



# THE MAX-OUT

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## PONDERINGS DEP'T

First outdoor scramble is coming up April 8...  
a SATURDAY !

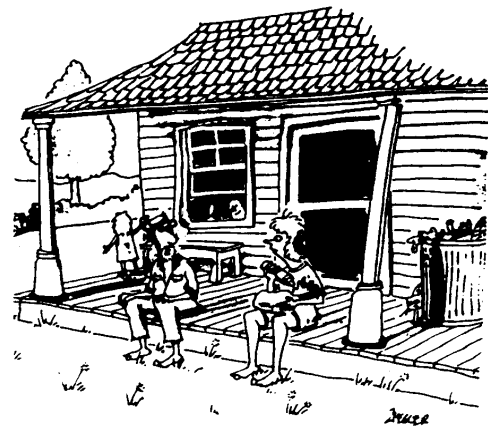
Now is a good time to lube everything needing  
lubing and doing some home ground school.  
Make sure all of your CLG launchers have  
fresh rubber and well as your winderuppers.

It's only a week away...

PLUS - the annual FAC planning meeting will  
be at the Hickory House at 3 PM 4/15 but you  
can meet all for lunch at 11:30 AM.

Those of you who are a bit late in dues paying,  
it's time to get with it.

See you at the field!  
Rick



"Ma ...

**"Ochroma lagopus in perpetuum"**

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

Rick

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**NEAR TERM EVENTS:**

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

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## PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Jerry Murphy

March 2017



Me Holding the Tulsa Glue Dobbers  
F1A Trophy

Yes, I did win F1A at the Nats but it wasn't in 2015 but 1990. It takes a while to get the trophy into the flyer's hands. Back in the day the winner took the trophy home, now it resides in the AMA museum.

### MMM Season Opener... April 8

Yes, it is the start of the outdoor season of thermal chasing and all that goes with the sport of outdoor free flight. Now comes the hard part. This contest will be flown on Saturday April 8. Yes, we are flying on Saturday so that we can fit in around the Easter and to not conflict with the Phoenix Round Valley indoor contest April 22 and 23 as well as the SAM-56 Marion KS meet on April 30.

The late Easter sure makes contest-scheduling complex this year.

Rick is the CD for this event, and he is looking forward to seeing the sky filled with Legacy FAI models and Jet Catapult gliders. Not only can you earn national Cup points but FAC Kanones with your Jet Cat.

### Indoor Activity

The MMM club has an active indoor component thanks to the availability of flying sites. Tom Norell has managed to get us back into the Wings Over the Rockies and Rob Romash has us back into the Velodrome. In addition Darold Jones had secured the Manitou H.S. gym for our use. How many

clubs have THREE indoor sites? I bet the answer is ZERO!

As the WOR site is not one of the best, but it is flyable I have asked Tom Norell to see if we can secure a site in the metro Denver area suitable for sanctioned indoor competition. If you have any leads on a site north of Castle Rock please let Tom know.

We have an opportunity to expand our indoor flying into the summer months.

The Manitou HS is available Sundays during the summer. Some Saturdays are also available. So, here is the question.

1. Do we want to fly indoor during the summer?
2. If so how often? I am thinking of once a month. Is this OK?
3. What dates do you prefer?

Let me know your thoughts. Email me at:  
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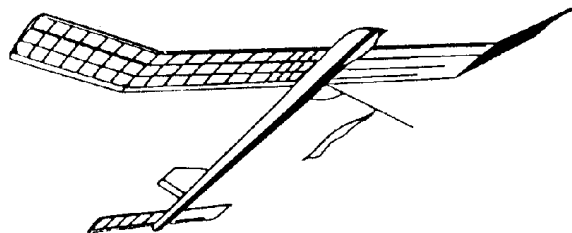
That is it for now. See you on the field the 8<sup>th</sup> of April and then for the Round Valley indoor contest in the dome's 100 foot ceiling.

Don't forget the 39<sup>th</sup> annual 14 round contest.

Thermals,

Murph

PS we still need more CDs.



## Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb XI Results

March 5, 2017

Colorado Springs City Auditorium

We had a GREAT contest!

Don DeLoach CD

### Grand Champion - Colorado Cup

Tom Norell 13pts

Don DeLoach 12

Rick Pangell 6

Bill Carney 4

Jerry Murphy 1

### **HLG**

Don DeLoach 33.5+31.6 65.1

Cody Grasmeyer (Jr.) 9.0+10.0 19.0

### **Standard CLG**

Tom Norell 27.8+34.3 62.1

Don DeLoach 24.8+26.7 51.5

Rick Pangell 23.3+25.3 48.6

Cody Grasmeyer 10.0+5.3 15.3

### **Unlimited CLG**

Tom Norell 34.2+29.5 63.7

Don DeLoach 25.4+24.9 50.3

### **FAC Peanut**

Don DeLoach Davis DA-2 101pts

Jerry Murphy Cougar 77

Rick Pangell Lacey 76

### **FAC No-Cal Mass Launch**

Don DeLoach Spitfire XII WINNER

Tom Norell SBD 2nd

Rick Pangell P-40 3rd

Bill Carney He-100

Jerry Murphy Wildcat

### **FAC No-Cal**

Don DeLoach Farman 8:06

Tom Norell SBD 5:47

Rick Pangell Luscombe 3:55

Bill Carney He-100 0:56

Don DeLoach Spitfire 5:02 DNF

Rick Pangell P-40 1:12 DNF

### **Limited Pennyplane**

Don DeLoach 7:39

Rick Pangell 4:46

Joel Grasmeyer 3:28

Tom Norell 2:14

### **P-18**

Tom Norell 2:17

Chuck Etherington 2:16

John McGrath 2:06

Joel Grasmeyer 2:03

Jerry Murphy 2:02

Bill Carney 1:56

Cody Grasmeyer (Jr.) 1:45

Jace Pivonka 1:31

Skilly DeLoach (Jr.) 1:21

### **Pennyplane/ F1M**

Rick Pangell 4:19

Joel Grasmeyer 3:40

### **Towline Glider**

Don DeLoach 49.7+41.0

John McGrath 39.6+43.4

Joel Grasmeyer 36.0+32.3

### **Phantom Flash**

Tom Norell 5:36

Don DeLoach 4:49

Rick Pangell 2:07

Bill Carney 1:23

### **Phantom Flash Mass Launch**

Tom Norell WINNER

Don DeLoach 2nd

Jace Pivonka 3rd

Bill Carney

Rick Pangell

### **P-18 Mass Launch**

Chuck Etherington WINNER

Joel Grasmeyer 2nd

Jace Pivonka 3rd

Cody Grasmeyer

Bill Carney

John McGrath

Jerry Murphy

Tom Norell

### **A-6**

Tom Norell 4:04

Jace Pivonka 2:46

Rick Pangell 2:11



## ***The Viability of an organization... JMHO – Rick Pangell***

### **In terms of Business Schools:**

*The viability of a business is measured by its long-term survival and its ability to sustain profits over a period of time.*

*A business is able to survive when it's viable because it continues to make a profit year after year. The longer a company can stay profitable, the better its viability.*

*A business demonstrates its viability by making a profit every year of its existence. Some say a viable business is one "with legs," and the Cambridge Dictionary says something with legs can continue to exist and be successful for a long time.*

*Viability is like trust. When your trust in someone is shaken, it's almost impossible to get it back. And, when a business loses its profitability, that's difficult to recover from. So viability is linked to profit, but also to both solvency and liquidity.*

### *How Is Viability Different from Solvency?*

*Business viability is often confused with two other terms that are often used for business performance – solvency and liquidity. A business is solvent when it has enough assets to cover its liabilities.*

### **How does that apply to the MMM Club, a non-profit?**

The MMM Club is for all intent and purpose, a business model. This makes a lot of sense if you consider we do not have a hard product like a toaster to sell, but we offer Free Flight, something less tangible.

And, it is solvent. This is fortunate in that our leadership manages our club monies well, not that we are "rich," but we spend and fund our activities appropriately. Monies coming in are at least equal or more than our expenses. Our expenses are the field lease and our two major contests; the FAI Annual and the Rocky Mountain Champs.

### **Our "viability" comes from our membership. Yup, dues paying members.**

What that means is we need to have an active membership. The MMM Club sponsors many activities. The AMA, NFFS, FAI, SAM, FAC and of course FF in general. The MMM club provides a huge opportunity for free flight in general, whether Outdoor, Indoor, support of school programs like Science Olympiad, Technology Student Association, and STEM. We have been blessed with so many of our members supporting those activities with both their resources and their time.

I guess if I had to state one thing that irritates me is people who do not want to help us out but want what we provide. When I am on the field and pulse flyers if they are interested in supporting this activity, they may say ... "I don't want to join because of... yadda yadda." My usual response is... "Where do you think this field and opportunity comes from?" Why does one have the privilege of standing here flying you models? Others have spent time and effort so you can have this opportunity. Do you think you can help? Support what gives you opportunity.

I fall back on the notion that too many folks think that everything should be free... the internet, online experiences, twitter, facebook, and all that. What they do not realize is they pay for all that experience as soon as they sign up and pay for internet and phone and all that. They have inherently sold all of their personal info and paid for someone to take it. So why do they not want to help out something that they actually get something for? Odd

## Another point of View... from Chuck

Another aspect of club viability is volunteering. As with any club, some members give little, or no, thought to how things get done. Perhaps to them, our big contests, outreach efforts, site acquisition/retention, etc. just sort of magically happen. It is paramount to the viability of any club that the work is shared among the members and not just left to a few. I have seen clubs (non-modeling) die when the leaders got burned out and no one was willing to step up and replace them. Providing support for the club and its leaders is a key to club viability and the avoidance of burnout. Perhaps some feel that the people doing the work just WANT to do it and maybe they don't have a life. I have actually heard people say, "I don't want to be involved, I just want to fly." Guess what? So do those who make the club work but they also recognize that the flying opportunities, venues and organization are the result of the efforts that keep the club healthy.

With that said, the MMM club is already great BECAUSE so many members share the load. The club purposefully cultivates a culture best described by Art Hillis, "Many hands make light work." As great as the MMM club is, imagine what it could be if EVERY able bodied member contributed at least a little time and effort? Not sure what needs to be done? Just ask any of the club leaders.

Note there are some CD openings..!

<b>2017 MMM Schedule of Events</b>				
<b>DATES</b>	<b>CONTEST</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>CUP</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Apr 8 (Sat)	Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM,FAC	NC	Lowry Field
Apr 22-23	Round Valley Dome Indoor	All Indoor FF classes	NC	Eager, AZ
May 21	MMM Monthly Scramble Kids Contest!!	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM,FAC	NC	Lowry Field
June 11	MMM Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM,FAC	NC	Lowry Field – Late day meet 9:00 AM – Sunset
July 7	FAI World Cup F1E	World Cup F1E	WC, AC	Indian Point (Lowry Field)
July 8-9	38th 14 Round FAI	Centennial Cup FAI,AMA,NFFS,SAM	AC,NC	Lowry Field
July 18-22	AMA Indoor Nats/USIC	AMA,FAC,NFFS,FAI		Rantoul, Illinois
July 24-28	AMA Outdoor Nats/USOC	AMA,FAI,SAM,FAC,NFFS	AC,NC	Muncie Indiana
July 30	MMM Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM,FAC	NC	Lowry Field
Aug 12-13	Tulsa Glue Dobbers 67th Annual	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM	NC	Perry Oklahoma
Aug 20	MMM Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM,FAC	NC	Lowry Field
Sept 2-4	Rocky Mountain Free Flight Champs/FAC/Mtn States Scramble/Dynasty Cup	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM,FAC	AC,NC	Lowry Field
Sept 16-17	Texas Cloud Climbers Annual			Denton Texas
Sept 22-24	US Free Flight Champs			Lost Hills, CA
Sept 24	MMM Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM,FAC	NC	Lowry Field
Sept 30 - Oct 1	Heart of America Annual	AMA,FAI,NFFS	NC	Marion, KS
Oct 15	MMM Monthly Scramble	AMA,FAI,NFFS,SAM,FAC	NC	Lowry Field

***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) \_\_\_\_\_ (WK) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DESIRED STATUS: MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ 2017 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 so if you do use paypal 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>April 8 Saturday !!</i>	<i>MMM First Outdoor Contest</i>	<i>Scramble</i>
<i>April 15</i>	<i>FAC Annual Meeting</i>	<i>Hickory House 3 PM</i>
<i>May 21</i>	<i>MMM Scramble</i>	<i>Kids Contest !!</i>

**FIRST CLASS**



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