

# **Student Representative's Report**

## **September 12, 2009**

Captains Meeting Minutes/ Notes NIFA Nationals St. Louis, Mo May 2009

### **Landing Events and Practice**

- Prefer 3 landings rather than additional person on landing
- Aircraft spacing issues and timing with different types of aircraft in heats.
- Issues with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> competitors and timing and weather permitting
- Practice schedules limit practice time
- signup issues
- number of planes in the pattern for practice
- possibilities of an alternate airfield for practices

### **Message Drop**

- Visibility of message drop targets with the distractions of personnel and vans.
- Elevation issues – range finder vs. field elevation for message drop.

### **Navigation Event**

- Observance of people fueling for Navigation event
- Timing issues with navigation and tachometer and weather recalculations
- Maps and Pictures
- Real time photos preferred instead of Google Earth
- Search of flight bags prior to flight (search for illegal technology, ie. Handheld gps/ phones)

### **Ground Events/ Tests**

- SCAN – calculators with memory and the redbook
- Possibility of tie breaker on ACID.
- Written tests on one day – good and bad!
- Write in answers on MFC/ SCAN - clarify for the judges at events
- Clarify format of answer sheets MFC/ SCAN
- More time for Preflight event preparation (test of ability and diversity)
- CFI event grading rubrick and notes feedback.

### **New Events**

- look at possibilities of an IFR flight event
- Include Crew Resource Management as an event but subjective (use a point system)