

HI-LOW LANDINGS The Newsletter of the Navy Carrier Society

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NCS POSTAL CARRIER CONTEST

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Let's have a Carrier contest! With all the restrictions because of the COVID-19 issue, there have been plenty of cancellations, and the Top Twenty listings for the year reflect the lack of competition opportunities this year. Beyond the Southwest Regionals in Tucson in January and the NATS, with low participation, most of us are feeling withdrawal and wishing we could get out and compete again. Unfortunately, with the season coming to an end and restrictions or a desire to avoid travel and larger gatherings because of COVID, it seems likely that larger contests may be a long time coming.

It's a lot safer to fly at one's local flying field with smaller groups and follow whatever COVID guidelines are in place in individual states. With this in mind, the Navy Carrier Society is offering a Navy Carrier Postal Contest for four weeks and five weekends starting the first weekend of September. The contest will not be sanctioned, though any local activities can certainly be sanctioned, such as the Dayton Buzzin' Buzzards Fall Festival. We've scheduled the Postal Contest window to include some of the traditional Carrier contest dates and to have a likelihood of reasonable weather wherever you're flying.

To make things as easy as possible for local flying fields and small groups, you can use a painted or otherwise marked carrier deck (as allowed in the rules), and without a sanction, you can use as many (up to ten) or as few arresting lines as you have or are willing to risk a bolter with. You can also lend a model to another potential Carrier modeler, teach them how to fly and have them fly for score. Share the fun! With a painted outline at your local flying field, your local club members might be encouraged to practice more often or even sanction a local contest in the future. Here are the details:

Navy Carrier Society is the sponsor. All official and unofficial events are included. There are no prizes and no entry fees, but NCS will issue certificates electronically to the winners. What you get is bragging rights and a Top Twenty listing – plus the opportunity to participate in a contest this fall. Fly as often as you like.

All AMA rules apply, except for the requirement for a full set of arresting lines and the ability to share models.

The only requirement for entry is that each entry be accompanied by an electronic photograph of the activity – models, contestants, etc., even the pizza party after flying – plus a brief description (who, what, where). Send scores (and high, low, landing scores if you like) and an electronic photo to accompany each score to Dick Perry (Tailhooker@comcast.net) We'll publish the photos in periodic High-Low-Landing newsletters and on the NCS Facebook site.

We'd like to see who is flying and what you are flying. Do you have a new model ready to go because of the enhanced building opportunities afforded by the COVID isolation? Bring it out. Even better, if your new model isn't quite finished, finish it in time to enter it in the Postal Contest. We'll be looking for your entry, and we'll be looking forward to filling up the Top Twenty rankings for the year in spite of the COVID restrictions.

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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 .

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