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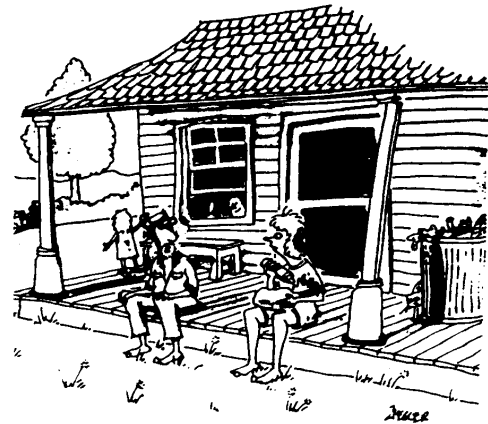
2021-01 (January)



PONDERINGS DEP'T

Only thing to say here is 2021 is upon us and our annual planning meeting is Jan 9th. You can attend online or by telephone. Stay safe!

Turmoils! ... err... Thermals!



"Ma ...I guess one year clocks out and another one clocks in, right?"

"Ochroma lagopus in perpetuum"

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

Rick

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*Follow the roads wherever possible
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



John McGrath

Hi, everyone--Happy New Year! It couldn't have got here soon enough. This column is written as a preamble to the Annual Business Meeting, which is this Saturday at 0900. In view of the COVID situation and guidance regarding gatherings, I opted to conduct this meeting online. With Don DeLoach's help, we're going to host the meeting using Zoom.

See the entry below on the steps to join in.

If your computer isn't equipped with camera and sound, that's fine--you're welcome to log in using your phone instead. Don's set the meeting to be available electronically starting at 0830 MST if you want to get a head start on connectivity issues, I recommend it.



1. **The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:**

- Welcome, opening remarks, brief 2020 Recap--John McGrath
- Financial Report--Chuck Etherington
- State of the field--Chuck Etherington
- Status of Indoor--John Christensen
- Prospects for a southern aux field--Chuck Etherington
- NFFS Update--Rick Pangell
- Calendar--John McGrath
- Annual Awards--Pete McQuade
- Bylaws--Explanation of the process, brief Q & A, vote--John M.
- Open mike--Anything for the good of the order?
- Election of Officers--John McGrath

2. *I've invited presenters* to offer a written summary in lieu of an online presentation in order that we can keep our meeting as brief as possible, so on Saturday I may scoot quickly past a few items. Not that I don't want to spend time with you, but if I've learned anything in the past nine or ten months, it's that online meetings benefit from brevity! My goal is 90 minutes.

3. *The Calendar* is set up much like last year for the outdoor season: Late in the month for Springtime scrambles, early in the month for Fall scrambles, with de-confliction around the NATs (indoor and outdoor) and a couple of other key weekends. Leadership Council has already had a look at it, but I'd welcome other observations you might have--especially prior to the meeting. CD's--Please, if you would, be prepared to claim contest dates so we can move quickly to a publishable final version.

Oh--one important thing. Maybe you read Don's column in the most recent NFFS Digest. In it he suggested as a substitute for some of the indoor flying we're missing, that we attempt some outdoor flying over the winter months. I like it! We've had some memorable flying on some of those warm

winter days that happen from time to time, so we'll attempt a few short-notice contests during each of January, February and March. No pressure--these are one-off events and won't contribute to Scramble standings. More on that as we figure it out.

4. **Bylaws.** I assume by now that you've all had a look at the proposed Revision, so I don't intend to review the document in detail during the meeting. To my knowledge we haven't received questions or feedback, but if you do have questions, please let me know so I might be prepared to share them and have answers as needed by Saturday. Otherwise, we'll proceed to an up/down vote in quick

order. By existing Bylaws, our Annual Meeting is our one and only setting for ratifying revisions. A bunch of hard work has gone into this Revision and I hope we can give it a "thumbs up."

5. **Election of Officers** We have three officers to elect: President, VP and Secretary Treasurer. Here's a chance to nominate members you respect to serve as part of Club Leadership. New talent is always welcome! All for now.

"See" you Saturday,

John

How to join the Zoom Meeting:

1. If joining using a computer equipped with camera and microphone, please just click the link (or copy & paste it into your browser).
2. Follow the prompts, but when given a choice, choose "Join from browser" not "Download Zoom Client." There is no need to download anything new onto your computer!
3. In the lower left corner, you will see two buttons that control audio and video. You may need to click them to enable us to hear and see you. Once your microphone is working, please toggle it Off to cut down on extraneous noise during the meeting.
4. You may also join the meeting using your phone. To do that, just dial any of the numbers below under "Dial by your location." They all will get you to this meeting.
5. If using Wifi, it's recommended that you go to the spot in your house with the very best coverage.
6. It is not necessary to join using the video function. One can simply join like a regular teleconference by calling any of the listed phone numbers

Topic: MMM Annual Meeting

Time: Jan 9, 2021 08:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kRSq2E9zT>



I would like to thank all the Magnificent Mountain Men and flyers from around the country, welcoming me back to Flying this year! I don't think I could have picked a worse year of wind and weather, so many cancellations, yet we seem to have flown many flights and maxed in huge thermals! A sport that continues to produce some of the most wonderful people.

Frank Menanno

Flying fields...

The NFFS website "freeflight.org" has a link to free flight flying fields with icons on the large map

<https://freeflight.org/competition/contest-information/flying-sites-weather/>

FAA and AMA news

The FAA just published their plans for the **management of UAVs** and that includes **all forms of unmanned aircraft** in the USA airspace. This report is 470 pages long and there are still many unanswered questions. On the good news side most of the restrictions that we would have found very constraining have been removed. The AMA just conducted a streaming You Tube session that members were invited to watch. This is available on the AMA Web site. One very important item was that probably the most important criteria for doing this is national security in general not specific aviation security; that is input from the FBI and Homeland Security. Meaning that the biggest concern is using a UAV as part of a terrorist action to , for example deliver an IED (homemade bomb) to a specific target rather than a model colliding with a full side aircraft. The AMA executives on the session were asked about Control Line and Free Flight models and he said that at this point control line models explicitly excluded and the AMA is working on confirming that Free Flight will be too. The reason is that Free Flight models are not navigable, i.e they can't deliver a payload to a specific target. This ties in with the general overall security requirement. There is a plan where flying sites can be registered and activities on these sites is less restrictive. At the other end of spectrum there are some very specific requirements that are aimed at commercial operations that use larger UAVs such as Amazon, Movie production, farming, etc . Provision has been made for people from other counties want to take part in activities in the USA. The plan is that these rules would gradually come into effect over a 3 year period.

The AMA mentioned that in response to the original request for information for interested parties the AMA got input from 53000 model aircraft flyers and this gave them weight in the meetings. The AMA takes this very seriously and it is a major activity for them..

If you are interested in this, you should go the AMA web site to see the You Tube piece. This covers many more items than we mention here.

2020 National Cup Standings

Hi all,

There was obviously a decline in activity this year, due both to contests being cancelled (especially in Muncie), and to some contestants being reluctant to attend contests that were being held. Anyway, the Final standings for 2020 is attached.

Congratulations to this year's winners— This year's Junior Cup Champion, first time winner **MMM'r Skilly DeLoach**. There have only been two repeat winners in Junior, but I suspect we could very well see a repeat winner next year.

In Electric, there were four different winners in the first four years of its existence, with **MMM'r Jack Murphy** being the third of those four. After reclaiming it two years ago, he became the first repeat winner last year, and this year is his three-peat, winning it for the third consecutive year and the fourth time overall.

But the undisputed Consecutive King is **MMM'r Tim Batiuk**, who won the Glider Cup for an unprecedented eighteenth year in a row, and is showing no signs of slowing down.

The 2021 report form will soon be available on line at the NFFS website <freeflight.org>.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to qualify for points, **all three flights must be completed.**

Bobby Hanford

Indoor Summary for 2020



In many ways the state of indoor free flight related to the MMM is hard for me to describe. Of course the pandemic has confused the issue.

Before contacting people in charge of prospective flying sites I wanted to know how many flyers we would likely have. Early in the third quarter of 2020 I polled the members on the indoor group email list. I asked members if they would commit to at least two sessions at the Beth Eden School gym. Two eager flyers showed a strong commitment and two Colorado Springs flyers committed to one session. Sadly no one else responded. Last season, old-timers I had flown with at CU's Balch fieldhouse in the 1980's were enthusiastic early in the season and seemed to lose interest near the end of the season. I am beginning to think flyer interest is as much a limiting factor for indoor flying as access to a flying site is.

On a positive note I received a reply from Pastor Pilchard at Beth Eden. Pastor Pilchard said the gym should be available to us if we can work around their winter and spring athletic schedule. Beth Eden is the most likely indoor site now but I think others are working to secure other places where we might fly. *John Christensen*

Manitou HS – I talked via email to the high school. The gym is not available to outside groups at this time. When the winter sports activities are finalized, after the winter break, we may be able to fly then. I will keep in touch with the school and let you all know. *Darold Jones*

From the Meeting Agenda for reference

Club Financials

The club continues to be financially healthy. Although not appropriate for publication in the newsletter, the Statement of Finances is available to club members upon request. Please contact club treasurer, Chuck Etherington.

State of the Field

Last summer we built a “chair corral” behind the clubhouse (port-a-potty). The purpose was to protect the cattle from our plastic guest chairs. The year before one of the calves got his head stuck in one of the chairs and wore it around for days before Nick (the rancher) could corral him to remove the chair. Nick advised that a corral would need to be bull-proof to keep it from getting torn up. We used heavy duty lumber and fasteners to make sure our structure would meet Nick’s bullish requirements.

The clubhouse got a new roof which will keep birds from pooping into the clubhouse through the holes in the old one. It is also getting a new vent pipe and shelves.

The pasture grass was somewhat on the short side last year. Despite the holistic cattle grazing practices, the lack of moisture and excessive wind slowed grass growth.

Working with Nick on which pastures/fences were active during our contests worked quite well. I’m not aware of any problems with gates or fences.

UXO cleanup work was very quiet last year. Not sure if Covid 19 had any influence.

Last 4th of July some folks came onto the ranch and shot off fireworks. Fortunately, they didn’t start a brush fire but gate security tightened after that incident. This year a new gate system will be installed at the main entrance (off Quincy). The State Land Board (SLB) will be in contact with us when a new code is needed to use the gate. When that happens, I will talk to Steve at the hunt club to see what his intentions are for leaving the gate open during daylight hours.

We have a new person in charge of Lowry Ranch Stewardship and the Lowry Ranch Advisory Committee. Lindsey Brandt has taken over the Stewardship Trust Manager position that Mindy Gottsegen so ably handled for many years. Mindy has a new role with the Land Board so we may still see her on the ranch once in a while.

Prospects for a Southern Auxiliary Field

Todd Reynolds found a potential southern flying field SE of Colorado Springs (2.5 miles south of Edwards FF Base) with the southern border on Squirrel Creek Rd. It is on state Stewardship Trust land (as is our Lowry site) and belongs to the South-Central District.

Don DeLoach did some investigating and discovered that there is already one recreational lease (Front Range Outfitters) on one of the sections of property. That’s good news as it indicates that the SLB is granting recreational leases on that property. The four sections we’re interested in are surrounded by several thousand more acres of contiguous state land.

The Lowry Resource Specialist, William Woolston, sent a letter of introduction to the District Manager of the South-Central District in which he was very complimentary of us and our relationship with the SLB. That opened a discussion with the manager about our activity and our needs. We discussed what free flight was, our impact (or lack thereof) on the land, which sections we were interested in, and our specific needs regarding terrain (flatness, trees, fences, etc.). He is not opposed to us flying on the sections we identified, but he is also thinking about other possibilities. You will be kept apprised (through the MaxOut) as the process moves along.

There are still a few of us around who remember...

Harold "Hal" Eston Blubaugh of Laie, HI, passed away at home on **October 23, 2014**. He was born on April 4, 1923, in Fort Morgan, CO. Hal graduated from Boulder High and enlisted in the Navy in 1942. He flew Navy fighter aircraft in World War II and the Korean Conflict, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander after finishing his flying career in the Naval Reserve. After graduation from the University of Colorado with a tri-major in chemistry, physics, & mathematics Hal began a teaching career with the Aurora Public Schools. In addition to teaching high school, he loved flying, building free flight model planes, fly fishing, & chatting on his ham radio. In 1999 Hal and Charlotte embarked on a new adventure by moving to Hawaii where he enjoyed sharing their paradise with visiting family and friends, playing golf, tending to his apple banana trees, & observing shearwater birds

Hal was an F1B (Wakefield) flyer and probably one of the most outspoken(!) club members on record.. One of the last times I talked to him was just before he went to Hawaii. He and his wife had made a standing offer to purchase a property on the northeast corner of the island across from Honolulu. Lo and behold about 5 or 6 years later the seller took him up on his offer! Hal had a 14 x 20 inch throat 10 foot long wind tunnel in his basement and was heavy into finding the right airfoils. Hal and I had a lot of "get togethers" because I was the go-to person at the time to find homes most of his model stuff... mostly some beautiful wood! I saw him again in the early 2000's and he said he was getting a bit of Island fever but went back anyway... Rick

And, for your reference:

2021 CALENDAR

www.wiki-calendar.com

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HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES:

Jan 1 - New Year's Day	Apr 5 - Easter Monday	Jul 4 - Independence Day	Nov 11 - Veterans Day
Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Apr 15 - Tax Day	Jul 5 - 'Independence Day' observed	Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Day
Feb 14 - Valentine's Day	May 5 - Cinco de Mayo	Sep 6 - Labor Day	Nov 26 - Black Friday
Feb 15 - Presidents' Day (Most regions)	May 9 - Mother's Day	Oct 11 - Columbus Day (Most regions)	Dec 24 - Christmas Eve
Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day	May 31 - Memorial Day	Oct 31 - Halloween	Dec 25 - Christmas Day
Apr 4 - Easter Sunday	Jun 20 - Father's Day	Nov 2 - Election Day	Dec 31 - New Year's Eve

Proposed 2021 Overall Regional MMM Contest Schedule

Event	Date	CD(s)
(Southwest Regionals Eloy, AZ)	16-18 Jan	
January One-Off	TBD	Don DeLoach
February One-Off	TBD	
March One-Off	TBD	
Scramble	25 April	Rick Pangell
Scramble (Kid's Contest)	16 May	
Casino Cup (Wendover NV)	19-20 June	Jack Murphy
Scramble	27 June	
14-Rounder (Incl. July Scramble)	9-11 July	McQuade/McGrath/Pivonka
(Indoor NATS)	20-23 July	
(Outdoor NATS)	25-29 July	
Scramble	8 Aug	
RMFFC	4-6 September	DeLoach/Etherington
Scramble (Late Day Contest)	26 September	
Scramble	10 October	
Scramble (Frito Pie)	7 November	
Annual Meeting	8 January 2022	McGrath

Hi guys and gals – New web group to replace Yahoo

With Yahoo Groups ceasing to exist on 12/15/20 I had to find a new host for our email list. I've decided on the free version of groups.io, which is just a basic email list with few frills or file storage capability. It should serve our basic communication needs.

Please send an email to join: MMMFreeFlight+subscribe@groups.io.

Once you've joined you can post to the new list at MMMFreeFlight@groups.io.

Thermix,
Don DeLoach

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

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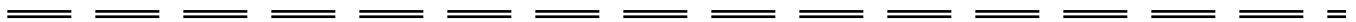
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- *In the next form where you confirm payment, in the Lower "Subject" and "Message" boxes state what the money is for... annual dues, entry fees and such.*
- *When pre-entering a contest that needs event selection or similar, you still need to send 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**

DATE	EVENT	FEATURE EVENT
<i>January 9, 2021 0830 Call in 0900 AM kickoff</i>	<i>Annual MMM Business Meeting John McGrath</i>	<i>Meeting is on Zoom this year!</i>

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