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HEADS UP

Welcome to the September/October issue. Quite a bit of information follows, including a truckload of contest reports, local and otherwise, and the first of many nags about renewing your club membership. Gary is doing his best to lock down some indoor dates at North Cobb HS, but there's some unfortunate developments at the school that have put all but the most essential activities there on a glacial pace. The background details needn't be discussed here, but it has nothing to do with us. Enough said. We've plenty of photos from the membership this issue, an embarrassment of riches. This issue might bog your modem down a bit, but you can't beat eye candy like this. Now, I'll just get out of the way.

RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your club membership. As this is my first nag of the year, I'll keep it brief. Adult memberships are twenty dollars, American, and all juniors and additional family members living in the same household are one dollar, per. Ergo, send Don Brown a check, payable to TTOMA, to: 477 Safari Circle/Stone Mountain, GA 30083. A membership form follows, so fill it out and make plain any changes from last year.

Beat the Christmas rush! Let's face it; you'll have more money now than you will at the end of the year. And after February 15, it'll cost you more.

ONE MORE TIME UNDER THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BIG BLUE SKY

We've added another outdoor contest and meeting date to the calendar, November 16, at the sod farm. Dohrman promises perfect weather and it'll give us the opportunity to vote on the 2009 officer slate: Peter Brown, president; David Barfield, veep; Don Brown, treasurer; and Karl Hube, secretary.

Anybody want to be newsletter editor next year? If not, I'll assume I'll be appointed as club scribe for one more year. I always ask and am always confronted with a wall of silence. Just as well, it keeps me off the streets.

SEPTEMBER OUTDOOR CONTEST

The temperatures were fine, but the wind wasn't too cooperative, gusting in the wrong direction most of the day. Still, we flew a ton and many officials were flown by the sixteen contestants.

Both Dohrman and your CD had our brand new classic towline gliders out and they made promising first flights. His Summarvind and my Super Talon II certainly looked different, as the photo that follows demonstrates. (Note the caption is his, not mine. Also, note I chose not to change it. Ouch!)

The Junior events were well populated with the efforts of the Brown kids and Alex. Liz won the Junior High Point and took home the \$25.00 cash prize. She also won the overall high point. Say what you will, the Brown family is an efficient bunch for amassing official flights, a veritable high point machine.

Catapult Glider

Dohrman Crawford	268
David Barfield	180
Whit Russell	104
Clarence Purdy	92
Karl Hube	88
Al Pardue	78

Jr. Mulvihill

Liz Brown	225
Kayla Brown	205
Jessie Brown	134

Chattahoochee Challenge

Kayla Brown	163
Jessie Brown	7
Liz Brown	6

Jr. HLG

Liz Brown	27
Jessie Brown	12

Senator MOY

Clarence Purdy	177
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P-30

Whit Russell	75
Alex Kramb	70

Two Bit Rubber + 1

David Barfield	124
Don Peacock	69
David Mills	1

Jr. Catapult Glider

Liz Brown	141
Kayla Brown	118
Alex Kramb	85
Jessie Brown	9

OCTOBER OUTDOOR CONTEST

Frankly, we were pretty much blown out, contrary to the official forecasts. Otherwise, the day was lovely, bright and sunny and a very pleasant 65 degrees, I'd guess. About a dozen people flew, plus the Brown girls. Only one model was lost to the verdant wilds across the mighty Hooch. (Jim, stab DT's on your very light P-30's just don't work. Build it heavier next time!)

In spite of the blustery conditions, a number of classes with flown with some vigor. Catapult Glider and Jet Catapult Scale had numerous entries and were well contested. Embryo would've had another flier I hadn't left all my rubber models in a box on the floor in the middle of my living room. Karl and I flew our small towline gliders and found out the turbulent winds required a tweak or two, which we mastered after only a few test hops. Gary ran some engines and hoisted a few of the noisy ones aloft. Dohrman couldn't make it because he committed to a honey-do before consulting his calendar; one demerit for you, sir! The Brown girls flew a ton, and reprising her performance from last month, Liz won high point.

The technical high point of the day was the debut of Peter Brown's swing-wing F-111 Jet Scale Catapult, the swing function being controlled by a Silly Putty timer. It's really cool when everything works right. The use of the he-man catapult makes this event a much more robust and exciting event. Old club hands will remember when we used the he-man catapult for regular catapult glider. Now, that was fun.

Catapult Glider

David Barfield	192
Jim Altenbern	170
Karl Hube	158
Al Pardue	83
Whit Russell	65

P-30

Jim Altenbern	120
Alex Kramb	54

FAC Rubber Scale

Comet Taylorcraft	24
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Jr Catapult Glider

Liz Brown	179
Alex Kramb	104
Kayla Brown	81

Jr Chattahoochie Challenge

Liz Brown	145
Kayla Brown	140
Jessie Brown	56

Jet Catapult Scale

David Barfield	Airacomet	63
Liz Brown	F-111	50
Kayla Brown	F-111	40
Karl Hube	Hawker Hunter	33

Embryo

Don Peacock	294
Al Pardue	207
Jim Martin	204

FAC Two Bit

Jim Martin	35
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Jr HLG

Liz Brown	77
Jessie Brown	32
Kayla Brown	10

Jr Nocal

Jessie Brown	33
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SEPTEMBER FAC CONTEST

"Saturday started out nicely with very light winds that soon became much stronger. Al Pardue's wind speed indicator was blown out of his hands and up into a tree. Luckily, we were able to use binoculars and read it for the rest of the day. The wind blew it out of the tree later, and amazingly, right back into his shirt pocket. I have never seen anything like that before!

"Even though the wind was strong, there were periods of lulls with drift down the field. Later in the day, we moved the flightline over to the edge of the river as wind lessened, and the direction changed a bit. Most of the day, the drift was mostly right down the field. When the wind is right, our field is great, even with 2 minute maxes. However, it would be nicer if it was about 1 mile more in width.

"We had only 8 official fliers listed, and a couple of spectators. Richard Schneider served as Scale Judge. Quite a lot of trimming flights were made, making for many long downwind walks after models. Karl Hube did something I have never seen done before. He flew his Jet Catapult Glider to an OOS. I did not think it possible. Of course, I am used to flying my F-84 Brickmaster. Sixty-seven official flights were made, and at least that many unofficial flights,

too.

“As a parting thought, if you are CD’ing an FAC contest, read over the flier beforehand, and the rules wouldn’t hurt either. It is different from what you are used to, and it will help you to be more familiar with the rules.” Respectfully submitted, Dohrman Crawford, Cub Reporter

Rubber Scale

Gary Baughman	Cessna CR-3	107
Gary Morton	Interstate Cadet	98
Joshua Finn	Grumman Skyrocket	73

Dime Scale

Joshua Finn	Bristol Brownie	134
Gary Baughman	Cessna C37	53

Peanut Scale

Gary Baughman	Lacey M10	259
Joshua Finn	Goon	143

Two Bit + 1

Joshua Finn	King Harry	270
Al Pardue	F.A. Moth	128

Jet Catapult Scale

Karl Hube	Hawker Hunter	173
Joshua Finn	Jet Provost	93
Dohrman Crawford	F-84	85

Embryo

Gary Baughman	Pocket Rocket	252
Karl Hube	Voo Doo	234
Gary Morton	Hodge Podge III	229
Al Pardue	Cruiser	200
Dohrman Crawford	Debut	145
Joshua Finn	FeatherLight	119

ALL THE WORLD IS A STAGE

The USA FAI team finals at Lost Hills are done and we’ve another strong team. Most are veterans; a few are past world champions; and several have podium finishes to their credit. No doubt, we’ll do well in 2009. The WC is being held in Slovenia, somewhere in the former eastern block. Don’t ask me where that is. Our team is:

F1A (glider)—Ken Bauer, Steve Spence, and Lee Hines
F1B (rubber)—Charlie Jones, Walt Ghio, and Alex Andruikov
F1C (power)—Dick Mathis, Don Chesson, and Gil Morris

On other fronts, the USA junior team did all of us proud at the outdoor junior world champs in Ukraine this summer. Young Timothy Barron won third in F1A (glider), Evan Simon a second in F1B (rubber), and Cody Secor a first in F1P (power). For those not paying attention, Cody reprised his 2006 WC win in F1P! The wording in the notice I read was a little vague, so don't quote me, but it inferred that the USA team placed first in the overall category. Well done, y'all.

This just in from INAV, the announcement of the results of the world indoor champs in Belgrade, Serbia this past summer. Kagan, Richmond, and Schaefer went third, fourth, and fifth individually and took home the overall team trophy. The two juniors we had competing placed first and second against stiff competition. Had we had another junior flyer we would've had a shot at the team trophy, but we didn't. The room wasn't huge and the air was hot as Hades and very turbulent, but comments in the press are largely positive about the venue and management.

THUMBS ON THE MARCH I

Graham, Dohrman, and Ed attended the SAM Champs in Muncie and did a bit of flying. Podium finishes were few and far between and I'm going to blame the weather, it being too far from the general election to blame the Democrats. (Feel free to blame the Republicans, if that's your persuasion. I'm a Libertarian, so both are convenient targets.)

Al put the girly sash on his resplendent Eugene III and went after Concourse honors and won a third in the Best of Show and a second in the individual Rubber category. He might have won the top spot in Rubber had his model been covered in a bold red like the winner, but the lovely expanse of pastel blue and white may've doomed his efforts. (At least he didn't use any of that accursed orange he's so partial to!) Ed won seconds in Large Rubber Stick and Smith Mulvihill. Dohrman scored a third in OTHLG and a second in 1/4A NosGas

THUMBS ON THE MARCH II

Dohrman, Al, Graham, Ed, and Gary Morton drove down to Pensacola for the Gathering of the Turkeys and did a little damage. All flew in a ton of events and placed in a few. I don't think either of them had any Daniel Boone moments in the boonies over the fence. According to the contest report, they had a good turnout, but the winds were a little brisk and turbulent and there weren't many max-outs. Graham scored thirds in A/B Classic Gas and 1/2A NosGas; Dohrman scored firsts in 1/4A NosGas and E-36 and thirds in Early 1/2A NosGas and HLG and Catapult Glider; Gary scored a first in Embryo and a third in Small Rubber Fuselage; Al scored seconds in Gollywock Time Target and Catapult Glider and thirds in Embryo and FAC Rubber Scale; Ed scored firsts in Mulvihill, Moffett, and Large Rubber Stick.

THUMBS IN PRINT

Gary has an editorial printed in the latest issue of "Free Flight", the august rag of the National Free Flight Society. Therein, he delivers a well reasoned broadside against several commonly held and unfortunate beliefs by many of our brethren. Too far-ranging to summarize in these pages, I encourage everyone to read it. I, for one, find nothing with which to quibble. And you know how bull-headed I can be.

Not a member of NFFS and don't have access to the rag? Well, shame on you and just how small to you feel right now? You know who you are. Send Carl Bakay a check for \$48.00 check, payable to NFFS, for a two-year membership to: NFFS Membership Office/118 Gentry

Circle/Lafayette, LA 70508. If you're feeling thrifty, a one-year membership will cost you \$25.00.

THE DEAL OF THE CENTURY

Free Flight Quarterly now offers a digital edition for eighteen dollars a year, American, which is about half the cost of the pulp one. It is delivered to the e-mail address of your choice with a password for access. It comes in PDF format, so you can download it to your printer or save it onto the medium of your choice. Seriously, this is too good a deal to pass up. FFQ also sells CD's of past issues, so give yourself a big Christmas present.

If you're interested, send Chris Stoddart a check payable to Free Flight Quarterly to 8400 Woodbrook Drive/Knoxville, TN 37919. The subscription will run for one year, getting you four issues, starting with the hot-off-the-presses issue #29 and ending with issue #32. Please provide an e-mail address. If you like it the old fashioned way, four pulp issues can be had for thirty-eight dollars, American, from the same source. Please provide a mailing address. (Me? I like the pulp, but I'm an associate editor and get it "free".) More details for these and other offerings, like the new and delightful Gollywock book, can be found at: freeflightquarterly.com

RUN THIS UP YOUR FLAG POLE

The new club peel-off decals are in inventory at Diamond Don's house and ready for purchase and use. I can personally testify they look good on a model airplane. Get yours today. There's a \$0.50 shipping and handling charge for mail orders. Send your good checks (payable to TTOMA) to Don Brown/477 Safari Circle/ Stone Mountain, GA 30083.

Size: 1 1/2 inch, in stock: 0, price: \$0.25 each

Size: 2 1/2 inch, in stock: 20, price: \$0.50 each

Size: 4 inch, in stock: 12, price: \$1.00 each

Size: 6 inch, in stock: 23, price: \$2.00 each

'BOUT TIME TAH GET FIXIN' TAH GO GET READY

Yvonne and Clarence have reserved their usual table near the main entrance for the 2009 Southeast Model Show. Anybody wanting to drop some things off at their table to sell should contact them: yapurdy@yahoo.com.

Having their table for a club HQ and a place to stash booty throughout the day is a fine thing. And sometimes it's just great to have a place to sit down and take a load off. I can't wait for next March; this event is one of the high points of our year. I expect the upcoming rendition will be even bigger than the last, given the great publicity "Model Aviation" gave the event a few issues back. I expect to see many more out-of-state attendees.

NEXT ISSUE

Look for the last issue between Christmas and the New Year. It'll carry the info on the annual banquet and the final outdoor contest report. Maybe we'll have some indoor dates. We continue to beseech the multitude for submission of plans, photos, and articles.

Don't let me work too hard! Ciao, y'all!

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2009 TTOMA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ **AMA #** _____

Address _____

State and Zip Code _____

Other Family Members and AMA # _____

Telephone _____ **E-Mail** _____

\$20.00/yr. adults, plus \$1.00/yr. for all juniors and for additional family members in same household. Note \$26.00/yr. after Feb. 15. Send check, payable to TTOMA, to Don Brown/477 Safari Cir./Stone Mountain, GA 30083.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The September meeting of TTOMA was called to order by Frank Hodson at 12:15PM on Sunday, September 21, 2008. The meeting was held at the North Georgia Sod Farm during the second day of a two-day contest. A total of fourteen members and guests were in attendance.

Frank asked that the meeting minutes from August be accepted as published in the latest newsletter. This motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Don Brown reported that the balance on hand at the time of the August 13 contest was \$X,XXX.XX. From that date until the closing date of September 19, 2009, the only expense was payment to Douglasville Sign and Art for decals (\$127.35) and income of \$80.00 from entry fees for the August contest. Don's report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

Frank repeated his request that a slate of officers for 2009 should be set soon so the TTOMA election can be held on schedule in November. Officers will assume their responsibilities in January at the annual banquet. Further, Frank reported that all current officers, except President, agree to remain in office through 2009, which includes David Barfield as Vice President, Don Brown as Treasurer, and Karl Hube as Secretary. This leaves the important office of President vacant and in need of a nominee. David Mills motioned that the current officers be accepted as nominees and the motion was carried unanimously.

Don Brown presented the new TTOMA stickers that are now available. These are peel-off stickers ranging from 1.5 inches in diameter up to 6 inches. The prices are: 1.5-inch=\$0.25, 2.5-inch=\$0.50, 4-inch=\$1.00, and 6-inch=\$2.00. Purchases can be made directly from Don Brown.

Frank repeated the need to decide what next year's contest schedule will be. This is another item that must be set by November for confirmation by the membership.

New Business

David Mills reported that an inventory of the contents of George Perryman's shop has been conducted including plans, tools, materials, and models. Plans from George's shop were made available at the meeting. The distribution of the other items will be decided later. The Purdy's reported that Wayne Brock had collected a scrapbook of photographs and other materials covering George's modeling career. David said he would attempt to obtain the book so it could go to Mrs. Tina Perryman.

Dohrman Crawford suggested that the club fly a late schedule into the evening for the August contest next summer to avoid the heat and to take advantage of calm air. It was stated that this format had been used successfully in the past and included night flying and a cookout. A motion to this effect was given and passed unanimously. This idea will be integrated into the 2009 schedule.

Dohrman said he would try to get a session in the jet simulator for Mr. McWhorter, owner of the North Georgia Turf Farm. Frank made a motion to reimburse Dohrman for any expenses incurred in the effort. This motion was supported unanimously.

Frank suggested that the planning for the 2009 contest schedule should retain the two-day contests normally flown in June and September. These competitions help support a growing interest in the Flying Aces Club (FAC) program, which is a good fit for our field.

David Mills made a motion to do away with the current prize schedule in favor of a simple high-point award of \$50 for Senior/Open fliers and \$25 for Juniors. Further, it was motioned that the club Model of the Year and Event of the Year stay unchanged for 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

Frank volunteered to be liaison with Jim Moseley in Canada to support Jim's International Postal Contest, which has grown to include many model categories. The latest issue of the NFFS digest contains a summary of the 2007 results.

David Mills reported that Gary Baughman had reached an initial agreement with North Cobb High School officials for use of the school gymnasium for indoor flying. After the final details are clarified, a schedule of indoor flying dates will be announced.

Peter Brown will be developing an indoor program of special events for indoor activity. This program will be released in November and will have specified focus events, as is the case with outdoor flying.

Submitted: Karl Hube, secretary, September 27, 2008

October Meeting Minutes

TTOMA President Frank Hodson called the October 19, 2008 meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The meeting was held at the North Georgia Sod Farm during the regular club monthly contest. Twenty members and guests were in attendance. The September, 2008 meeting minutes was not available for presentation. The minutes will be published in the next club newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Don Brown reported that the balance on hand at the beginning of the reporting period, September 19, was \$X,XXX.XX. Deposits came from three sources, including the August contest (\$45.00), the September contest (\$70.00), and sales of TTOMA logo decals (\$49.30). Expenses were \$257.00, consisting of \$57.00 for our Web site and \$200.00 for contest prizes dedicated to the September competition. The resulting balance at the close of the reporting period, October 10, was \$X,XXX.XX. Don's report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

Frank confirmed that the Model of the Year (MOY) for 2009 will be the Senator and that the Event of the Year (EOY) will continue to be FAC Two-Bit Rubber. Frank also confirmed that he would provide support in getting scores to Jim Mosley's international postal event.

Frank clarified that the 2009 cash prize schedule will be \$50 high point for Senior/Open fliers at the two-day contests. Further, he confirmed that a \$25 high point prize would be awarded to the Junior winner.

The slate of nominations for the 2009 club officers was reviewed. No presidential candidate had been nominated. At this point, Peter Brown volunteered to serve as President, if elected. David Mills officially nominated Peter. Other officers nominated were Don Brown as Treasurer, David Barfield as Vice President, and Karl Hube as Secretary. The officers slate of nominees thereby being filled.

The situation with indoor flying this winter is still uncertain. Arrangements at North Cobb High School are dependent on the basketball coaches' decision about the gym usage. Likewise, there is uncertainty about the Saturday availability of the gym at St Luke's church.

New Business

Since no indoor activity is scheduled for November, Frank recommended that the club have another outdoor event on November 16. He suggested that the format be a Fun Fly event and not a sanctioned AMA activity. It would be run as a regular club contest. The group agreed that we should use the opportunity to fly and a motion was given and passed to schedule the event.

Peter Brown submitted a plan for an indoor program designed to boost activity by using simple designs such as some of Lou Garami's models. The plan(s) will be e-mailed to the membership so the details can be studied.

The idea of using the gyms at YMCA's was suggested by Stephanie Brown. She checked with a "Y" in Bartow County and they want to charge \$150 to use the gym for a day. However, the idea will be followed to determine if offering a youth and/or senior mentoring plan might open the door to a better financial arrangement for use of the facilities.

Increasing use of the club's Web site will be a part of the 2009 program. Liz Brown volunteered to take on the task of working with the site. For any business related to the site, contact Peter directly.

Regarding FAC events, David Barfield discussed the need to combine non-commercial, non-military events to meet the requirements for a mass launch. David will send FAC contest dates in to FAC HQ by January 1, 2009.

There being no further business, David Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank adjourned the gathering at 1:45 pm.

Submitted by Karl Hube, secretary, October 29, 2008.

FLASH!!!

All TTOMA members are invited to the first Annual Turkey Shoot at the sod farm.

This fun fly will be held on November 16th, from 9a.m. to whenever we decide to leave with our loot.

Valuable Prizes, Cheap Thrills, Fame, Infamy, etc,
All await you at the sod farm!

3 valuable frozen turkeys to be given away by a generous and caring Free Flight cabal!!

General Rules:

Fly anything you wish. Make a Max. If you max a flight, your name goes into the hat. At the end of the day, drawings will be held to award the 3 frozen turkeys.

Max times will be determined by the weather and wind conditions by the CD, the Honorable Dohrman Crawford.

His decisions are final in regard to everything!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

All you have to do is show up and fly to gain immortality and have your name published somewhere.

Questions: Dohrman Crawford, 770-698-8737 or
tum25@bellsouth.net

Scenes from this fall at the Sod Farm



Beauty and the Beast - your editors
Super Talon II
and Dohrmans' Sunnavind



Barf's new Comet Dart



Don's new Senator,
lovely in red and black of course



Karl's Hawker Hunter
scale catapult glider

Thumbs at the Sam Champs



The World's Fanciest
Twin Pusher



Al's Eugene III at the
SAM Concourse



Al's veteran Gollywock



Dohrman's new Sidekicks

Raise Them Up In The Way They Should Grow And They Shall Not Stray



Ken Grubbs, age 15, winding his Gollywock and his brother Victor, holding.
Victor went on the pilot B-17's on 52 missions in WW II.
He later died at the helm of the Pan Am-KLM crash at Tinnerife.



Matthew Brown's first official flight,
the fourth generation, if you're keeping score

