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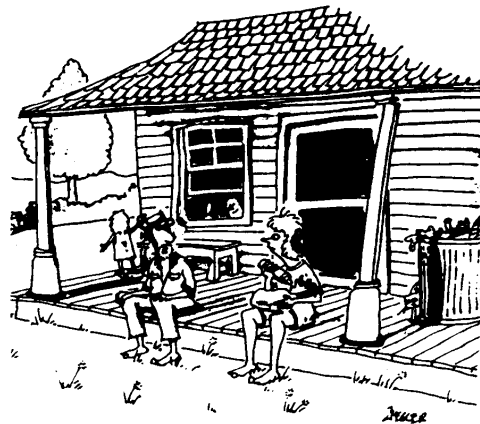
PONDERINGS DEP'T

OK...this summer I have been a bad newsletter editor...well, I guess if you say "editor" that would imply something to edit. Hence, there are contest reports.

What is not noticed in the background, is the ton of accolade that this here MMM club is getting with regard to its members and the club in general.

The MMM club is again a very good place to have friends. I haven't heard of anyone who dislikes us...well...a post that 45 some odd years ago someone flew here and didn't like the way his engine ran...the only reply was "Then justify all the National Records established her lately...!" Maybe he needs a better engine.

It's still a great place to be in the FF community.



Ma....Dave is having another "Gas Attack at the October contest...might want to think about that...a new Shocker kit...hmmm...drag out that 1/2A with that Baby Bee on it?"

Thermals!, or heat from the lights, or whatever...Rick

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NEAR TERM EVENTS:

MMM MTG!	Every Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Dinner at the Castle Cafe in Castle Rock.
OCTOBER 18	MMM MONTHLY & SAM COMBO-GAS ATTACK!!
NOVEMBER 1	MMM FRITO PIE ANNUAL
NOVEMBER 15	INDOOR IN THE SPRINGS

Note: For those of you who wish to have a real live MMM Club Member Name Tag, you can order them yourself through:

Sun Signs
4420 Tennyson
Denver, CO 80212 - 2310
(303) 477-1594

Call and tell them you are with the Magnificent Mountain Men FF Model Airplane Club. The cost is about \$5 delivered to your door.

NOTE: !!!!
Going to the field Monday-Friday!
Don't forget to call the Corps of Engineers trailer on Quincy Rd,
The number is (303) 690-3816

Motorcycle Use on the Field Policy:

- *Follow the roads wherever possible and not to follow the planes cross-country. If the plane lands within walking distance of the road, park the bike and retrieve the plane on foot. If not, take the shortest path possible to the plane in order to retrieve it.*
- *Avoid riding through noxious weeds.*

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS ...words of wisdom from the front office

Jerry Murphy

Wow, it is October already which means we have only two Scramble meets remaining and the race for the 2009 MMM Scramble champion is too close to call. Get your fleet of max makers ready to test the cool Colorado blue sky Sunday October 18 and the final contest on Sunday November 1. Don DeLoach and I will be serving our famous Frito Pie at the November meet. This sure sounds like a recipe for success for the November meet, last Scramble meet, free food and best of all a day on the flying field.

The 44th annual Rocky mountain FF Champs is now in the record books. We had three days of good flying with contestants from California, Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas in addition to the usual suspects from Colorado.

The expanded FAC events were a big hit and fit in very well with the AMA, Dynasty Cup and nostalgia events.

I want to thank all those MMMers who took time to help run this contest. It is with the full support of our club that this contest is so popular. Larry Kruse told me that this is his favorite contest of the season. This would not be the case if it were not for the support of our club members who take time to man the scoring table, judge scale models, and set-up and teardown the field.

In keeping with our previous policy of giving each contestant an 8 x10 copy of the group photo. Last year **Don DeLoach** had the super idea of making these group photos the contest trophy by mounting them in a laser engraved frame. If you were a contestant in this year's event and have not received your souvenir group photo, please let me know and I will bring it to you at the October 18 Scramble meet.

As several club members were not able to attend this year's event I have a special offer for you. **If you wish to have one of these great souvenirs, please let me know and it will be yours for only \$20.** Again, I will deliver it to you at the October 18 Scramble meet.

Don DeLoach and I made the trek back to the land of Pearl to fly in the WestFAC II scale contest in Gainesville Texas. This was a fun contest with 43 or so contestants. The WestFAC committee would like to host the 2011 edition of this contest on our field. After having seen the contest and discussed the organization of WestFAC with the committee I believe this would be a good thing for MMM. Please let me know if you have any questions, as we will discuss this in detail at the annual meeting.

The annual meeting will mark the end of my term as president. As you know we have term limits and my term has reached that point. If you would like to take on more leadership responsibility or have a suggestion for somebody to do so please let me know and I will brief them on the responsibilities of both the president and VP jobs.

See you down wind,



Jerry Murphy

PS: Indoor starts with the November 15 contest in Colorado Springs.

Editor's Note:

There is a companion issue dedicated to the Rocky Mountain Free Flight Champs Contest Report. Soooo...expect to see it soon too.

30th MMM 14-ROUNDER

July 3, 4, 5, 2009

CDs Chuck Etherington & Marc Sisk

Green grass and high weeds forever (butchered lyrics from an Outlaws song) seemed to be the theme of this year's MMM 14-Rounder. We've had abundant rainfall this summer and the high plains grasses love it. The good news is that it is very gentle on landing models; the bad news is that a model can get down in the spear grass and disappear. The weather was very kind to us during the contest holding off precipitating until we were finished flying each day. The only round cancelled was the second round of the second day due to low ceiling.

Notable performances:

- Peter Brocks won F1A with 11 of 13 maxes using straight-tow gliders
- Eddie VanLandingham with 12 out of 13 maxes took home the gold in F1B
- In his first major win, Troy King overcame adversity to max out in Fast Gas Combined with a Marval, designed by his grandfather, Marvin Mace.
- Max-outs: Mark Covington (Classic Towline), Bill Lovins (Slow Gas Combo), Troy King (Fast Gas Combo [winner]), Dave Wineland (Fast Gas Combo), Don DeLoach (Old-Time Rubber Combined), Herb Kothe (Nostalgia Wake/Rubber Combined), Rob Romash (P-30 [winner]), Jerry Murphy (P-30), Dave Wineland (Vintage FAI Power).

Contest Impressions:

Pete McQuade: "I'll long remember the very interesting chases. Although the winds weren't very strong on Saturday, the tall grass sometimes made locating models a bit challenging. The unusually heavy rains this year provided that proverbial "tall grass" that we all love for test flying. But when it gets up to the handlebars of the chase bike, it's a bit challenging."

Jerry Murphy: "A couple of things come to mind. First was Eddie VanLandingham's perfect 10 for 10 maxes on Saturday. Pete McQuade's ability to fly 7 rounds in F1A with a very painful knee sure makes him a leading candidate for the MMM Iron Man award. Troy's winning F1J and Fast Gas with his model that suffered a broken

wing Friday evening. The last one would be the visit to the field of Willard's son, Kurt Smitz."

Don DeLoach: "Troy's performance stands out the most.

- On Friday evening he folded a wing on his 560 Marval, then went straight home and repaired it, arriving back at the field bright and early Saturday morning.
- Saturday I guided him through a series of progressive test flights (but make no mistake, my contribution was very small—Troy did 90% of the trimming).
- Saturday afternoon the model was up to a full 9 second run and one glide circle. We adjusted the wing tilt to widen the glide and then Troy wisely put the model away for official flying on Sunday.
- Sunday morning Troy put up his (trimmed) 1/2A/F1J Marval and hurt it badly on his second official flight. Another big setback.
- Undaunted, Troy strapped the wing on his last model—his repaired 560 Marval—and began putting up officials in AB Classic. He managed one out of three maxes at which point I encouraged him to start over with a new string in B gas.
- Troy proceeded to put up three beautiful maxes in B, plus a fourth flight that was nearly a max, to win Fast Gas Combo. He beat Dave Wineland (a multi-time Nats champion), and yours truly.
- Troy is the most persistent beginning power flyer I have ever seen! He experienced a very steep learning curve, building lots of models over the last couple of years, and hurting more than a few of them. This was his first maxout and his first major win."

Sue Etherington: "What began as a lost plane for Roland Solomon turned into a calamity when Eunice, Roland's wife, mentioned that he had been gone for a long time. I asked her if Roland had his cell phone with him and Eunice headed for her car to see if he had tried to call her. At that very moment, the downpour began! And at that very moment Eunice realized she had locked herself out of her car! Already drenched, Eunice and their 10 week old puppy climbed into my car and contacted Roland via my phone to learn that he was soaked but OK and had not yet found his plane. While I was giving Eunice blankets and dry clothes we realized the window was down on Roland's truck - and Roland had the keys with

him. As it continued to pour, Eunice borrowed a tarp and ventured out into the downpour again to put it over the open window (though this action was too little, too late!). Murph, Don and Chuck took off to rescue Roland. As Eunice was once again trying to dry herself some and get warm, she and I noticed Roland's model box lying in the back of his truck in the pouring rain. We found trash bags and again Eunice headed out into the deluge, climbed into the bed of the truck and covered the flooded model box with trash bags. All the while the puppy was looking at us like "Is this fun?"

Murph returned to the field with Roland and Chuck had his chase bike, the downpour continued, soaking wet Roland and Eunice climbed into their soaking wet truck and headed for home, which I'm sure never sounded so good!"

I'd like to thank all who came from out-of-town to fly with us and everyone that helped with the contest. As usual, Mel and Karen Gray did a fabulous job hosting the dinner Friday night at their clubhouse. I'd also like to thank co-CD Marc Sisk who did an outstanding job running and preparing for the event, and Sue Etherington for volunteering to serve as head scorekeeper (broken

2009 MMM FAI Annual AC

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Place		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12	Round 13	Round 14
F1A															
1	Peter Brocks	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	146	CX	180	107	180	180	180
2	Risto Puhakka	134	129	180	77	180	152	149	140	CX	152	180	63	63	0
3	Pete McQuade	60	180	160	137	180	180	180	DNF	CX	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF
F1B															
Eddie															
1	VanLandingham	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	CX	180	180	180	180	95
2	Darold Jones	118	143	150	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	107	CX	10	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF
F1C															
1	Chuck Etherington	180	180	180	119	180	126	153	DNF	CX	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF

foot and all).


		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
F1E							
1	Peter Brocks	Sec	109	30	33	39	331
		%	100	100	100	100	500

		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
F1G								
1	Marc Sisk	120	120	89	120	CX	120	569
2	Peter Brocks	98	120	120	120	CX	106	564
	Eddie							
3	VanLandingham	120	120	120	120	CX	75	555
4	Bill Leppard	48	120	120	120	CX	82	490
5	Randy Reynolds	46	96	120	100	CX	120	482
6	Don DeLoach	120	120	120	98	CX	DNF	458
7	Dick Branca	0	74	40	DNF	CX	49	163
8	Darold Jones	0	6	5	DNF	CX	10	21

		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
F1H								
1	Marc Sisk	68	120	120	65	CX	120	493

		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
F1J								
1	Troy King	0	0	39	DNF	CX	DNF	39

SCRAMBLE POINTS SUMMARY THRU SEPTEMBER

		MMM 2009 Scramble SUMMARY								
DATA ON THIS PAGE IS CUT AND PASTED FROM MONTHLY CONTEST RESULTS AND SORTED										
	ENTRANT	Total Pts	4/19/09	5/17/09	6/14/09	7/17/09	8/16/09	3/3/00	10/18/09	11/1/09
1	Covington, Mark	404	84	42	40	75	100	63		
3	Reynolds, Todd	384	9	91	41	64	79	100		
2	DeLoach, Don	369	100	47	39	76	26	81		
4	Myers, Neil	292		42		96	91	63		
5	Reynolds, Randy	269	38	23	100	58		50		
7	McQuade, Pete	232	25	48	78			81		
6	Sisk, Mark	218	75	50		93				
8	Murphy, Jerry	184	55	29		100				
9	Andrade, Paul	160	60	100						
10	Leppard, Bill	147		83				64		
11	Etherington, Chuck	142		44	98					
12	Lovins, Bill	141		49		92				
13	Jones, Darold	87		43	44					
14	Roland Solomon	59						59		
15	Boyd, Ray (Sr)	54			22	32				
16	Branca, Dick	34			10			24		
17	Gerszewski, Jim (NC)	28		28						
18	King, Troy	26					26			

ADDITIONAL NOTES DEP'T

- **Tom Arnold** has done an excellent job of giving MMM national exposure on the burgeoning FAC efforts promoted by Don in recent years. A lot of fun to read and lots of pictures. Tom has invited others to post pictures so if you have them please do. Here is the link:

<http://www.smallflyingartsforum.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1253643091>

- **From Roland Solomon:** Harbor Freight on Kipling and Bowles has a wooden 8 drawer Machinists Tool Box on sale for \$69.95. Eunice bought me one for my birthday after much pleading and whining. I plan to work out of it at home and take it to the field...Roland

- Seen at the RMC's:

"Run Marc, Run!!"





FREE FLIGHT WITH AN ALTITUDE!
UPCOMING EVENTS

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