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Dispatch

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Schedule of Flying
Events and Meetings

Date	Day	Location	Time	Notes
OUTDOOR EVENTS				
Aug 15 & 16	Sat & Sun	Wellington, KS	All Day	**TGD 71st Annual Contest**
Sept. 5 – 7	Sat. – Mon.	Denver, CO	All Day	MMM **Rocky Mountain Champs**
Sept 13	Sun	Perry, KS	TBD	**HAFFA Annual Picnic**
Oct. 3 & 4	Sat & Sun	Marion, Kansas	All Day both Days	**HAFFA Annual Fall Contest**
INDOOR EVENTS				
Oct 11	Sun	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Indoor Flying**
Nov 1	Sun	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Indoor Flying**
Dec 6	Sun	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Indoor Flying**
Jan 2	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Indoor Flying**
Feb 6	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Indoor Flying**
Feb 14	Sun	TBD	TBD	**HAFFA Annual Dinner**
Mar 6	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Indoor Flying**
Apr 3	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**HAFFA Annual Indoor Contest**

HAFFA Indoor Flying Site Locations:

Ozanam School Auditorium
421 E. 137th St.
Kansas City, MO

Osawatomie City Auditorium
Main Street
Osawatomie, KS

HAFFA Club Meetings:

Not known at this time

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Editorial – With this damned virus causing the cancellation of just about everything, there just has not been much to write about, and this is the first newsletter since March. Our spring indoor contest in April, was cancelled, and we eventually decided having our usual outdoor championship flying over the summer was not going to work. So, Jeff Renz eventually awarded the indoor championship based on points already won during the flying sessions up through March. Jeff Renz won the overall indoor championship (I think the trophy is still

residing with Jeff Nisley), and I, Dana Field, won the Tem Johnson Glider Championship. No trophy for that. The Comet ROG Mass Launch trophy is still sitting on my mantle since it was not flown this year. Assuming things are back to normal next year, both outdoor trophies will be inscribed "Year of the Virus" for 2020. I know there will be brighter days ahead, and they can't get here soon enough.

The calendar – Everything I know of is listed above, and everything is to be taken as tentative, subject to change as conditions allow. The first HAFFA event listed is our annual picnic, and traditionally held at Suman Saripalli's Carmel Farm's location in Parry, KS, the Sunday after Labor Day. At this time we don't know if we can have our normal picnic, I doubt it, or if we can just have a fly in day with everyone bringing their own eats and drinks. We can only schedule these with the understanding a final determination can't be made now, and we will make final decisions as the times draw nearer.

The annual outdoor contest is also in the same boat. As of now, the contest is a go. The Tulsa Glue Dobbers are holding their annual contest this month in Wellington, KS, and the Magnificent Mountain Men are holding their annual bash over Labor Day weekend in Denver. In both of their cases, their members can stay in their own homes, go to the contest during the day, and bring their own food and drink. In our case, the HAFFA case, I know of no member that can do this. We all have to stay in hotels and eat at restaurants, which could be a problem. So, again, stay tuned for developments. It is in October, so a lot of time to make a decision.

For my final rant, at this time we still don't have a meeting site, or know when we can resume regular meetings. The church in Rowland park is now closed, and not coming back. We can meet at Johnson County Public Libraries when they reopen their meeting rooms. At this time the libraries are open for Johnson County residents only, with limited hours, and the rooms and all chairs are taped shut. My wife volunteers at one branch, and there is no hint as to when they will fully open.

Indoor – Good news! Jeff Renz has been in contact with the people in Osawatomie recently, and we are hopeful that we can have our normal indoor season. Not so many people come to the sessions, and social distancing will not be any problem. Jeff, the contest director for the indoor flying, has decided that the four events flown for championship points will be the same as last year. I believe the flying fee will be the same as the last few years - $10.00 per session. So events as follows:

1) Combined AMA HLG and both CLG classes. Makes sense, and the AMA record times for Cat. 1 HLG, and both limited and std CLG only differ by a few seconds. (Indoor Jet Cat would be fun in the future!)

2) P-18 – AMA rules to the letter, the commercial 5 ¼ in. plastic prop that comes with the kit is required for both kit built and scratch built planes. Same as last year, so should be no problem.

3) FAC Dime Scale – look up the rules, should be no problem.

4) FAC Phantom Flash – One change from last year. We required a plastic prop, which now comes with all kits. But the original plans from the thirties had a wood prop, which we will now allow. However, check on the plans, or call Jeff Renz, because we believe there is a max diameter which may be something like 5 inches. Anyway, a 7 in greatly thinned down Superior Woodie will not be legal.

Looking forward to the start of indoor and something more like normal!

Outdoor – Well, this year's outdoor championship did not happen. However, since the middle of July we have been flying every Tuesday evening from about 6:00 until dark at the field in back of the Junior High at Black Bob and 143rd in Olathe. We have had some rain, some wind, and a couple of outstanding nights. A number of people have been coming regularly, including Suman coming in from Lawrence a couple of times, and Jerry White in from Independence. I think Charlie Taylor came to the first one before disappearing to Colorado. I am suspecting this will continue until it gets dark too early to be worthwhile. It is fun!
Speaking of the Championship for next year, At least three of the events will be the same as were scheduled for this year. So, it will be:

1) Gliders - no holds barred, any HLG or CLG except tip launched, which won't stay on the field. You still need to fly a SAM Legal Old Time glider for the points to be eligible for the Thermic Trophy (Glider published or kitted prior to 1950).

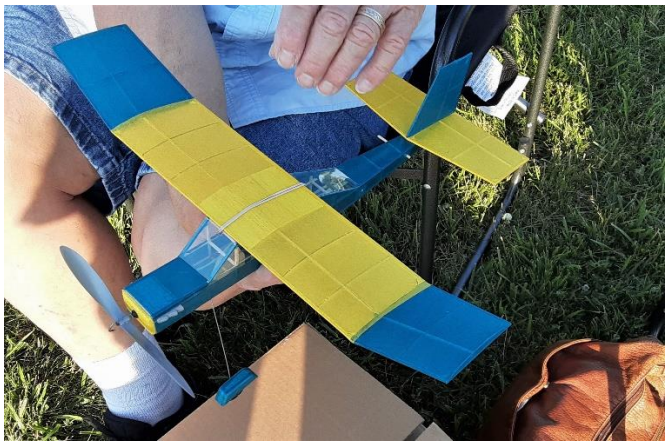
2) FAC Embryo – Straight FAC rules, any kit built or legal plan is OK.

3) FAC Jet Cat – Again, FAC rules with bonus's as follows: 5 points for a complete paint job including control surfaces, cockpit, and any appropriate markings. 5 points for a delta wing or canard model. 1 point for each bomb or wing tank that is separated from the fuselage. Machine guns do not get a bonus.

The fourth event is still hanging. Last year we were going to have the AMA Alpha, which was the $9.95 kit AMA was selling last year. AMA no longer has them. I understand they are available on EBay, but I am not so happy about sending people there, and who knows what the price and availability will be late next winter when we will be getting planes ready. I am tempted to go back to ½ Wake/ ½ Gollywock combined. I like to have a new event each year to keep us building/perfecting something, and Embryo will be new. It would be nice to get some input. So think about it and let me know.

Following are a few pictures from some of our Tuesday flying sessions:


Jerry White and his wife Cheryl


Close up of Jerry's "Prairie Bird" – built it for Embryo


Jack Vetter and a new Fokker D-8


Mike Basta giving Suman Saripalli a new HAFFA Cap


Jeff Renz's new Mr. Smoothie
Flies real good! Ready for Marion