



# THE MAX-OUT

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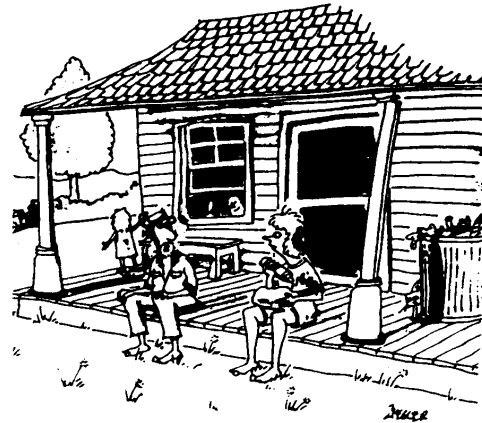
## PONDERINGS DEP'T

Starting 2009 anew....

Last year was an exceptionally good one for us as a free flight club. Our contests were extremely successful and as a club we grew in numbers and stature. We have a new "member" in Kiley DeLoach, who will no doubt have plenty of grandpas watching over her. But we did have some sad points too with the passing of Willard Smits and Art Hillis.

The upcoming year will again be marked by a tremendous contest schedule and a tremendous leadership group (re-elected unanimously by acclaim of course).

Plus, later in this issue I mention some changes I would like to see regarding the newsletter...don't be shy about signing up, OK?



"Ma ...maybe you and Cindy can get a play date for the youngin's"

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

Rick

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**NEAR TERM EVENTS:**

<b>MMM MTG!</b>	<b>Every Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Dinner at the Castle Cafe in Castle Rock.</b>
<b>Wings Over the Rockies Indoor</b> 7711 E. Academy Blvd. in the former Lowry AFB Denver	Various Sundays of every month from 1-5pm. Admission \$. A good clean site, 24' height
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Annual meeting at Marc Sisk's house – BBQ lunch</b>

Note: For those of you who wish to have a real live MMM Club Member Name Tag, you can order them yourself through:

**Sun Signs**  
**4420 Tennyson**  
**Denver, CO 80212 - 2310**  
**(303) 477-1594**

Call and tell them you are with the Magnificent Mountain Men FF Model Airplane Club. The cost is about \$5 delivered to your door.

***NOTE: !!!!***  
***Going to the field Monday-Friday!***  
***Don't forget to call the Corps of Engineers trailer on Quincy Rd,***  
***The number is (303) 690-3816***

**Motorcycle Use on the Field Policy:**

- *Follow the roads wherever possible and not to follow the planes cross-country. If the plane lands within walking distance of the road, park the bike and retrieve the plane on foot. If not, take the shortest path possible to the plane in order to retrieve it.*
- *Avoid riding through noxious weeds.*

## IN MEMORY OF A GOOD MMM'r AND A GOOD FRIEND

It is with great sadness that I am posting this message. Art Hillis passed away November 24. With Art's passing we have lost a friend and supporter of our sport. I have enjoyed many hours of "hanger flying" with him as well his "world famous beans."

Art will be remembered for his chasing ability on his little yellow Honda and for his relationship with the Arapaho hunt Club. Art's relationship with the hunt Club has been a positive factor in our sharing the Lowry range with these folks. Art was truly a Magnificent Mountain Man and will be greatly missed by all the free flighters in the Rocky Mountain West. (A lot of other words could be said here, but I think that anyone who knew Art can just think about them as they remember him...Rick)

Jerry Murphy



**Arthur William Hillis**  
Entered Into Life July 13, 1928  
Entered Into Rest November 24, 2008

## PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

### **2009, A Magnificent Year for the MMM Club**

As we enter into 2009 I am honored to have been ask by you, the club members to continue on as president for one more year. I hope that I can deliver the kind of leadership this club expects of its leaders. I am not too worried as being the MMM Club president is not a one-man job. The other club leaders, VP Marc Sisk, Sec/Treas Chuck Etherington, newsletter editor Rick Pangell, and our team of Contest Directors are a world-class leadership team that few clubs can match. In addition, this club has a strong active membership who has shown through the years that they are willing to help make the club and its events run smoothly. Also, there is no limit to the flow of good ideas and suggestions which have kept the MMM Club on the leading edge of the national free flight community. I pledge to be open to any and all ideas as they come up.

A wise man once said that, "if you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." With this in mind here are the 2009 goals as presented at the annual meeting.

### MMM 2009 Goals:

#### **1) Protect the Lowry Range flying field**

We are truly blessed to have a world class field and we will do everything possible to ensure that we have access to it as long as possible. I can't help but to think the current economic downturn has bought us additional time on the field as development plans have been put on hold.

- It is critical that we maintain a good relationship with the Arapaho Hunt Club, so I have asked **Chuck Etherington** to take over this role in place of the late **Art Hillis** who did a magnificent job.

- We must be good stewards of the field. In this regard I have asked **Roland Solomon** to take the lead in this area. His responsibilities will cover such issues as weed control, road maintenance, and what ever else might come up in regards to the physical assets of the field.
- A critical element in our ability to keep the Lowry Range site in a good relationship with the State Land Board. I have asked **Pete McQuade** to continue in this role. Pete has established a very good relationship with the board and his continued relationship will be good for all of us.

#### **2) Keep the character of the MMM Club as we grow.**

The MMM Club is one that values flying more than meetings. We are fortunate to have two flying fields and a group of flyers that like to travel to out of town contests. In order for a club to function under a minimum meeting format, it must have open channels of communication.

- **Rick Pangell** will continue to serve the club as the MaxOut editor and web site manager. The MaxOut is well known around the free flight community as a first class publication, which continues to enhance the club's image.
- **Don DeLoach** will continue to lead the Yahoo discussion group. **Don** first proposed this idea a couple of years ago and it has grown to being a first class channel for communication of club news.
- The MMM monthly contests have been our primary face-to-face meeting format for many years. In addition the CDs of these monthly events are a basic building block of the club leadership. We have lost some of our previous CDs to retirement such as **Roger Maves**, moving away such as **Paul Andrade** and **John Anders**, and

death like the late **Art Hills**. We need to recruit new CDs and I am happy to report that **Mel Gray** and **Marc Sisk** have sent their applications in to AMA.

- The monthly meetings are the primary face-to-face meeting format for the club. Therefore, it is critical that these events meet the needs of the club members. **Randy Reynolds** proposes a new format that was adapted by the club at the annual meeting known as the Scramble. Read more about this exciting change to our laid back monthly meets.
- The MMM by-laws have served as a model for many clubs but it has been a while since they have been reviewed. I will launch a bylaws review process with the goal of having revisions to the club for the 2009 annual meeting.

### **3) Grow The Three MMM Major Championship Contests**

The MMM club is unique in the free flight world in that we currently sponsor three championship contests, Pikes peak Ceiling Climb, FAI Annual, and Rocky Mountain FF Champs. Most clubs are able to host one meet while we have three.

- The duty roster that was used for the 2008 RMC was a success and it will be expanded to cover all three events this year. If you have a skill that you would like to share with the club in running these events please let me know.
- SCAT has launched an expert level of the Americas Cup program known as the Extreme Americas Cup and they have proposed to us that the 14 Rounder should be a part of this program. The club decided to support this so it shall be so.
- We need a new food vendor for the RMC. Carol Hjerleid did an outstanding job in this capacity for the

2008 event but they will be out of state during the 2009 RMC. She is a professional in this area and she has taken the time to write a report on what she did and what she learned in the process. This will be a great help to the 2009 vendor. If you know of anybody who would like to take this project please let any of the club officers know. The deal is they do the work and keep the profits.

### **4) Manage the finances**

The club has benefited from the **Bill Gibbons** estate sale and the fact that our major contests do generate a profit. The email distribution of the Max-Out saves us a few hundred dollars each year. The current economic situation has a mixture of inflation and deflation elements at the same time, which means that it is very difficult for us to plan a budget. Therefore, the club leadership will be using our best judgment to manage the club's money.

- Actively remind members when club dues are due.
- Look for ways to save money for contest awards
- Work with the Land Board to keep lease fees low.

Please let me, or any club officer know if you have any feedback concerning these goals for our club. I and the other officers are here to serve you and to enhance the free flight experience here in Colorado.

Thanks for your support.

### **STATE OF THE STATE OF THE CLUB**

With the swearing in of a new US President it is only appropriate to tell you that the MMM Club budget is sound. We have a surplus over expenses. Club members in good standing may request full details of the club's financial records from Chuck Etherington. His phone and email are to be found elsewhere in this N/L.

## 2009 CONTEST SCHEDULE

(Summary Schedule for your wall is included in this issue too)

At the annual meeting of the MMM Club the final official 2009 event schedule has been adapted. Please feel free to forward this to anybody who might be interested in Colorado Free Flight and please use this as a planning tool for your 2009 events.

**February 1, 2009** - Winter Indoor Meet in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium 9 AM to 5 PM- This is an AMA sanctioned and National Cup event, CD= Jackson Ivey

**March 29, 2009** - MMM Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb, a 12 hour championship event flying from 9 AM to 9 PM in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium. AMA sanctioned and National Cup event. CD = Don DeLoach.

**April 19, 2009** - MMM Monthly Meet - AMA sanctioned and National Cup event for a full slate of AMA, FAI and NFFS events. CD = Rick Pangell

**May 17, 2009** - MMM Monthly Meet - AMA sanctioned and National Cup event for a full slate of AMA, FAI and NFFS events. CD = Duane Hjerleid

**June 14, 2009** - MMM Annual Late Day Monthly Meet - AMA sanctioned and National Cup event for a full slate of AMA, FAI and NFFS events. CD = Darold Jones This is a "normal" monthly meet with the exception that we will be flying later to take advantage of the extended daylight available in mid June.

**July 3, 4 and 5, 2009** - 30th Annual FAI 14 Round Meet - AMA sanctioned, America's Cup and National Cup event for a full slate of AMA, FAI and NFFS events. CD = Chuck Etherington

**July 19, 2009** - MMM Monthly Meet - AMA sanctioned and National Cup event for a full slate of AMA, FAI and NFFS events. CD = Randy Reynolds

**August 16, 2009** - MMM Monthly Meet - AMA sanctioned and National Cup event for a full slate of AMA, FAI and NFFS events. CD = Pete McQuade

**September 5, 6, and 7** - 44th Annual Rocky Mountain FF Champs - AMA AAAA meet with the Dynasty Cup, an America's Cup FAI competition, National Cup AMA and NFFS events and the Rocky Mountain FAC Scramble. CD's = Don DeLoach and Jerry Murphy

**September 20, 2009** - MMM Monthly Meet - AMA sanctioned and National Cup event for a full slate of AMA, FAI and NFFS events. CD = Jackson Ivey

**October 18, 2009** - MMM Monthly Meet - AMA sanctioned and National Cup event for a full slate of AMA, FAI and NFFS events. CD = Dave Wineland

**November 1, 2009** - MMM Final Monthly Meet of the season - AMA sanctioned and National Cup event for a full slate of AMA, FAI and NFFS events. CD = Roland Solomon and Bob Miller

**November 15, 2009** - MMM Fall Indoor Meet - in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium 9 AM to 5 PM- This is an AMA sanctioned and National Cup event. CD= TBD

**December 12, 2009** - MMM Annual business meeting location- TBD

That is a full schedule of free flight for Colorado. Come and take advantage of out field and enjoy some Colorado's thermals.

Also, don't forget to keep checking with the website, "themmmclub.com," for current schedules and flyers.

## MMM Annual Meeting

I want to send a special thank you to Carol and Marc Sisk for hosting the annual meeting in their beautiful home. The wonderful Christmas decorations with ten Christmas trees really gave the meeting a super holiday feeling. When I first saw Marc's shop I ask him if we could host the meeting there. Well, in typical Marc fashion he said yes. I thought this would be folks sitting on folding chairs in his shop, but no he had a better idea. We met in a large family room with a catered BBQ lunch! Then to top that we were treated to NATS videos on his 100 inch TV system. That was a home run for meeting hosting!

How do you top that? How about hosting the club's annual family picnic this summer? That is the plan with the TBD.

So thanks to family Sisk for opening they're beautiful home to a bunch of free fliighters. Here are a few photos of the meeting.

Murph



Don's newest scale ship makes a great centerpiece.



Roland telling of his new 12 panel F1C



The table of honor for Art and Willard



BBQ and Beer make for a great mixer



Roland presented me with the Royal order of the Pearl for my efforts at Lost Hills supporting his, Chuck's and Pete's efforts to win spots on the 2009 team. As it is up to the current holder of the Pearl to determine who should wear it next, I passed it on to Pete for his world class reaction to the line cross issue he encountered at the finals.

We are fortunate to have Pete in our club. Thanks Pete for leading by example.

### NEWSWORTHY FREE FLIGHT NEWS

#### **Annual Jeffco Auction**

It's that time of year again. Put a reminder on your calendar and in your newsletters reminding folks of the annual Jeffco auction at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The dates this year are Feb 6,7, and 8. The auction itself is always amazing and the opportunity to chat with each other is also a highlight. See you there.

Jim Wallen  
District IX V.P

#### **For you F1g flyers**

Fig is actually a great event to fly. It uses the same rubber motor as P-30 and some of the older construction designs are highly competitive. The Champ Coupe of the 80's is a great example. If anything changed, it's the elimination of the cross section rule so you can use all of those fancy carbon tubes, but 2 minutes is still 2 minutes. The fly-offs may give you a bit of a challenge, but if you want to get a new Russian model, GlideTek may be a ticket: [www.glidetek.com](http://www.glidetek.com).

### **Great site for getting useful construction tips**

Newsletter editors are always on the look for some good articles and tips. The Pensacola Florida bunch has compiled them into part of their website and it's easy to source. Even some of our old hints are included there too!

**Pensacola FF site:**  
<http://www.pensacolafreeflight.org/pageDisplay.jsp?pageid=13152>

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--- AND !! TRY THIS ON FOR SIZE ---

## **The Magnificent Mountain Men Club wants *YOU!!***

To fly FAC WWII Combat in Denver,  
Labor Day weekend, 2009

**\$100 cash to the winner !**

Second through last place receive  
*ZERO dollars* (Gentlemen, this is  
COMBAT!)

#### **The rules:**

- FAC rules, 100% by the book.  
3-D combat A/C only
- Models must have armament  
and meet the 45-point rule.
- First time FAC flyer? Your entry  
into this event is FREE!
- ***Every combatant will receive  
a very special gift just for  
participating!***

**This special event is just one small  
part of the 44<sup>th</sup> Rocky Mountain FF  
Championships weekend**

**Check the website:  
"themmmclub.com" for full info**

# Indoor Free Flight!

With the Magnificent Mountain Men

Sunday February 1, 2009

Flying site is the historic Colorado Springs  
City Auditorium, downtown, corner of  
Weber and Kiowa Streets – 37 ft. ceiling

Contest Directors

**Jackson Ivey – 719-635-0944**

**Rob Romash - 719-359-6999 - [cgrain1@yahoo.com](mailto:cgrain1@yahoo.com)**

**Flying Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**(practice & fun flying during the contest is allowed  
but contest flights have right-of-way)**

Events: all Junior-Senior-Open combined unless otherwise noted. Note the launch windows—these times will be strictly enforced\*

Launch Window

Events

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM **GLIDERS ONLY**

Hand Launched Glider (J) (SO)  
Unlimited Catapult Glider (J) (SO)  
Standard Catapult Glider (J) (SO)

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**HEAVYWEIGHTS (model s heavier than 2 grams)  
(LIGHTWEIGHTS at your own risk)**

FAC Peanut Scale, FAC No-Cal Scale, WWII No-Cal Mass Launch  
(1:00 PM)\*\* , P-24, Bostonian 7 gram, Junior Rubber (J) \*\*\*,  
Limited Pennyplane, Open Pennyplane/F1M combined.

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

**LIGHTWEIGHTS ONLY (models not heavier than 2  
grams)**

FIL, Easy B, Ministick, A-6.

\* CDs may adjust window start/end times based on demand \*\* 6.2 gram minimum weight w/o rubber; 7" max prop diameter; must carry WWII color and markings and follow FAC rules for WWII combat \*\*\* Any rubber powered model, Juniors only (15 and under)

**Important Information:**

- AMA license required
- NFFS National Cup points awarded at this meet: LPP, Ministick, F1L, SCLG, UCLG, HLG
- Link to AMA rules: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/templates/ama/PDF-files/Rulebook/indorff.pdf>
- Link to FAC rules: <http://www.theplanpage.com/things/FAC%202008%20Rules.pdf>
- Entry fees: Open: \$15 - unlimited events. Jr./Sr. \$5 - unlimited events
- Awards: MMM season points, bragging rights, maybe some merchandise!
- Sorry, no RC flying
- Tables and chairs provided on site



## 2009 MMM Free Flight Schedule

DATE 2009	EVENT	CONTEST DIRECTOR
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue of each Mo.	MMM DINNER MEETINGS	CASTLE CAFÉ IN CASTLE ROCK
FEBRUARY 1	MMM INDOOR	Jackson Ivey
MARCH 29	MMM Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb Indoor Champs	Don DeLoach
APRIL 19	MMM MONTHLY	Rick Pangell
<u>MAY 17</u>	MMM MONTHLY & SAM COMBO	Duane Hjerleid
JUNE 14	MMM MONTHLY (Annual Late Day) & SAM COMBO	Darold Jones
JULY 3-5th	30 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 14 ROUND FAI MEET	Chuck Etherington / Bill Lovins
JULY 19	MMM MONTHLY & SAM COMBO	Randy Reynolds
AUGUST 16	MMM MONTHLY & SAM COMBO	Pete McQuade
SEPTEMBER 5 – 7	44 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND DYNASTY CUP!	Don DeLoach / Jerry Murphy
SEPTEMBER 20	MMM MONTHLY & SAM COMBO	Jackson Ivey
OCTOBER 18	MMM MONTHLY & SAM COMBO	Dave Wineland
NOVEMBER 1	MMM FRITO PIE ANNUAL	Roland Solomon & Bob Miller
NOVEMBER 15	INDOOR IN THE SPRINGS	One of our NEW CD's!!
DECEMBER 12	MMM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	THE PREZ is in charge

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Jerry Murphy at 719-685-3766 – Colorado Springs  
Rick Pangell at 303-798-2188 - Denver

**SPECIAL FEATURES DEP'T**

In the **PONDERING'S** up front I mentioned I would like to do something different with the newsletter this year.

The CD reporting system will be updated a bit. Don and I have worked on updating the form to make it a LOT easier to report for all involved. The form will be adaptable to newsletter input, America's Cup reporting and such. We have been transcribing it each time for the different needs. In our world of computers, this is a step up.

**First**, I would like to have some "REPORTERS" that would write or compile articles or info for the Max-Out instead of relying on me.

The obvious choices of reporter columns would be:

- Current Events, where our guys have been, the contests they flew and their results.
- Gas Models and the latest stuff going on
- Rubber Models and the latest stuff going on
- Glider Events, both towline and flanging information. There can be two different columnists, so get your juices flowing.

**Second**, There will be a guest writer, John Berryman, resurrecting the old "Phlyin' Phil and His Aerial Chums" series for years ago. John is an excellent writer and puts his usual insight into the hobby via "Phlyin' Phil." Look for it in the first issue of 2009...you will enjoy it!

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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DESIRED STATUS: MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ 2009 DUES: \$40.00 includes Newsletter  
 (CHECK ONE) (\$20.00 SAM crossover member)  
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**FREE FLIGHT WITH AN ALTITUDE!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>FEATURE EVENT</i>
<i>Feb 1</i>	<i>Indoor in the Springs Note: This is Superbowl Sunday so show up early</i>	<i>CD's : Jackson Ivey and Rob Romash</i>
<i>MARCH 29</i>	<i>MMM Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb Indoor Champs</i>	<i>CD: Don DeLoach</i>

**FIRST CLASS**



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LAST ISSUE UNTIL YOU PAY YOUR DUES!



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