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## *MMAC Fall Events: Mini-Model and Oktoberflug*

### *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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 or later?*

### *Upcoming 2019 Events:*

*Friday September 6, Monthly meeting at the EAA.*

*Sunday, September 8, Mini-Model Contest at North Branch*

*Friday October 4, Monthly meeting at the EAA.*

*Sunday, October 6, Oktoberflug at North Branch*

*Friday November 1, Monthly meeting at the EAA.*

*Sunday, November 17, Indoor Contest, Christ the King*

*Friday December 6, Monthly meeting at the EAA.*

*December, next newsletter*

*Friday January 3, 2020, Monthly meeting at the EAA.*

*Sunday, January 19, 2020, Indoor Contest, Christ the King*

*Winter Indoor Schedule: November 17, 2019, January 19, 2020, February 16, and March 15, 2020*

### *From the Prez ....*

### *Thoughts While Not Thinking of Much At All?*

Things have been pretty quiet for me regarding modelling recently due to some health issues (back/knee) and some other non-aviation related commitments. Missed the last two meetings and the first two outdoor meets which is not what a responsible president does. As I understand it, attendance has been down anyway so the cries of "Dave Who!" have not been too loud.

Speaking of attendance, it seems that the recently completed Nats suffered from decreased numbers. With the exception of Andy and Larson Ringlein the MMAC was not represented this year but they acquitted themselves well. Pretty sure Larson was the overall senior champ so congrats are due him.

Aside from my absences noted above, I've been busy in the shop finishing up a "smallish" Mulvihill to replace the one eaten by the corn last year, a new embryo which I test flew at the

August Almost Silent Meet, and an Aeronca Sedan for rubber scale. The embryo showed promise and I almost lost it in a thermal but managed to walk along to keep it in sight. Luckily it decided to come down after 5 minutes (?) or so and avoid the corn in the bargain. The embryo wars are heatin' up as Matt Decker has become a force in that event as he squeezed out a win at the August meet. (See results by Dave Edmonson)

Not much else to say except please plan on attending the September 8 meet; August meet attendance was low but was bolstered some by Rick Arland and John Watson who made the trip up from Iowa. We also had the privilege of meeting Stacy and Bob Meachum who are travelling the country in their RV. Bob helped time and retrieve and they both appeared to enjoy watching the action.

## *Meeting Minutes:*

### **May 3, 2019 7 members in attendance**

Treasurer report, OK. Treasury turned over to Ron Cota. Don Spehn family thank you note received. Dave Braun showed 2 new CLGs, a Peanut Scale, and Embryo. Building code lock changed, contact editor for number if needed.

### **June 7, 2019 8 members in attendance**

Thank you note from Dell Marchant family. Talked about Picnic Contest, and stuff!

### **July 5, 2019 5 members in attendance**

Gary Oakins presiding...PREZ suffering from old age ailments in his youth? Due to lack of interest in modeling activities this month, typical BS session with usual personality critiques?

### **August 2, 2019 8 members in attendance**

Gary Oakins presiding...PREZ dipping his toes into Lake Superior? Gary Oakins presiding. Rick Arland coming to August contest. Andy and Larson Ringlien in addition to Bill Kuhl to attend the NATS. Had a discussion about RC-DT. AMA rules and NFFS allows it, differing opinions about what it meant. Editor thinks that flight time should be terminated as soon as DT activated because no longer free flight! Others disagreed for some reason! Meeting probably poorly attended because of July 4 holiday?

## *Hugh Langevin caught his last thermal (fish) on May 20, 2019!*

### *He had just turned 90 the month prior.*

Hugh joined the MMAC in the 1945 time period and won some events back then at an early age. After his tour of duty in Korea, he returned to the club about 1958, and was the newsletter editor for a few years in the early 1960s. During the 1960s, he developed the Osprey Nordic A-2 design, and won his first try at the FAI World Championships in that event. He went on to qualify for the team on 4 more occasions, and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at one of the WC, and his models shown in German magazines claiming the finest design and construction seen at the contest.

Hugh's fine construction of strong, durable, high performance A-2s was a testament to his fine craftsmanship using lathe and machined parts along with his sleek design. The Osprey seen in this picture was later copied by Bob Isaacson in California and renamed the Buntbone, with very similar profile, and remains competitive even today.

After 1976 with a disastrous US Team Trials in Hastings, and a divorce, Hugh stopped building and put all of his energy into fly fishing and wood working. When his daughter out grew her small home, he traded homes with her downsizing and having to redo his woodworking shop. He had it all finished, but lost his health, and ended up selling all of his equipment prior to moving to an apartment. Clyde White was a dedicated helper in Hugh's FAI competition events as seen in this picture.

At Wichita Kansas in 1964, Hugh won his first chance at the USA A-2 team. Windy weather found Hugh inching up the leader board and topped it on the last flight.

This picture taken in the 1970s in Taft California with a Central flyoff found Hugh qualifying for the 1972 team.

On the fishing end of his life, he tied famous bass fishing flies, and huge Northern Pike flies, and at one time held the record of a 50 lb northern by fly fishing gear, usually up on the Canadian border. Also spent much time on the Mississippi bass fishing either in Monticello or down towards Winona.

Hugh was always the gentleman and nurtured many young persons in modeling and fishing technique including the editor and Rick Pangell. Rick remembers many sessions hanging out in Hugh's or my basement watching us build and asking just a few questions!

Ray Lagermeier was the only other MMAC member to make the FAI team, that in 1954. Sid Jepson, Bernie Gaffron, and the editor were alternates, but nothing opened.



Hugh Langevin

## Picnic Contest, June 9, 2019, Don Monson, CD (editor reporting)

Forecast was not the best, and the weatherman delivered! Flew first event before 9 am, and near max chases were only about 300 yards. After that the wind was brisk with periods of not so brisk. Matt Decker brought out a new P-30 that looked promising after a few flights, but the wing folded on the winding stooge from a wind gust. Gordon Dona removed a rubber model fuselage from the carrying box, and was contemplating a challenge in large rubber, but used his better judgement to put it back when the winds were picking up again.

Bill Kuhl arrived early and did some testing with his electric powered model, and then some more with an 020 Replica. Gary Oakins arrived at 1:15 to find that only 4 of us were still at the field, divided up fish to take home, and we were all packed up by 2:00 pm when the expected rain arrived.

Anyhow, the wife and I really enjoyed Gary's fish that evening.

P-30					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	120	89	120	329	1
Bill Kuhl	8	15	54	77	2

Small Gas						
Entrant	class	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	½ A	65	46	120	231	1

Large Rubber						
Entrant	class	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	Mulvi	101	120	104	325	1

CLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	46	43	37	126	1
Don Berggren	15				2

HLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Gordon Dona	50	55	85	190	1
Dave Edmonson	25	48	15	88	2
Bill Kuhl	9	19	3	31	3

Events for September 8 Mini-Model Contest:  
Junior Event, HLG, CLG, HoSoFo, P-30, 1/4Nos/.020  
Replica Combined, Gas, Sam OT Rubber, Embryo-FAC,  
Jimmy Allen

Events for Oktoberflug 6 Contest:  
Junior Event, HLG CLG, HoSoFo, P-30, Gas, Large  
Rubber, Embryo-FAC, Towline Glider, Rubber Scale

Picnic Contest Points		
Points	L-NAME	F-NAME
14	Edmonson	Dave
3	Kuhl	Bill
3	Dona	Gordon
2	Berggren	Don

The following point totals are for 2019. Includes indoor and all outdoor points including the Silent Meet. The First place for an event is 3 points if there are 3 or fewer entrants in an event. If there are more than 3 entrants, last place gets one, and it goes up from there. More entries, more points!

### *2019 Club high point scores:*

2019 Points	L-NAME	F-NAME
60	Braun	Dave
33.5	Ringlien	Andy
1	Oakins	Gary
8.5	Dona	Gordon
0	Thomas	Greg
0	Gustafson	Tom
5	Berggren	Don
4	Ladwig	Jim
95	Edmonson	Dave
45	Jorgensen	Jim
0	Mendenhall	Dale
9	Kuhl	Bill
49	Decker	Matt
14	Ringlien	Larson
3	Hansen	Dean



John Lorbiecki starting his F1J model at the Summer Meet with Gordon Dona looking on wishing he had brought something to make noise with besides his big.....

Thanks to John for making the trip up from Milwaukee to try out our field. He won the small power event with 3 maxes and a fly off flight. The weather was so nice he left his chase bike in the truck!

**Summer Meet, July 7, 2019      Dave Edmonson, CD (notes by editor)**

A beautiful variable wind day. Max flights were landing nearby. 9 entrants were in free flight heaven! John Lorbiecki and wife made the journey from Milwaukee, 5 1/2 hours, John had it on his bucket list for the past 15 years but promises not to make it so long next time. Andy Ringlien and family did an outstanding job of cleaning up in the HLG/CLG/P-30 events and per family tradition had a ton of stuff to pack up before heading home(perhaps they donated their streamer pole to the club as it was flying long after they left). Matt Decker did some nice flying with some new models, and as some others, showed great test flights that should have been official. Gordon complained that he had just returned from China and didn't know which way was up? Don Berggren joined Dave Braun in the contest to see who could lose the most P-30s, Don succeeding on the very first flight, Braun not being at the contest to defend his record. Rats....no time for pictures?

HLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Larson Ringlien	98	54	120	272	1
Andy Ringlien	72	60	120	252	2
Gordon Dona	29	41	34	104	3
Dave Edmonson	39	31	27	97	4
Matt Decker	7	7	11	25	5

CLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	120	57	34	211	1
Larson Ringlien	9	32	42	83	2
Bill Kuhl	24	22	29	75	3
Dave Edmonson	17	40	17	74	4
Don Berggren	20	18	24	62	5

P-30					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	120	120	106	346	1
Larson Ringlien	120	81	120	321	2
Dave Edmonson	120	79	120	319	3
Matt Decker	120	79	80	279	4
Don Berggren	120			120	5
Bill Kuhl	39	27		66	6

Embryo	Bonus					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Matt Decker	6	48	120	64	238	1

Large Gas	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	A gas	67	120	120	307	1

HoSoFo	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	D gas	73	120	120	313	1

Large Rubber	class				FO		
Entrant		#1	#2	#3		Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	Mulvi	120	120	120		360	1.5
Gordon Dona	Mulvi	120	120	120		360	1.5
Dave Edmonson	Mulvi	120	120	42		282	3

Towline Glider	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	Classic	113	101	120	334	1
Andy Ringlien	Classic	19	100	120	239	2

Small Gas	class						
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	FO	Total	Place
John Lorbiecki	F1J	120	120	120	61	421	1
Dave Edmonson	1/2 A	120	120	120		360	2
Bill Kuhl	1/4A Nos	68	51	60		179	3
Gary Oakins	1/2 A	48				48	4

Jimmy Allen  
 First place: Matt Decker  
 34, 57, 64 total: 155

Entrant	Points
Dave Edmonson	21
Andy Ringlien	19.5
Larson Ringlien	14
Matt Decker	10
Bill Kuhl	6
Gordon Dona	5.5
John Lorbiecki	4
Don Berggren	3
Gary Oakins	1

## *Almost Silent Meet, August 11, 2019 Gary Oakins, CD (notes by editor)*

A beautiful light wind day. 6 entrants enjoyed the day! John Watson and Rick Arland made the trip from Des Moines, about 4 1/2 hours. Robert Meacham and wife attended to watch, and we don't know where they are from because they are touring the country by motorhome in retirement. Robert did a nice job of timing and even escorted me through a woods and cornfield. Gary Oakins did a fine job of CD, and returning home for the umpteenth time to fix the fuselage on his 1/2A, but that Cyclon still turns 30K. My last flight in D gas had one of those bad launches and it went over the top and lost 1/2 altitude before hooking into a nice thermal (many horseshoe stories told but was missing one shoe as it DTd into a tree 35 feet up). Dave Braun came out of lake cabin retirement to gain overall best point total, and his rubber models were flying very nicely. Matt Decker almost challenged the HoSoFo event with his EMBRYO! It was great seeing Dean Hansen flying towline glider again and he made 3 good flights...some competition next time maybe?

HLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	20	30	27	77	1
Dave Edmonson	25	17	18	60	2
John Watson	19	14	18	51	3

Large Rubber	class				FO		
Entrant		#1	#2	#3		Total	Place
Dave Braun	Mulvi	120	120	120		360	1
Dave Edmonson	Mulvi	120	40	40		200	2

CLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	120	34	120	274	1
Dave Braun	39	40	84	163	2
John Watson	34	26	23	83	3

Small Gas	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	1/2 A	120	117	68	297	1

P-30					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	88	72	105	265	1

Embryo	Bonus					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Matt Decker	8	68	54	84	214	1
Dave Braun	6	53	76	70	205	2
Dave Edmonson	5	28	25	23	81	3

Large Gas	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	A gas	120	45	120	285	1

Scale Rubber	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	Walnut Farman Moustique	49	48	38	135	1
Matt Decker	24" Aeronca Champion	31	35	38	102	2
Edmonson	Walnut Beaver	3	8	15	26	3

Towline Glider	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dean Hansen	Classic	60	51	94	205	1

HoSoFo	class				FO		
Entrant		#1	#2	#3		Total	Place
Dave Braun	Mulvi	120	120	120	93	453	1
Dave Edmonson	D gas	120	120	120		360	2
Matt Decker	Embryo	72	69	120		261	3
Rick Arland	E-36	90	120			210	4

Entrant	Points
Dave Braun	20
Dave Edmonson	18
Matt Decker	7
Dean Hansen	3
John Watson	2
Rick Arland	1

## 2019 NATS: by Andy Ringlien

Larson and I had a great time at the Nats, once we got there. Had a bit of trailer tire trouble on the way down, and even when fixed we still couldn't seem to go much faster than 55 mph and keep it in our lane! Then in the wee hours Sunday night at the field, we parked and unhooked in a stall only to discover that its electricity wasn't working! They got it fixed by noon the next day.

Nats participation numbers continue to drop, but those that remain are making sure it is a great contest.

Hung out with Bill Kuhl during his running of the E-20 event Monday night and helped "time". Those are some cute models that really fly, and 10-12 people flew in the evening event after a tough windy day of "regular" flying.

We spent the majority of our time in the glider pen, competing in OT HLG, OT CLG, CLG, and HLG. Andy won OT HLG, Larson won each day's senior event with times that placed well in Open. Not much luck in F1A (as expected) with our straight-tow Ultimate Dragmasters, as they repositioned the flight line such that we couldn't tow upwind more than 100 feet... and it was pretty calm.

Didn't fly my usual Mulvi, Moffett, Embryo, Jimmie Allen or F1G events for one reason or another.

Did get the rubber twisted Friday for P-30 and OT Stick, where I stuck my P-30 in the corn on the 3 minute flight, and chose not to waste flying time searching. So, without back up model I stopped flying with 690, which was good for 4th. My rocket-like Gollywock took 3rd in OT stick. I somehow DT'd a 2 min flight 30 seconds early from maybe 300 feet and watched it descend and touch at 1:57. Late in the week of a 5 day contest such mistakes are all to common.

Late Friday we towed a bit in Classic, I went 2 min, 3 min, flop. Larson took a high spot by going flop, 3 min, 4 min. Both of our Dragmaster's flying beautifully as long as we have room to run until we find lift!

Larson's week-long results netted him the Senior over all points National championships over Bob Stalick's grand kid, Roman.

Side notes: We were called by two homeowners to the South East who had found two of our fly-a-ways. Got corn-bound P-30 back after contest Friday night as I stood on top of Yukon directing Larson (carrying a tall pole) through the corn near the airport runway. As the Muncie astronomer club was setting up next to me to gaze at Saturn and Jupiter... they let us have a peek through their awesome equipment. Now that is a hobby I do not understand, though it is maybe "saner" than ours.

Am interested to try Hi-start glider (provisional status event at Nats this year), using 25 grams of rubber (1/8" seems to be the most preferred for A-1 sized planes) and 100 feet of string. Would that be popular with our members who don't love to run anymore?

Was home by midnight Saturday, itching to head up to join you guys Sunday as weather looked good. But after leaving Ashley and Hannah home by themselves for 8 days, it was best to spend some time at home.

Andy



Pictures pilfered from 2019 NATS NEWS. Upper left, Larson Ringlien and his 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in Classic Towline. Lower left, Larson winning the Senior overall championship. Upper right, at the right, Andy 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Old Time Rubber Stick. Nice work by the Ringliens on a short preparation, "Let's Go to the NATS" trip to the nationals.

Although Larson was competing as a Senior, he did very well in the open events also.

Bill Kuhl came in second in the PeeWee 30 event losing to Rick Pangell again. Came close though!