ☐ Sport (Sr)  
☐ Carrier (Cr) ☐ Scale (Sc) ☐ Racing (Ra)

Current Membership Status **2016 Member**

- Membership Dues
- ☐ \$0 JR/SR AMA Member or ASSOCIATE non flying member
  - ☐ \$20 INDIVIDUAL or non flying member wanting to support the club
  - ☐ \$25 FAMAILY- Only if all members are flyers. Need seperate applications for all family members.
  - ☐ \$0 NEWSLETTER ONLY- MCLS Membership not required but we would like your personnal information for our mailing list. AMA card not required

*Mark up any changes or corrections to your information and send or give me the application with a check, Money Order or \$. If there are no changes just fill in the YELLOW areas.  
I will give the dues money to the tres., Watt, and supdate the database*

Make Checks or Money Order Payable to:  
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Send to

Howard Shenton  
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Mauldin, SC 29662

Phone: 864-963-3504  
email: panzer4hs2001@yahoo.com

Please include a  
Copy of your current  
AMA MEMBERSHIP CARD  
if possiable

**You must be an 2016 AMA member  
to fly with us at Waymer field**

## Directions to Waymer Field in Huntersville, NC



I apologize, this issue was sort of a rush job. The Huntersville and Triple Tree contests dominated my time this month, and I am short on the wrap-up info from both, so I will continue with more pictures and videos from both in the next issue.

Thanks,  
Rusty Knowlton

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