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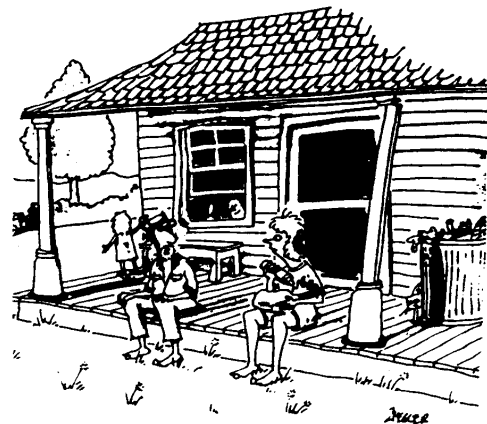
PONDERINGS DEP'T

Now that everyone has "completed" all their winter building (yeah... right) it's time to plan on getting out and showing off!

First order of biz is indoor. The Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb is March 5, 2017 and at the Colorado Springs Auditorium. The flyer is on the website too with flight time slots. You don't need "indoorist" models... P-Nuts, even a simple CLG will get you flying, or perhaps that Handlaunch too!

The roster is being updated and anyone who pops up as not having dues current will be getting a note. To avoid that event... help us out and keep current, OK?

There is a lot of good flying planned this year.



"Ma ... the season is upon us..!"

"Ochroma lagopus in perpetuum"

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

Rick

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NEAR TERM EVENTS:

MMM MONTHLY GET TOGETHER MTG!	Every Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Dinner at the Castle Cafe in Castle Rock. Check with the Yahoo web group for info.
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HEADS UP: !!!!

Edwards Field Lease Contributions

As part of our having a flying sites, we also lease the Edwards FF Base in Colorado Springs. It does cost money and we solicit contributions to help offset that cost. You can donate directly to Chuck Etherington or use the MMM Paypal opportunity noted below.

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.

MMM Now accepts "PAYPAL" for Dues, Contest Entry Fees, Etc !!

- Simply Log in to paypal.com (or create your own 'PAYPAL' account if you want)
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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Jerry Murphy



The flying season is heating up with both indoor and outdoor events in the months of March and April.

First lets talk about indoor. Our buddy **Darold Jones** continues to get us access to the Manitou Springs high school gym. This is a nice ~30 foot site with a relatively clean ceiling. Next is **Tom Norell's** good work in finding the contact person at the Wings over the Rockies to keep indoor flying alive there. At th passing of John Berryman we did not know who he was working with. However Tom managed to solve the puzzle and has dates as follows:

March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 9.

Flying Aces in Colorado

Don DeLoach has put a lot of time and effort in launching the Eagle Rock FAC squadron. If you are not familiar with FAC, it is the largest segment of free flight with membership greater than NFFS. The FAC has scale rules that offer a balance between scaleness and flight performance. When I took the job of free flight contest board chairman one of my goals was to bring AMA free flight scale from the "controlled flight"

based rules to rules that balanced scale detail and flight performance. We did that by simply removing the obsolete free flight rules from the AMA book.

So, if you are thinking that I can't build a super detailed scale model but would like to fly models that look real in the sky, FAC is for you.

FAC also has a slate of mass launch events that are a lot of fun. I suggest that dig out a rubber scale kit and join in nthe FAC fun. A check of the FAC web site at <http://flyingacesclub.com/> to learn more about this group and its fun events.

The Eagle Rock Squadron will be having a meeting soon so watch for that announcement and make plans to attend.

Help Wanted

Time has taken its toll on our team of contest directors. The club hosts three major championship level events each year as well as 8 monthly Scrambles.

At this point in time we are short of CDs to staff all of these events. Being a CD isn't a big task and it does offer a reward in first helping the club grow and prosper as well as earning a 50% discount on your AMA dues.

The application for a CD license is now an on-line process and the application is found on the AMA web in the Member's Only section. It is an open book quiz with several questions that don't apply to free flight but you should be able to answer correctly using the open book references.

**IMPROMPTU WINTER COUPE
CONTEST !!**

We haven't flown this event in a couple of years because of weather issues.

This year we will try again with a target date of Sunday March 12.

Here is the plan, we will check the weather forecast for the Lowery field and send out an Email on Wednesday before the contest with a go/no-go message. If things change we will send out a follow-up message on Saturday.

The contest will not be sanctioned because of the date uncertainty. We will offer four events flown as a pot fly. Each contestant pays \$5 per event to fly and the winner takes the pot for each event.

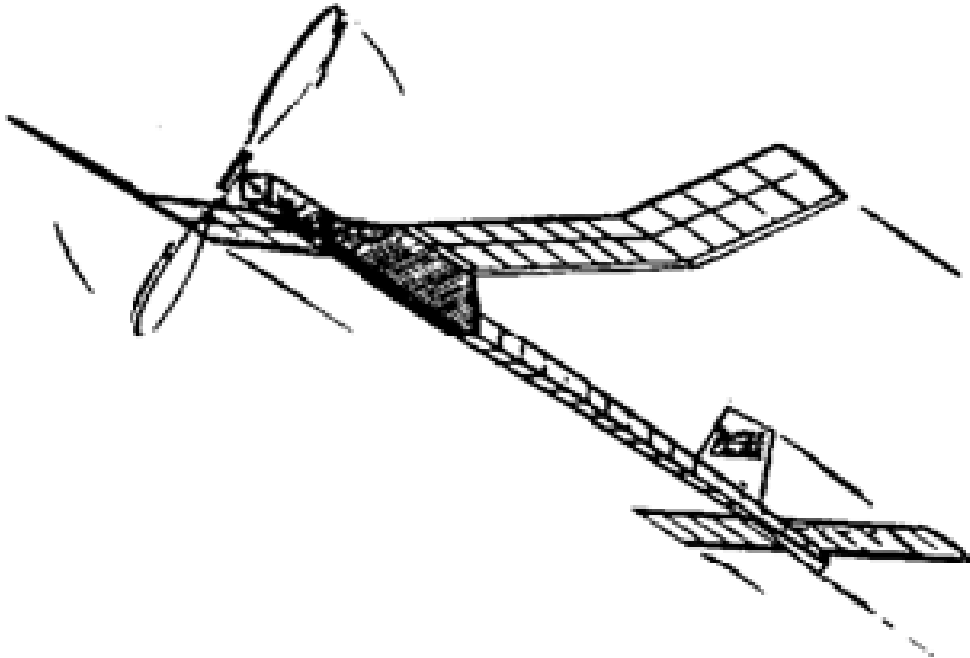
No Sanction, \$5 in the pot for each event, winner takes all. If folks want to fly additional events, that is just fine. Simply collect the money and have fun.

EVENTS:

- F1G/Coupe
- P-30
- HLG
- CLG

The F1G event will be flown without rounds but it will be five flights. As sun set is 7:05 pm on March 15 the contest will end at 5 pm unless the contestants request an earlier ending time.

Thermals



Magnificent Mountain Men Annual Meeting

Dec 3, 2016

Election of officers for 2016

- President: Jerry Murphy
- Vice-President: John McGrath
- Sec/Treas: Chuck Etherington

MMM 2016 Year in Review – Jerry Murphy

- The club is in good shape with great fields and many active members.
 - Three major contests
 - Effective duty roster for major contests
- 2017 is the 6th year of our current 10 year field lease
- The MMM club is a leader in the FF community
- We are ageing ...
 - Chasing is an issue
 - We need more CDs

Because not all members have been involved in all club activities, this review helps bring everyone up to date.

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Etherington

Chuck gave a financial report referencing the document entitled "Statement of Finances." For 2017 the club dues will remain \$40/yr and MaxOut subscription \$15.

My World Champs – Jace Pivonka

Jace took questions from the floor about his experience at the 2016 World Championships in Macedonia in which his team won the silver medal.

14 Round Meet – Jerry Murphy

- New Zealand has taken back the Tui Cup for 2017
- The US Free Flight Team Selection Committee has awarded the Centennial Cup sanction to the Brooklyn Skyscrapers (Wawayanda, NY)
- Historical 14R attendance statistics (published elsewhere in this newsletter)
- Questions: What is the future of this contest? Will people travel to fly in events which produce few World and America's Cup points? How important are WC and AC sanctions?
- Murphy conducted an on-line opinion poll of the active FAI flyers in the U.S. to determine their level of interest in our World and America's Cups (results published elsewhere in this newsletter)

What about Woodies? – Jerry Murphy

The RC Soaring community is facing the problem of folks not wanting to spend \$\$\$ on factory built FAI models to compete. They have developed the "Woody" concept for older FAI models. In FF it might look something like this:

- F1A ... All pre-bunting models
- F1B ... All 40 gram w/o delayed prop start
- F1C ... Fly to the current Vintage rules

Woodies would fly for the 14R silver cups but separate scores for the America's Cups and awards (more in-depth discussion published elsewhere in this newsletter)

2017 schedule – Jerry Murphy

The schedule, which requires a lot of up-front coordination, was mostly finalized. The club works hard to respect neighboring clubs by not scheduling our contests in conflict with theirs.

MMM Annual Awards – Jerry Murphy

Outdoor Rubber

- 1st Don DeLoach - 143 pts
- 2nd Ray Boyd - 50 pts
- 3rd Herb Kothe - 38 pts

Outdoor Glider

- 1st Mark Covington - 99 pts
- 2nd Don DeLoach - 28 pts
- 3rd Tom Peadon - 22 pts

Outdoor Power

- 1st Jerry Murphy - 68 pts
- 2nd Jack Murphy - 59 pts
- 3rd Troy King - 30 pts

Hand Launch Glider

- 1st Mark Covington - 56 pts
- 2nd Don DeLoach - 14 pts
- 3rd Tom Peadon - 6 pts

Junior Champion

- 1st Skilly DeLoach - 17 pts
- 2nd Eli King - 6 pts

Overall Points Champion

- 1st Don DeLoach - 198 pts
- 2nd Mark Covington - 99 Pts
- 3rd Jerry Murphy - 81 pts

Scramble Champion

- 1st Mark Covington
- 2nd Don DeLoach
- 3rd Jerry Murphy

Master Magnificent Mountain Man

- Don DeLoach - 41 Maxes
- Mark Covington - 34 Maxes
- Jack Murphy - 28 Maxes

So, to all my Free Flight Friends, here and abroad.... You are an NFFS member, aren't you? If not, come join us... This is our 50th year and we will be having some new and exciting offerings. Be part of the "in" crowd! www.freeflight.org

John Lorbiecki, NFFS President

FAI Entries

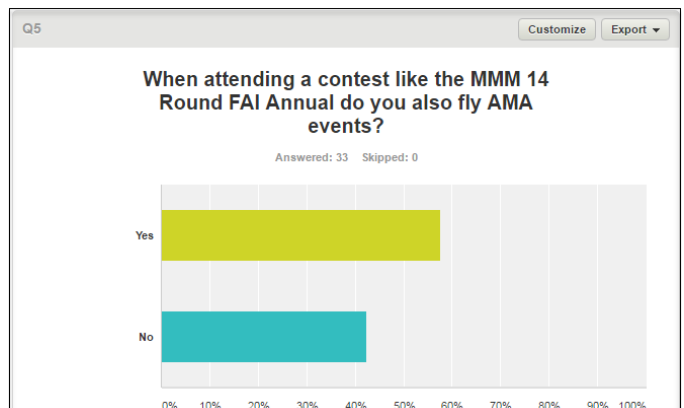
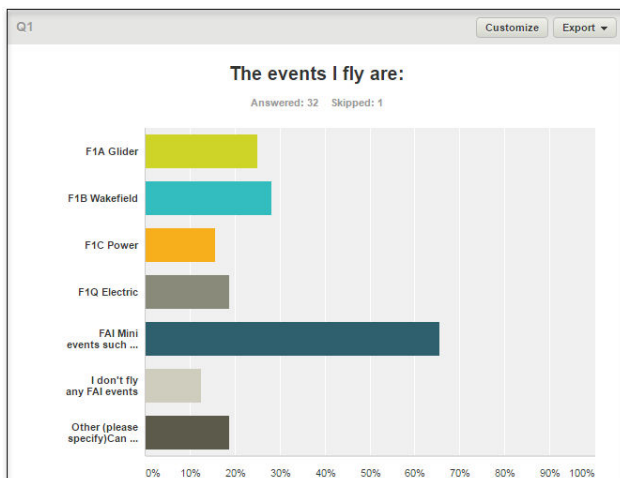
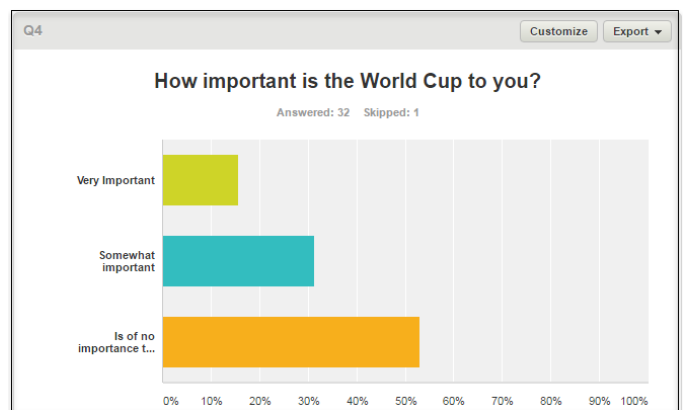
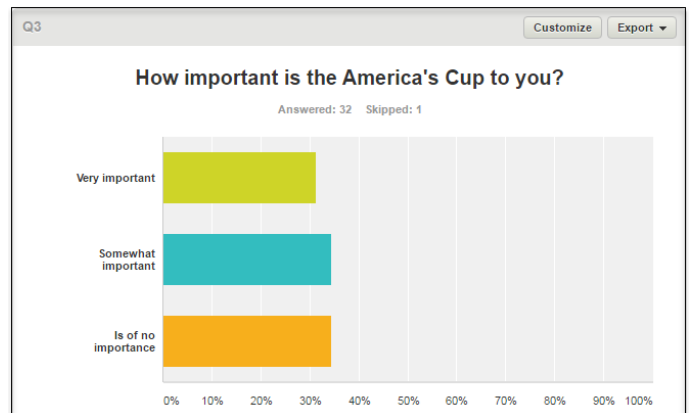
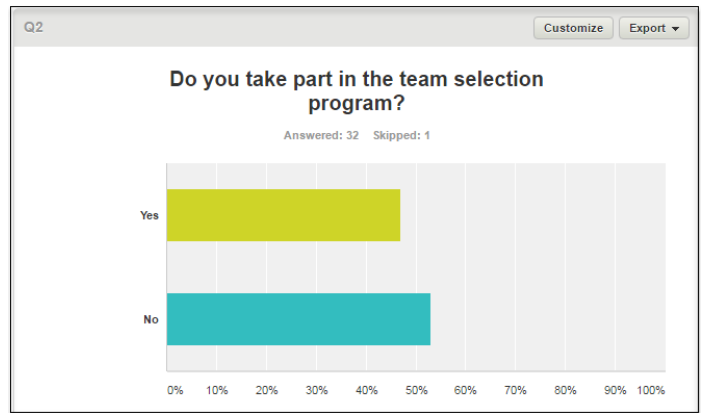
Year	Total Entries	F1A	F1B	F1C
2012 1 st WC year	49	11	12	2
2013	30	6	4	1
2014	32	9	4	0
2015 Nats conflict	28	2	1	1 *p Cade Fedor
2016	33	7	4	1

14-Rounder Survey

Mini FAI Events

Year	F1G	F1H	F1J	F1K	F1Q*	F1S
2012	16	6	2	0	4	na
2013	5	3	3	0	3	na
2014	7	3	0	0	9	na
2015	4	0	1	0	3	na
2016	5	4	0	0	3	5

* F1Q Listed as it is not a world cup event



Woody Concept

The idea of flying older FAI models in the 14R received a positive result. This proposal is based on the idea that there are people who enjoyed FAI competition but felt that could not compete against the high dollar factory built models. They have these models in their shop with no place to fly them. We hope that having the new event will bring some of those folks back to the FAI contest.

There was confusion on the term "Woody" as it seemed to indicate that carbon was not allowed. I explained that I used Woody as I wanted to have a name that Randy Reynolds could talk about as it related to RC Soaring. As he wasn't there the reason for the term was lost. It was suggested that we call this class Legacy.

So here is the deal. For F1A all models before bunting will be allowed. They will fly as a separate class but will be eligible to earn America's Cup points and can win the Silver Cup if their 14 round total is the highest in either F1A or F1A(L).

For F1B all models built to the 40 gram motor rule and no delayed prop start will be allowed. As is the case with F1A(L) they will fly as a separate class and can win the Silver Cup if their 14 round total is the highest. These models will not be eligible for America's Cup points as they do not conform to the current FAI rules.

For F1C, the current NFFS Vintage rules will apply. As with the other two classes the F1C(V) competitors can win the Silver cup if their total 14 round score is the highest.

I am not sure about the Blue Jackets, however I am leaning toward awarding a Blue Jacket to either class for a perfect 14R score. Lets make a decision on this question soon.

Jerry Murphy

Tribute to Roger Simpson and the Sierra Eagles – [Roger Simpson 1936-2016]

Knowing the history of the behind-the-scenes efforts to put on the Sierra Cup, year after year, makes it clear that it is fitting to honor Roger. Yes the Sierra Eagles Club supported the contest, but after Roger provided the leadership. The club's efforts should not be ignored, however, without Roger persevering for the first years of the contest it would have fallen by the wayside. He was the driving force that kept the club involved.

Roger and Reid had been fortunate to spend time in Europe and to have attended and flown in many international contests. After getting back to the states, Roger's vision was to run a world class international FAI Free Flight contest. He started by putting the Sierra Cup on the international calendar, flying from pole positions with contest provided timers, and the famous Sierra Cup t-shirts and caps.

The other European contest idea was that of an awards banquet. It was a natural when the FAI started the World Cup that the Sierra Cup would be one of the two USA selected contests.

A bit more history: Roger retired from the Air Force in the summer of 1975 after 21 years. 11 of those years were served in Europe. Roger's favorite contest was the Criterium Pierre Trebod in France. The first Sierra Cup was 1977, the 2007 SC will be the 31st. Roger's dream was to have as many SCs as the Criterium Pierre Trebod contest (1965 – 1981) of which they had 17. Roger ran the SC for 25 years and achieved that dream.

Southern California Aero Team is honored to continue the great contest and tradition that Roger and the Sierra Eagles built.

Author Unknown

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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, so if you can maybe add an extra buck to help us out



**FREE FLIGHT WITH AN ALTITUDE!
UPCOMING EVENTS**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>FEATURE EVENT</i>
<i>March 6</i>	<i>Indoor in the 'Springs</i>	<i>Pikes Peak Ceiling climb silent Auction !</i>
<i>March 12</i>	<i>Winter Cup Contest</i>	<i>Coupe, P-30, HLG, CLG</i>
<i>April 8 (Sat!)</i>	<i>MMM Monthly</i>	<i>Scramble Format</i>

FIRST CLASS



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