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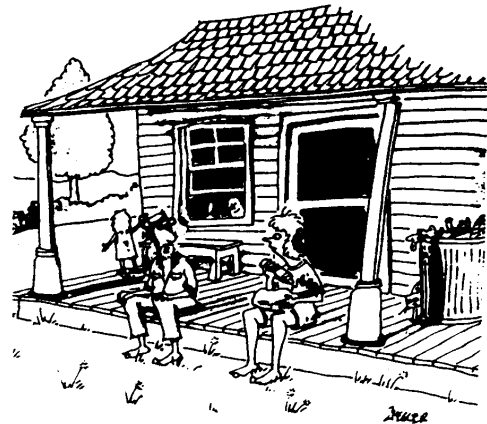
PONDERINGS DEP'T

Wow... this starts another year! This issue holds the info you need to plan your flying activities so please run a copy of the schedule, tear it out of this issue and post it on your family calendar. We don't want our significant others to be surprised when you say you have a contest or didn't say anything about one.

My "significant other" demands that I put the schedule up so she can plan when to have our other family time. She doesn't want any surprises, unless it's something that glitters. Wait a minute... chrome pistons glitter... what's she talking about?

Look forward to a great flying season..!

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"Ma ... I posted the schedule right up next to the ice box so's you will know when I am not here and you need to feed the chickens and all that."

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.
Wings Over the Rockies Indoor 7711 E. Academy Blvd. in the former Lowry AFB Denver	Various Sundays of every month from 1-5pm. Admission Required. See: "www.indoorcolo.org" for complete info

HEADS UP: !!!!

Motorcycle Use on the Field Policy:

Follow the roads wherever possible and not to follow the planes cross-country. Take the shortest path possible to the plane in order to retrieve it. Avoid riding through noxious weeds.

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Mel Gray



When working with other Club members on the planning for 2015, I can't help but build my sense of anticipation for this year's activities. Take a look at the schedule of events in this MaxOut and you will see plenty to look forward to.

Our two "featured" contests will again be special this year. The 14 Round FAI Annual will repeat the format of combining two World Cup events (the Tui Cup and the Centennial Cup). The Rocky Mountain Champs will be the 50th rendition of this event. Both contests are bound to be memorable.

The indoor season, highlighted by the Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb contest will continue to be augmented with indoor meets held at Manitou Springs High School. The Kids Contest is again scheduled to coincide with the May Scramble event. The Monthly Scramble events will continue to provide their "laid back" opportunities for excellent flying and camaraderie.

The Club leadership group has worked to try to offer a Club event for every month. There are a lot of opportunities for Free Flight enjoyment. So, in this new year, it is my pleasure to invite all of you to come out to as many events as you can attend and share the joy of Flying Free.

See you at the Field,

Mel

AMA District IX Meeting

The meeting of District IX clubs in Colorado took place on December 20 at the board room of the Wings Over the Rockies museum. The meeting was hosted by Colorado AVP Tom Neff and was chaired by our AMA VP Jim Tiller. Rick and I represented the MMM Club. It does seem somewhat overwhelming in that Free Flight is on the minority of the AMA membership and attendees at the meeting, but we were not intimidated(!)

Each club in attendance made short presentations as to their current status and any issues they are facing. Our fellow Lowry range club, Cross Winds RC was not present. There were a number of "new" clubs that were sort of disassociated with District 9 and attended to make their voice heard. This is good news as it does show there are many modelers out there that need a place to be recognized.

There is a club in Canyon City and their rep did not know anything about Jim Martin, the FOX Engine person.

When it came time for us to present, Rick went first and described the club in general terms, explaining what is free flight and pointed them toward our web site. VP Jim Tiller said he was delighted to be receiving our newsletter and is looking forward to learning more about us. Rick mentioned he did the newsletter for over 30 years and got a round of applause. He also made a pitch to encourage those RC folks to take a look at FF and what it has to offer. Many of the RC reps there told stories of how discouraging some of the venues were and they had trouble flying. I followed Rick with a discussion of our three championship events, Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb, 14 Round World Cup FAI Contest and the Rocky Mountain Free Flight Champs. I also briefed them on our proposal to have the

2015 indoor nationals in Colorado Springs. Jim Tiller said he would support this proposal at the Executive Council level.

There was a long discussion of drones ala the new FAA proposals and the amount of effort the AMA has put into it, both resource and money. Most in the room see drones as a major threat to the RC hobby as local governments and people in general don't see the difference between drones and RC models. One club reported that neighbors are very concerned and are putting pressure on the land owner to have them evicted.

On a more positive note there was a discussion of juniors and we told the meeting about Jace. Jim wants to run a story about him in his Model Aviation column.

We have entered our schedule into the District IX web site.

As we were leaving it was clear to me that the MMM Club is in very good shape and we are being seen in a very positive light by Jim and his staff. Rick was impressed in the number of attendees that seemed genuinely interested about FF as another avenue. In particular is an RC Electric club which has some real talent in that area.

Jerry Murphy

STUMP CLUB DEP'T

This is the place where club members can share their most treasured learning experiences

Labor Day weekend 2015 will feature the 50th Rocky Mountain Free Flight Championships, the Golden Anniversary of this premier three-day meet.

The MMM Club leadership has a lot of special ideas for this contest. In preparation we welcome your input. A planning meeting will be held on Saturday, January 31 from 1-4 p.m. at Mel's house in Monument. Please

make plans to attend if you'd like to be a part of helping to put on this event.

Here are some of the ideas floating around:

- the goal is to have 50+ contestants
- invite the Club's founding members and early RMFFC CDs, like we did in 2005 for the 40th.
- hold an expanded anniversary banquet with 50th RMFFC cake
- have snazzy Golden Anniversary t-shirts
- perhaps hold a special event or two (a Pearl event? Twin pusher?)
- have a MECA collecto?

If you can't make the meeting please email the contest directors with your ideas (our e-mail addresses are below.) With your input and support there's little doubt the 2015 RMFFC will be the best of all time!

CADET NIGHT AT THE AFA

The Wednesday (12/10) evening session was fun as usual. The MMM team was Bill Leppard and me.

The group of cadets was motivated to get finished so they could attend a Christmas dinner.

Much to my surprise we had many cadets in civilian dress for the dinner. One delight for me was meeting several members of the football team. They were all excited to be playing in a bowl game.

The number of gliders making it across the full width of the field house was lower than in previous years as the time pressure forced many to accept a lower than perfect score.

Jerry Murphy
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VINTGE FAI

Beginning in 2015, there will be a revision and clarification to the Vintage FAI Rules (V1 & V2). These changes will allow "non-FAI designs" to be flown as well as engine clarification.

Bob Stalick, Glenn Schneider and I are on the Rules Committee and with the help of Bob Mattes, we've come up with these "tweeks".
Bill Lovins

News from SAM-1

The following Kits are remaining from Norman Frawley's Estate and are for sale. If interested in purchasing any of these kits, Please let me know. Duane Hjerleid, (303) 973-1435.

1. 7 foot Quaker Flash, full kit. \$25.00
2. 78 inch, Sail Plane, Klarich short kit. \$40.00
3. 52 inch Strato-Streak, Klarich short kit. \$15.00
4. 67 inch Playboy Senior, Klarich short kit. \$20.00
5. 66 inch Playboy Senior, Klarich short kit. \$20.00
6. 108 inch Dallaire, Klarich short kit. \$20.00
7. 47 inch Snooty, 1/2 A-TEXACO, Klarich short kit. \$10.00
8. 76 inch Playboy Junior, Klarich short kit. \$20.00

Editor's note: What does not sell here will go to the Jeffco RCR's Auction Feb 7th.

Check out the Jeffco web site

jefcoeromodlers.org

PUSHING INDOOR

As of this writing, the Pikes Peak Ceiling will be at the Colorado Springs Auditorium. There has been a lot of concern regarding the renting of the auditorium because of the cost. Rents can be high and the number of flyers needs to be commensurate to the entry fees. So far the contest has reasonable paid for itself and it appears that will still be the case. Plus, there is a move afoot to try to get the 2015 Indoor NATs there too.

On another avenue, the club leadership has been looking into other venues like local high schools that would be located sort of midway between Denver and the Springs. Eric Bock has also looked into venues in the Ft. Collins area.

Try to attend these local sessions. Since the Broncos blew the playoff game you should have plenty of time on Sundays now. Indoor is actually easy and you do not need to be a particularly good "indoorist." Most of the events are simple, A6, NoCal, Penny, 12" CLG, P-18. These are meant to be easy to build and flying for time is the challenge.

AND... there is a really fun indoor contest coming up in April at the Eager, Arizona HS Dome. This may seem like an out of the way place, but it's only a couple of hours west of Albuquerque, NM. Some of us have flown there and for my taste it's a wonderful site. 100 foot clear ceiling height and a football field of floor space. The MMMclubis going to help out with the kids for a day after the contest too. That will be fun. I like top see kids get excited when a model they build flies.

Wow ! Talk about Bragging Rights! The January Issue of Boy's Life has our own Jace Pivonka featured. Way to go Jace !

JACE PIVONKA
 Age: 15
 Hometown: Lakewood, Colorado
 Scout Rank: Life Scout (Troop 748, Lakewood)
Made Headlines: For representing the United States, which placed fourth, at the 2014 Fédération Aéronautique Internationale Junior World Championships for Free Flight Model Aircraft in Romania.
The Scoop: Jace was a pilot on one of three U.S. teams at the championships. Free flight model airplanes soar in thermal air currents, and most are equipped with a timer-operated device that limits how long the rubber-band-powered engine runs. Jace has taught others about free flight, including at the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he helped cadets prepare for aeronautics finals. boyslife.org/links/amablog - P.M.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S MAKING HEADLINES?
 Let us know! boyslife.org/headliners

FLYING HIGH
LIFE SCOUT PLACES AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

10 BOYS' LIFE + JANUARY 2015

COURTESY OF CATRY BOYD-SMIDOR (3); COURTESY OF THE HOWELL FAMILY (2); THINKSTOCK BY GETTY IMAGES; KENNY LOU COURTESY OF THE PAHL FAMILY (2); COURTESY OF THE SIMON FAMILY; COURTESY OF JIM CUTULLI

What the "well appointed" Catapult flyer looks like. Ray Boyd's daughter, Ramona



And a proud Prez and grand prezkids.



Not to be out done! Ray's Grandkids

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES YET OR WANT TO BE A MEMBER:

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NAME _____ AMA NO _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (HM) _____ (CELL) _____ EMAIL _____

DESIRED STATUS: MEMBER _____ 2015 DUES: \$40.00 includes Newsletter
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- *When pre-entering a contest that needs event selection or similar, you still need to send in the pre-registration form to the Contest Directors*

Note, Paypal does charge a fee for this service but for your convenience if you do use paypal ... maybe add an extra buck to help us out?

COPY THIS PAGE ONTO SOMETHING YOU WILL SEE OFTEN!

2015 MMM Schedule of Events

DATES	CONTEST	EVENTS	CUP	NOTES	CD
TBD	Winter Coupe Contest	F1G,P-30,HLG/CLG	None	Lowry Field-Scheduled on short notice (weather dependent)	CD NOT NEEDED
14-Dec	Indoor	All FF classes	None	Manitou Springs HS	Rob Romash
11-Jan	Indoor	All FF classes	None	Manitou Springs HS	Mel Gray John McGrath
17Jan – 19 Jan	Southwestern Regionals	All FF classes	AC,NC	Eloy, AZ	
7 Feb - 8 Feb	Isaacson/Kiwi	AMA,FAI,NFFS	WC,AC,NC	Lost Hills, CA	
13 Feb- 15 Feb	Max Men Annual	AMA,FAI,NFFS	WC,AC,NC	Lost Hills, CA	
21-Feb	Model Expo – WOTR	N/A	N/A	Wings Over the Rockies Museum, Denver	Coordinator: Chuck Etherington
1-Mar	Indoor	AMA,FAI,FAC	NC	Manitou Springs HS	NO CD – TBD
8-Mar	Indoor – Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb/Colorado Cup	AMA,FAI,FAC	NC	Colorado Springs City Auditorium	Don DeLoach Mark Covington
17 Apr – 19 Apr	Round Valley Dome Indoor	All FF classes	NC	Eager, AZ	
26-Apr	Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM	NC	Lowry Field	Rick Pangell
17-May	Kid's Contest / Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM	NC	Lowry Field – Kids 9:00-12:00, Scramble 12:00-5:00	Pete McQuade
7-Jun	Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM	NC	Lowry Field – Late day contest 9:00 AM – Sunset	Darold Jones
28-Jun	Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM	NC	Lowry Field	Mel Gray
10-Jul	FAI	F1E w/ FAI Annual	WC, AC	Indian Point (Lowry Field)	NO CD – TBD
11-Jul	14 Round FAI	Centennial Cup FAI,AMA,NFFS,SAM	WC,AC,NC	Lowry Field	Jerry Murphy Marc Sisk
12-Jul	14 Round FAI	Tui Cup FAI,AMA,NFFS,SAM	WC,AC,NC	Lowry Field	Jerry Murphy Marc Sisk
20 Jul – Aug 3	FF World Champs + WC Events	FAI	WC	Mongolia, China	
27 Jul – 31 Jul	AMA FF Nats	AMA,FAC,NFFS	AC,NC	Muncie, IN	
15 Aug - 16 Aug	Tulsa Gluedobber Annual	AMA,FAI,NFFS	AC,NC	Tulsa, OK	
23-Aug	Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM	NC	Lowry Field	Mel Gray / Ray Boyd
25 Aug – 1 Sep	F1E World Champs	FAI	WC	Zlatibor, Serbia	
5 Sep – 7 Sep	Rocky Mountain Free Flight Champs/FAC Mtn States Scramble/Dynasty Cup	AMA,FAC,FAI,NFFS, SAM	NC(E),AC	Lowry Field	Don DeLoach Chuck Etherington Mark Covington
19 Sep - 20 Sep	Texas Cloud Climbers Annual	AMA,FAI,NFFS	AC,NC	Denton, TX	
27-Sep	Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM	NC	Lowry Field	Duane Hjerleid
3 Oct - 4Oct	Heart of America Annual	AMA,FAI,NFFS	NC	Marion, KS	
18-Oct	Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM	NC	Lowry Field	Randy / Todd Reynolds
21 Oct - 24 Oct	FAC WestFAC V	FAC	N/A	Buckeye, AZ	
8-Nov	9 th Annual Texas Frito Pie Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM	NC	Lowry Field	Dave Wineland
TBD Nov	Indoor	All FF classes	None	Manitou Springs HS	NO CD – TBD
5-Dec	Annual Business Meeting	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD

This is a re-repeat of last issue where the Annual Points were tallied. I was asked to put it in again.

2014 MMM Final Club Points Summary

<u>OVERALL</u>			<u>POINTS</u>	<u>MAXES</u>	<u>CONTESTS</u>
1	Don	DeLoach	179	55	7
2	Mark	Covington	93	32	7
3	Jace	Pivonka (JR)	92	36	5
4	Jerry	Murphy	76	18	8
5	Lee	Hines	46	15	2
6	Pete	McQuade	42	21	5
7	Todd	Reynolds	42	13	3
8	Jack	Murphy	40	17	2
9	Troy	King	34	4	2
10	Rick	Pangell	30	0	2
11	Rob	Romash	28	0	1
12	Bill	Leppard	24	4	2
13	Mel	Grey	24	0	1
14	Ray	Boyd	22	2	3
15	Herb	Kothe	22	0	1
16	Randy	Reynolds	17	10	2
17	Darold	Jones	17	4	4
18	Bill	Lovins	10	1	1
19	Dave	Wineland	3	1	1
20	Chuck	Etherington	2	0	1
21	Skilly	DeLoach	2	0	1
22	Neil	Myers	1	0	1

Top 3 placers in each category:

INDOOR RUBBER

Rick	Pangell	19
Rob	Romash	12
Don	DeLoach	10

OUTDOOR RUBBER

Don	DeLoach	71
Jace	Pivonka (JR)	47
Herb	Kothe	22

INDOOR GLIDER

Rob	Romash	16
Don	DeLoach	8
Rick	Pangell	7

OUTDOOR POWER

Don	DeLoach	67
Jerry	Murphy	51
Jack	Murphy	40

OUTDOOR GLIDER

Mark	Covington	93
Pete	McQuade	42
Todd	Reynolds	35



*FREE FLIGHT WITH AN ALTITUDE!
UPCOMING EVENTS*

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>FEATURE EVENT</i>
<i>Feb 21st</i>	<i>MODEL EXPO</i>	<i>MODEL EXPO</i>
<i>MARCH 8</i>	<i>PIKES PEAK CEILING CLIMB</i>	<i>INDOOR AT ITS FINEST!</i>

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