

Chattanooga 3D Jam
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The first weekend in August is the weekend for the Chattanooga 3D Jam so mark it on your calendars for next year. This 3D fly in is a wonderful event for spectators and pilots alike. The pilots love it for several reasons. The 100 acres + of over fly makes for a lot of room in the air and the field has a paved and grass runway. Another attraction for the pilots is the Saturday night party. They are treated to a great cookout and a live band.



Kim Payne and Jerry L. Smith having fun.



Mark Trent with his Bud Light Yak

The spectators love this event because they get to see some of the top pilots in the Country showing their amazing skills. There is also the great BBQ, hamburgers and hotdogs to enjoy while watching the show.

The format the 3D Jam follows has worked very well. There is open flying for registered pilots for a couple of hours in the mornings. Then there are demo flights of different kinds. There will be several demos by some of the top pilots. There may also be a demo flight by an up and coming young pilot. Another crowd pleasing demo pilot is 9 time National Fun Fly champion Jerry L. Smith. That's 9 times in a ROW National Champion!!!! Jerry always puts on a GREAT show!!!



There are dozens of beautiful planes to admire. The spectators always enjoy the noontime line up of the planes and their pilots on the runway. This is the time they can mingle with the pilots and get a close up look at these amazing machines. It also gives them a chance to ask questions or to pay compliments to the pilot.

The last thing to happen during the mid-day show is the Hover Fest. There will be as many as 10-12 airplanes hovering all at the same time. Only the best pilots dare get in on this! The crowd just goes nuts over this show. There are always several of the planes equipped with smoke systems and they usually come on during this time. Makes for a great show! After the Hover Fest it's back to open flying. All pilots must be registered to fly.

This is one of the most fun events of the year for the local club. I serve as CD each year and have a LOT of GREAT help pulling it off. Make plans to come visit us for this fun event if you want to have a great time and see some great flying!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



David Payne's Carden blowing Smoke on a downed Extra 260. ☺



Daniel Maupin backing down his Composite Arf Extra 260.