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Schedule of Flying Events and Meetings

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Date	Day	Location	Time	Notes
INDOOR EVENTS				
Apr 6	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	HAFFA Annual Indoor Contest
Apr 16	Tues	Overland Park, KS	6:00 – 8:00	HAFFA Monthly Meeting
May 21	Tues	Overland Park, KS	6:00 – 8:00	HAFFA Monthly Meeting
Jun 18	Tues	Overland Park, KS	6:00 – 8:00	HAFFA Monthly Meeting
Jul 16	Tues	Overland Park, KS	6:00 – 8:00	HAFFA Monthly Meeting
Aug 20	Tues	Overland Park, KS	6:00 – 8:00	HAFFA Monthly Meeting
Outdoor Events				
Apr 9	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	Practice Outdoor Champs Flying
Apr 23	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	Practice Outdoor Champs Flying
May 4 & 5	Sat & Sun	Marion, KS	All day both days	WHAM Annual Spring Contest
May 14	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	Outdoor Champs Flying
May 28	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	Outdoor Champs Flying
Jun 11	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	Outdoor Champs Flying
Jun 25	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	Outdoor Champs Flying
Aug 31 – Sept 2	Sat - Mon	Denver, CO	All Day	MMM's Rocky Mountain Championships
Sept 30 & Oct 1	Sat & Sun	Marion, KS	All Day – Both Days	HAFFA Annual Out Door Contest

HAFFA Flying Sites

Indoor

Osawatomie City Auditorium
 437 Main St.
 Osawatomie, KS 66047

Outdoor

Carmel Farm
 2831 Oak St.
 Perry, KS 66673

Frontier Trail Middle School
 143rd St at S. Black Bob Rd.
 Olathe, KS

Editorial — It hasn't been very long since the last Dispatch, and not a very lot to talk about. We had our March flying session at the beginning of the month, and the main reason for the Dispatch is to get the results out to you before our annual contest on Saturday, April 6th, which is less than a week away because this is late. Computer problems have delayed me again, and there isn't a plan this issue as a result. I had planned to either have a simple indoor glider plan, seems not many of our fliers build good flying indoor gliders, or a Legal Eagle plan, which is an event at the contest, and rumor has it that Renz is considering it as an event for next year's season long club contest. There is something buggy with Adobe on my computer, and I cannot handle plans.

Science Olympiad – Our club worked the regional finals at JCCC the end of February, and it was amazing how much better the competition was compared to a few years ago. Jeff Renz, Paul Morganroth, and Suman Saripalli have had building, flying sessions with some of the prospective competitors, and most of those were in the running to win with times unheard of 5 or 10 years ago. Better, we have a new member as a result, and a couple of others coming to our monthly flying to prepare for the State Finals, which I unfortunately think is also this coming Saturday in Wichita.

I just got some pictures of our holiday party hosted by the Blacks, which I will insert here, and, expect another Dispatch soon with the club contest results. Maybe some plans too.



Dennis Baker my wife Doris, Me, Jeff Renz, Paul Morganroth, & Suman Saripalli. The gang looking at a plan.



Jeff Nisley, MC'ing a one of the games. They kicked my butt! No Roie or Cheryl in the pictures. Cheryl was taking these. Thanks!

Indoor – Flying in March was heated! By that, the heat was actually off in the gym, but the competition was hot! Mike Schmidt missed February’s flying, and Jeff Renz passed him into first place, with me 1 point behind Mike. He came back in March with a vengeance! He caught Jeff and left me in the dust! Saturday will have some hot competition, with everyone checking the standings!



March’s fliers – Top L to R, Mike Stewart, Suman Saripalli, Jeff Renz, Dana Field, and Roie Black
Bottom L to R, Logan Carter, Science Olympiad visitor, Jeff Renz, and Mike Schmidt



The 2 Jeff’s at work.



Mike Schmidt making a motor



Suman working with Logan

Outdoor – Not too much here yet, the season is just about to get under way. First, our first practice flying session is next Tuesday, April 9th. It is at the usual place, the field behind Frontier Middle School at 143rd and Black Bob in Olathe, and theoretically starts at 6:30. The winds and rains of April have not been kind to HAFFA. I am certain we have had more April sessions blown or rained out than we have actually flown. And one reminder, the planes for the 2024 contest are:

- 1) Any CLG or HLG for the glider competition.
- 2) FAC Jet CLG
- 3) Blue Ridge Special
- 4) ½ Gollywock / ½ Wakefield Combined

And the additional Thermic Glider Award, any Jasco, Jetco, or solid wood Zaic glider. Since our arms are getting weak, due to old age, any of these can have a hook attached and be cat. Launched. There are some that had hooks shown on the plans, but a bent paperclip works fine. If the weather is marginal, don't bother coming. These is to fine tune and adjust planes for the real competition that begins in May. The weather is better then as well. Oh, I have plans for virtually all Thermic gliders if you need one. Can anyone hand launch a 36 inch glider? Yes, I have plans for this.

Plans – As discussed above, no plan this issue. I can now get plans to print, but my computer will not let me paste anything saved in PDF format. You wouldn't have time to build anything before this Saturday anyway.

Indoor Standings as of 3/31/24

March Score Totals

Jeff Renz 13 points
 Dana Field 16 points
 Mike Schmidt 21 points
 Jeff Nisley 3Points
 Jack Vetter 1 point
 Mike Stewart 3 points

<i>Year pts</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Rank</i>
43+21=64	Mike Schmidt	1
50+13=63	Jeff Renz	2
42+16=58	Dana Field	3
22+3=25	Jeff Nisley	4
11	Dennis Baker	5
10	Paul Morganroth	6
7	Gary Hodson	7 tie
4+3=7	MikeStewart	7 tie
3	Suman Saripalli	8
3+1=4	Jack Vetter	9