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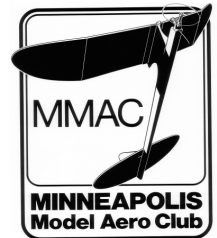
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July 9, Summer Contest, Good Weather Finally!

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 93rd 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 2017 Events:

Friday, July 7, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Sunday, July 9, Summer Contest, North Branch.

Friday, August 4, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Sunday, August 13, Silent Meet at North Branch.

Friday, September 1, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Sunday, September 10, Mini Model Contest, North Branch.

Setpember ..late, next newsletter

Friday, October 6, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Sunday, October 8, Oktoberflug Contest, North Branch.

William Billett passed away on 6-15-2017. He was grandson of Walt Billett, early promoter of FF contests in Minnesota. Keith Billett, gr grandson of Walt. William attended some MMAC meetings and was a member last year.

OAKIE'S ORACLES

It is already the 20th of June and I haven't gone flying my models yet this summer. Shame on me!

The May 'Fun Fly' and the June contest were both rained out. The Pres. will no longer predict the weather. I trust we will have nice days for the remaining contests. I plan to deep fry some sunfish to snack on at the July contest.

Once again I'm saddened to report death of another club member. Don Patterson passed away on June 10. Over the years Don and I became close friends. Don will be missed. Many blessings go out to family and friends.

Dale Mendenhall deserves to receive at least 52 "Atta Boys". On March 27th he received the "Charles Taylor Master Mechanics Award" for serving 50 years as an A & P mechanic. Nice going Dale. We are very proud of your achievement.

Club dues for '17 are overdue. Those who don't pay up will not receive this great "rag". This, of course, means you will not get "Oakie's Oracles". Truly your loss!

Fishing has been great! Come to the club meetings or the contests and I'll share my fishing tales or lies, which ever you choose.

Hope to see you at the meetings and the contests.

Gary

Meeting Minutes

Per Dave: April 7, 2017, 10 members present at meeting, Banquet to celebrate 80 years of MMAC! Planning thoughts. Talked about contest prizes, annual plaque, one award per event, scoring of points?? Summary, up in the air, or down on the ground?

Jim Ladwig brought in his former girl friends Jet X model from ages ago. He must have fallen in love with it or her, married her and the model all of these years since!

Dale Mendenhall showed his plaque for 50 years of excellence in Aircraft Mechanics. Nice going Dale!

Per Dave: May 5, 9 members present at meeting.

4 entrants in April indoor session, 4 prizes to be handed out yet. Remind us!

Talked about prizes again for contests, plaque for annual summary of events, 5 places for overall placing based on club point total recording method. July contest 5 places as such.

Discussion about how you can trust the weatherman to predict, and decided that they were usually wrong, unless they happened to be right?

Edmonson told a "half a story", filled up two tables with 1/2 A models from various eras, half of them built 7 years ago, and never flown. Had enough to hand one out to each member in attendance, but several members refused because they would rather fly their own. OK, DO IT! Somebody mentioned that they had once liked the colors red and yellow, but not anymore!



"half a story" by Edmonson, May 5 meeting
From left to right: Spacer, Blazer, Ramrod 250, Ramrod 250, T-Bird, Starduster-X, Satellite 320, Viking 320, Bunter, holding his favorite Hustler-OS model, a modification of Jepson's 1/2 A Hustler.

Not shown, identical Satellite 320 given to good buddy Rick Pangell, both photod in numerous NFFS digests, and Nats news, after 3 years of flying, was lost in big thermal with transmitter in Denver!

Per Dave: June 2, 2017, 11 members present at meeting.

Memorable, Craig Lamatsch paid club dues after many years of absence. Dave Braun had been test flying at NB, and said the field was looking good. AMA officer pins handed out, were received better than previous sew-on patches.

Jim Ladwig is making a move, and decided to donate everything in excess to the club. Tables of good stuff were pawed over, and it all found new homes, some for club prizes in the future. Thanks Jim

Dave Braun showed his new 43" span scale Taylorcraft model, very nicely done! Continues to use tissue from Hobby Lobby which is essentially Jap tissue, really cheap, like \$5 for 100 sheets, but covers nice. Can't tell from Jap tissue.

Jim Ladwigs shop cleanout, lots of good stuff.
June meeting.



June 2 meeting: Dave Braun's fine 43" span Taylorcraft scale model. Has a free wheeling prop for staying up in the thermals better. Lost a very nice scale model last year on a beautiful, memorable flight!

Good Friday, April 14, 2017: Indoor Session (notes by Edmonson)

Light turnout probably due to poor scheduling on Easter Weekend, sorry! Jim Ladwig took first in Phantom Flash and left with a smile on his face! He also helped Bill Igoe to get his Beaver flying well in Bostonian. Dale Mendenhall purchased another Butterfly model, and luckily the ceiling did not EAT it this time. Jim Jorgensen flew everything again and scored firsts in 3 of the 7 events. Edmonson won 2 events, getting beat out on clutch flights by Jorgensen and Ladwig in 2 others. Greg Thomas flew his Lacey with usual skill.

No-Cal				Total	
Entrant					Place
Jim Jorgensen	41	39	42	122	1

Bostonian			Total	
Entrant	#1	#2		Place
Jim Jorgensen	52	44	96	1
Dave Edmonson	44	42	86	2
Bill Igoe	28	23	51	3

Phantom Flash				Best 3	
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Jim Ladwig	71	79	70	220	1
Dave Edmonson	72	71	76	219	2
Jim Jorgensen	47	52	57	156	3

HLG/CLG (best 2)				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	22.0	20.0	42.0	1
Jim Jorgensen	13.0	12.4	25.4	3

FireFly					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Jim Jorgensen	66	61	68	195	1
Dave Edmonson	61	64	64	189	2

Butterfly				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	104		104	1
Dale Mendenhall	94	91	94	2
Jim Jorgensen	64		64	3

Scale					
Entrant		#1	#2	Total	Place
Greg Thomas	Lacey	45	44	45	1
Dave Edmonson	Beaver	23		23	2
Jim Jorgensen		10		10	3

Bill Kuhl is attending the 2017 FF NATS as maybe the only representative of the MMAC. Good luck Bill! Bill will be trying the electric powered events, and some glider and rubber events!



Jim Ladwig readies his Phantom Flash for winning performance, one second victory! Al Mironer holds.

Old guys sitting club: L to R, Al Mironer, Jack O'Leary, and Jim Ladwig(not sitting).

Jim Jorgensen gets his fleet of indoor models ready for competition!

Minneapolis Model Aero Club

2017 Outdoor Free-Flight Contest Schedule

Events: Free Flight Events per AMA, NFFS, MMAC, and FAI rules

All Contests are held at The Sod Farm, North Branch, Minnesota: 40 miles North of the Twin Cities on US 35, 1 mile east on MN 95, left on County Road #30 (stop light in the center of town), north approx 2.5 miles, right on 420th Street (continue east 2 miles to road just prior of Central Turf Sign, south to field). Must be an AMA member, and NFFS membership encouraged.

GPS coordinates: 45.54997, -92.92455

Call or email Dave Edmonson for more detailed directions or contest questions:

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Sunday, July 9 "Summer Meet" Dale Mendenhall, CD (763-535-2976)

#1. Junior Event #2. HLG #3. CLG #4. HoSoFo #5. P-30 #6. Large Rubber
#7. Small Gas #8. Large Gas #9. Embryo-FAC_ #10. Towline Glider 11. Jimmy Allen

Sunday, August 13 "Almost Silent Meet" Gary Oakins CD (651-429-3150)

#1. Junior Event #2. HLG #3. CLG #4. P-30 #5. HoSoFo #6. Large Rubber
#7. Small Gas #8. Large Gas #9. Embryo-FAC #10. Towline Glider 11. Rubber Scale Event

Sunday, September 10 "Fall Mini Model" Dave Edmonson CD (612-220-5239)

#1. Junior Event #2. HLG #3. CLG #4. HoSoFo #5. P-30 #6. ¼ Nos Gas/.020 Rep
#7. Gas #8. SAM OT Rubber #9. Embryo-FAC 10. Jimmy Allen

Sunday, October 8 "Oktoberflug" Dave Braun (651-731-6179)

#1. Junior Event #2. HLG #3. CLG #4. HoSoFo #5. P-30 #6. Large Rubber
#7. Gas #8. Embryo-FAC #9. Towline Glider #10. Rubber Scale Event

Note: Entries accepted until 2:00 PM. For all contests, 3 scoring flights, and no rounds. You may enter multiple class models in an event if desired (additional class model only). Class 3 field, all maxes except for flyoffs to be 2 minutes, or 90 seconds if the wind is above 12mph at the start of the contest.

Combined events, please specify "EXACT" NFFS event for points on score sheet.

1. Large Rubber: Any rubber model including SAM oldtimers.
2. Small Gas: .061 or less size gas powered model. 7 sec engine for AMA and Classic, 9 for Nos, 5 for any FAI model..
3. Large Gas: Larger than .061 size gas powered model. 7 sec engine for AMA and Classic, 9 for Nos, 5 for any FAI model..
4. Towline Glider: Any A-1, A-2, F1H, F1A, or Classic Towline (50 meter towline length)
5. HoSoFo: Fly any event, 3 flight total, specify model type if you want NFFS points.. In memory of Herman Fessler.
6. Rubber Scale, any size or class

William Billett continued: Bill worked for grandfather Walt in his hobbyshop and also helped out at big freeflight contests in the late 1940s and 1950s. Son Keith says that his dad had an interest in modeling, but remembered the hobby to be work involved, such as filling small bottles of dope in the basement of the hobby shop from a 5 gallon container and mixing with thinner. Even blew a garage door off at one time when ignited. Bill lived in Fairmont Minnesota, and that is where Keith has a home now. Keith hopes to get up to some of our activities in the near future.