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## July 3 meeting

## Outdoor Season: Come out to July 12, Summer Meet!

### *Monthly Meetings:*

Most of the meetings are held at the EAA building at the Anoka County Airport, **first Friday of the month, unless it falls on a Holiday.** Directions, take 35 W north from Minneapolis to Highway 10 west. Note that there is a county road 10 just prior to Highway 10...don't take that road. Proceed west on **highway 10** to 93<sup>rd</sup> lane (Airport Road), and go right..north, to the bend in the road where you will see a gated entrance. Drive up to the gate and it will open. Proceed on the road until it Ts to the right. Go right until you see the EAA building. *The meetings start at 11:30AM*

### *Upcoming 2015 Events:*

*Friday July 3, Monthly meeting at the EAA.*

*Sunday, July 12 Summer Meet at North Branch*

*July 27-31, Nationals at Muncie!*

*Friday August 7, Monthly meeting at the EAA.*

*Sunday, August 16, Almost Silent Meet*

*Friday September 3, Monthly meeting at the EAA.*

*Sunday, September 13, 2014 North Branch, Fall Mini-Model Contest*

*Late September, next newsletter*

*Friday October 2 Monthly meeting at the EAA.*

### *"Thoughts While Glued to a Penny Plane"...*

Well clubsters, it's time for another column from your humble and fairly newly elected president. I avoided this chore last issue as good fortune found me soaking up the sun on the Mississippi gulf coast to escape the Minnesota winter. I was prepared to submit an article on my return, but saw that Dave Edmonson had already stepped up to the plate and taken care of business.

No such luck this time. It's possible that I might need to introduce myself to some of the club members as up until recently my club involvement has been sporadic at best. I was very active until 1993 when I took another job requiring many hours of night shift and weekend work; not a real conducive schedule for contest activity. Also moved around a bit for (looking back) no real good reason so I was always between decent shop facilities. I retired two years ago and am now enjoying meeting new and seeing old friends at the meetings and contests. I moved back to the area about three years ago to a house with an unfinished basement so I dragged master taper Gary Oakins out of retirement and I now have a finished basement with my "dream" shop. Wish I was 30 again. Thanks Gary!!

It's been a real treat to fly at the North Branch field as I was last active when the buffalo roamed the sod farm in Blaine. It would be nice if more people would attend and fly as this is a premier site but I guess that's the current state of free flight in general. On the bright side, there has been some interest shown by a couple of new faces. (See Dave Edmonson's Picnic contest report). Speaking of the

contest, ya shoulda been there. Beautiful weather with abundant thermal activity. Hope to see more of you at the July 12th contest when I'm sure the weather will be equally as nice.

In February we said goodbye to club member and good friend Don Messerly. Don was the prototype for "nice guy" and will be missed. (See last issue for article written by Don.).

That's it for now. Only two more columns to go before the November elections when I'm sure Gary will want to take the helm again and provide us with Oakie's Oracles and the local fishin' report.

### ***Wind 'em and Fly 'em!***

***Dave Braun***

### **2015 Club high point scores:**

The following point totals are for 2015. Includes January, Feb, April, and June indoor and outdoor points. The points are accumulated through the contests for the year. First place for an event is 3 points if there are 3 or fewer entrants in an event. If there are more than 3 entrants, last place gets one, and it goes up from there.

<b>2015 Club Points</b>		
<b>2015 Points</b>	<b>L-NAME</b>	<b>F-NAME</b>
4	Petersen	Aaron
17.5	Braun	Dave
21.5	Ringlien	Andy
3	Oakins	Gary
18	Ringlien	Jeff
3	Dona	Gordon
9	Thomas	Greg
2	Gustafson	Tom
3	Berggren	Don
0	Oakins	Steve
72	Edmonson	Dave
10	Leitgen	Steve
4.5	O'Leary	Jack
47	Jorgenson	Jim
10	Mendenhall	Dale
4	Griffiths	Bob
6.5	Taylor	Terry
5	Ladwig	Jim
20	Murphy	Dan
3	Decker	Matt
0	Woodhouse	Bob

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Per Dale: March 6, 2015, 10 members present.**

Thank you note from Mrs. Messerly. Science Olympiad Sat. March 7 at Bethel College. Show and tell, Greg Thomas showed a Piper PA 15, beautifully done! Weight 38 grams.

**Per Dave: April 3 2015, 17 members present.**

Don Messerly model supplies donated to club. Oakins to pick up. Second auction in September to deal with the Messerly donation. Greg Thomas is bringing Firefly model kits to indoor session to give to entries for a possible next year event. Don Berggren had surgery on esophagus, doing well, and recovering. Hank Liljequist anxious to get back home. All hard of hearing members did not appear to know what was being said, and the possibility of setting up the chairs in a circle to get everyone closer together...possibly good or bad news? Chairs have been setup prior to meeting as formerly, and no one has enough energy to rearrange! Show and tell: Edmonson showed gliders, Braun his Vagabond, and Greg Thomas showed plans from a fellow who worked with Bert Pond, Art Mills. Greg has accumulated the collection, plans nicely done!

**Per Dave: May 1, 2015 13 present**

Jack O'Leary visited Bob Griffiths prior to Bob passing away. Woodhouse gave out indoor contest prizes to those that were there. We discussed post cards and phone calls to get more out to the meetings. Gary Oakins spoke with North Branch land owners about coming season of flying. Club to order latest NFFS Symposium. Don Berggren showed his Pacific Ace with chalked tissue. Gene Loudon showed some of his progress with cutting foam wings, and had some problems with it on his first tries.

**Per Dave: June 5, 2015, 11 members present.**

Secretary report and treasurers report read.

**Picnic contest to feature brats by Dave Braun. Dave's Embryo design is to be featured in FAC publication soon. Good job, and a real solid flying model. HoSoFo events to have \$25 cash as top prize.** Oakins printer jammed, and post cards did not get mailed, perhaps reason for low attendance?? Show and tell: Tom Battey showed a 1/2A Geef. Matt Decker, a new member showed his new small rubber model, Embryo, that he designed on CAD. Gary Fessler mentioned that Don Patterson may have Herman's model magazine index which was complete back to the 1960s. If so, we will have to put it in the club archives. It was nice to see new member Matt Decker, and old members Gary Fessler and Tom Battey at the meeting.

***The MMAC breakfast club will continue to meet at Currans on 42nd and Nicollet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. But the time has been changed to 9:30 AM to avoid some of the rush hour traffic. Check with Woodhouse to see if any changes are in order?***

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February 20, 2015: Indoor Session

Phantom Flash					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	74	67	67	208	1
Jim Jorgensen	39	32	34	105	2

Butterfly					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Best	Place
Dave Edmonson	101			101	1
Jim Jorgensen	66	73	62	73	2
Cooper Jensen	60	49	49	60	3
Steve Leitgen	46	58		58	4

No-Cal					Total	
Entrant						Place
Jim Jorgensen	55	56	61	172		1
Dave Edmonson	53	52	56	161		2

Bostonian				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Jim Jorgensen	53	56	109	1
Dave Edmonson	49	52	101	2
Bob Griffiths	45	44	89	3
Steve Leitgen	24	43	67	4

Catapult Glider				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	21	20	41	1
Jim Jorgensen	14	15	29	2
Steve Leitgen	5	6	11	3

March 13, 2015: Indoor Session

Phantom Flash					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	56	62	61	179	1
Jeff Ringlien	47	54	63	164	2
Jim Jorgensen	53	30	50	133	3

Butterfly					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Best	Place
Jeff Ringlien	70	54		70	1

Catapult Glider/HLG				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Steve Leitgen	16	17	33	1
Jim Jorgensen	14	15	29	2
Andy Ringlien	16	11	27	3
Larson Ringlien	11	12	23	4

Bostonian				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Jim Jorgensen	50	48	98	1
Steve Leitgen	37	55	92	2
Bob Griffiths	43	45	88	3
Andy Ringlien	27	29	56	4

No-Cal					
Entrant				Total	Place
Jim Jorgensen	54	58	62	174	1
Jeff Ringlien	4			4	2

## April 17, 2015: Indoor Session

Twelve people flew the events at the final indoor session of the season, "The Big One". Big meaning a 5 hour session from 4 to 9 PM. Three others flew, paid, but did not enter any events, Bill Igoe, Alan Mironer, and Bob Woodhouse. There were several ceiling hangups, but luckily all models were recovered intact. Greg Thomas flew his nice flying "Fike" in peanut scale, hit the beam, and did a vertical dive to the floor on the first and last flight of its' evening. It was nice to see a young newcomer, Matt Decker, arrive with some models to fly indoors for the first time, and his nice flying Bostonian survived "many" good flights. Two SO flyers attended, and put finishing touches on the trim of their models heading for the National SO competition!

All of the Butterfly models ordered two years ago, have been sold, and there are no additional available obviously! It turned out to be the hottest contested event of the evening with only seconds separating nine entries. The little models just seem to have a knack of flying well, and taking the bounce off the rafters in stride. Dan Murphy was the only one competing with a carbon Butterfly, and he did very well with it.

Many thanks are owed to the custodians at the Bloomington Armory for their fine assistance. They have made sure that the doors are open, fans shut off, and have even helped in packing up the tables and chairs at the end of the evening, a real help for most of us "Old Guys"! Perhaps next year we can get more participation....it was sparse at times.

Butterfly					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Best	Place
Dave Edmonson	49	90	84	90	1
Dan Murphy	79	86		86	2
Dale Mendenhall	85	81	81	85	3
Jeff Ringlien	74	78	73	78	4
Jack O'Leary	72	42		72	5
Terry Taylor	57	72	60	72	5
Gordon Dona	56	45	67	67	6
Jim Jorgensen	63	66	66	66	7
Matt Decker	48	49	64	64	8

Bostonian			Best 2	
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Jim Jorgensen	53	54	107	1
Dave Edmonson	48	48	96	2
Greg Thomas	28	30	58	3
Matt Decker	27	26	53	4

Catapult Glider/HLG				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	20	22	42	1
Jim Jorgensen	17	15	32	2
Matt Decker	5	9	14	3

Phantom Flash					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Greg Thomas	89	81	90	260	1
Dave Edmonson	72	75	79	226	2
Jim Ladwig	72	72	74	218	3
Jeff Ringlien	61	61	57	179	4
Gordon Dona	70	7	19	96	5

No-Cal				Total	
Entrant					Place
Jim Jorgensen	54	58	62	174	1
Dave Edmonson	58	43	51	152	2
Jim Ladwig	51			51	3
Jeff Ringlien	5	18	14	37	4

Peanut Scale	Model					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Jim Jorgensen	Cougar	21	25	11	25	1
Greg Thomas	Fike	24			24	2

## Picnic Contest, June 14, 2015, Don Monson, CD

One of the best contest days ever!! Light and variable winds with frequent thermals, some massive. We had two new members attend, with promise of entering future contests, Matt Decker from south Minneapolis, and Brian Ross from Spicer Minnesota. Dave Braun commented that it was really nice of Matt and Brian to help out with the timing duties. It is rare that we have extra people to time. Many memorable flights were made, and the brats and goodies made the picnic memorable also. If only my engine hadn't faltered on the first HoSoFo flight!

Embryo	Bonus points					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	6	63	72	78	219	1.5
Andy Ringlien	5	64	88	62	219	1.5
Jeff Ringlien	6	75	43		125	3

P-30 Rubber				Flyoff		
Entrant	#1	#2	#3		Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	120	120	120		360	1
Andy Ringlien	120	66	120		306	2
Don Berggren	82	115	91		288	3
Dave Braun	120	68	72		260	4
Jeff Ringlien	104	81	59		104	5

Small Gas Power	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Gary Oakins	½A	120	51	77	248	1
Dave Edmonson	½ A	120	60	43	223	2

Large Gas Power	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	A Nos	81	120	120	321	1

HLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	46	61	57	164	1
Dave Edmonson	43	59	28	130	2

CLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	33	49	120	202	1
Andy Ringlien	35	120	46	201	2
Dave Braun	37	31	24	92	3

Vagabond Scale					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	48	87	120	255	1
Aaron Petersen	52	115	67	234	2

Large Rubber	Class				Flyoff		
Entrant		#1	#2	#3		Total	Place
Dave Braun	Mulvi	120	120	120	118	478	1
Dave Edmonson	Mulvi	107	120	120		347	2
Andy Ringlien	OTR	120	103	120		343	3
Aaron Petersen	OTR	120	95	120		335	4
Gary Oakins	Mulvi	90				90	5

Overall Point Totals for the contest	Points
Entrant	
Dave Edmonson	11
Andy Ringlien	9.5
Dave Braun	6.5
Gary Oakins	2
Don Berggren	1
Jeff Ringlien	1

HoSoFo	class						
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	FO	Total	Place
Dave Braun	Mulvi	120	120	120	155	515	1
Dave Edmonson	A Nos	117	120	120		357	2
Tom Gustafson	Classic Towline	120	58	77		255	3
Andy Ringlien	OTR	100	111			211	4





*Above, Jeff Ringlien enjoying the indoor session this past winter. Jeff and Andy have been following in Warren Ringliens' footsteps with avid free flight activities, frequently flying at Muncie in the National meet. It is nice to see some of the kids of builders continuing in this crazy sport!*



*Above, Greg Thomas and Jack O'Leary discussing the next steps for SO hopeful student. Greg has been dealing with his surgery recovery recently, and is out of commission until he gets more firmly on his feet. Work it out Greg, we need more of your enthusiasm!!*



*Above, Bob Griffiths has been one of the remaining 1940s club members, and has really enjoyed flying indoors at our contests with his trusty Bostonian winner built about 30 years ago. Bob passed away this May 9, 2015 a few months shy of his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. This picture was taken in 2014, and he was competing as recent as March 2015 as can be seen by the indoor results in this issue. Peace to the Griffiths family members!*