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Schedule of Flying Events and Meetings

January 2022

Date	Day	Location	Time	Notes
OUTDOOR EVENTS				
Apr 12	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Champs Flying, 1st Day**
Apr 30 & May 1	Sat & Sun	Marion, KS	All Day both Days	**WHAM Spring Contest**
Sept 3, 4, & 5	Fri – Mon	Denver, CO	All Day All Days	**MMM Rocky Mt. Championships**
Sept 3, 4, or 5	Fri – Mon	Wherever, TBD	Time not set	**Sky Bunny Postal Contest**
Sept 13	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:00	**Final 2022 Champs Flying**
Sept 18	Sun	Perry, KS	12:00 pm	**Tentative HAFFA Annual Picnic**
Oct. 1 & 2, 2022	Sat & Sun	Marion, Kansas	All Day both Days	**HAFFA Annual Fall Contest**
INDOOR EVENTS				
Jan 18	Tues	Roeland Park, KS	6:00 – 8:00	**Monthly Meeting**
Feb 5	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Indoor Flying**
Feb 15	Tues	Roeland Park, KS	6:00 – 8:00	**Monthly Meeting**
Feb 20	Sun	Wellington, KS	8:00 – 5:00?	**WHAM Indoor Contest**
Mar 5	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Indoor Flying**
Mar 15	Tues	Roeland Park, KS	6:00 – 8:00	**Monthly Meeting**
Apr 2	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Annual HAFFA Indoor Contest**
Apr 19	Tues	Roeland Park, KS	6:00 – 8:00	**Monthly Meeting**

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:

JC Library – Cedar-Roe Library
5720 Cedar St.
Roeland Park, KS

Editorial – It has been awhile since the last newsletter, and a lot of catching up to do. With the Covid still raging so much has been cancelled and screwed up one way or another. Where to start? First things first, over the summer and fall we picked up a couple of new members. Well, sort of new, John Clark, a retired charter pilot, actually joined us late last spring or early summer. He lives in Olathe and began flying at our outdoor champs flying in Olathe at the junior high. He builds a mean model, and will be competitive flier in the future. Then last fall Mike Schmidt began coming to flying sessions, and finally to meetings. Mike was previously a member who dropped out due to family and work conflicts. He also builds beautiful models! I remember watching his Bostonian flying OOS in 2010 at the first Marion contest I attended. He was the HAFFA VP at that time. A welcome to both of them!!
Next, it is January, and we still have not had elections for HAFFA 2022 officers. We have had meetings and flying sessions cancelled due to weather and Covid problems. Suman Saripalli has a tentative slate which needs to be discussed and voted upon. Hopefully, it will be approved and voted upon tomorrow night.
So, on to catching up.

Indoor – Jeff Renz got the indoor season off to a start at the beginning of October, and things were looking good. Since then we had both the November and December flying dates shifted, and due to the Omicron strain, all sessions have been poorly attended. We had four persons at the January session a week ago, and really need 6 – 7 to pay for the auditorium. I have not received any kind of a standings report from Jeff yet. We have three sessions left for the season, and hopefully things will look up.
On a brighter note, the WHAM club in Wichita had an indoor flying session in the auditorium in Wellington, KS, a week ago, and had something like 15 fliers, and are planning to have an indoor contest there on Sunday, Feb. 20. I understand that the current NFFS president attended the event! Chuck Powell must have a lot of pull! Don't know any details or plans for the contest, but would like to go.
Plans, I promised something other than a glider for a change, and I have been promised plans from a couple of sources for something other than a glider for an event we are actually flying in our intra-club contest. I am still waiting for something to appear or come my way. So, this month's plan is the "Ear Spear", another glider! It is a simple all sheet indoor glider that it is claimed to have done over 50 seconds in a class 2 site. This should translate to something between 25 and 30 seconds in Osawatomie. Tem Johnson used to get 31 to 36 seconds there with his incredible "Slow Poker" (Jeff Renz possesses this treasure!), so I would be impressed if any of us could get 30 seconds with anything there. I have one cut out for finishing and assembly. Hopefully it will be done and flyable for the Feb. 5 flying session. Then on to building a competitive No Cal.

Outdoor – Lots to talk about here! First, our outdoor championship finished up as scheduled the second Tuesday in September. Both Jeff Renz and I missed the session for one valid reason or another, and Mike Basta easily cleaned up on points and won the overall championship going away. Both Jeff and I tied for second place. However, I was too far out in front of Mike in the Thermic competition, and won that event. Both of the trophies have been inscribed for presentation at the next meeting. For 2020 they were both inscribed "2020 – Year of Covid", since there was no contest.
A brief insert, The WHAM club has a spring contest scheduled for April 30 and May 1 in Osawatomie. Jeff Renz and I attended their contest last spring, and Suman and Tim Pivonka both came for one day. It was a bit windy, but I think a good time was had by all of the 15 – 18 fliers. I am planning to go again this year, and I would hope to see more of HAFFA there as well.
On to next summer's outdoor club championship, it is time for me to choose the events so everyone will have time to build anything they do not have. I admit I am the worst example of that, procrastination! Usually we have four events, and any more than two rubber winding events is tough to do with the limited time available. So, I am thinking of 1) Combined AMA CLG and Javelin launched HLG. The field is just too small to allow any tip launchers. 2) FAC Jet Cat – This has been our most popular event. 3) Combined ½ Gollywock – ½ Wakefield, we have had this before, some of us have models for this, and both are events in our fall contest. 4) Finally for the fourth event, proposing the new provisional FAC "Comet Nickel Scale" This appeared in the Jan-Feb FAC Digest, and looks easy and fun. My only reservation is with a 10 inch wingspan, we can't fly in any serious wind, but we are flying after 6:30 summer evenings when the wind is usually down approaching calm. Nothing in what I have proposed is etched in granite, but I would like any feedback and suggestions in the next week or so, so it can be etched, and everyone can start building. Let me know what you want ASAP!

HAFFA 2021 Outdoor Club Contest Final Results

*Thermic/OT BT	May	June	July	August	September	Pt Mth Tot Pt
Dana Field	18	20	20	28	-----	0 - 9
Jeff Renz	15	27	13	15	-----	0 - 5
Mike Basta	-----	-----	18	18	18	1 - 5

AMA HLG/CL BT	May	June	July	August	September	Pt Mth Tot Pt
Dana Field	18	20	20	28	-----	0 - 7
Jeff Renz	14	31	20	36	-----	0 - 9
Jack Vetter	-----	11	7	-----	-----	0 – 2
Mike Basta	-----	-----	41	31	35	1 - 7

Jet CLG – BT + Bonus	May	June	July	August	September	Pt Mth Tot Pt
Dana Field	27	19	16	16	-----	0 - 10
Jeff Renz	-----	6	4	9	-----	0 – 3
Mike Basta	-----	-----	20	20	18	2 – 10
Jeff Nisley	-----	-----	15	-----	8	1 – 4
Jack Vetter	-----	-----	12	-----	-----	0 - 2

Sky Bunny Best Time	May	June	July	August	September	Pt Mth Tot Pt
John Clark	58	-----	-----	36	-----	0 – 3
Jeff Renz	22	27	15	-----	-----	0 – 3
Dana Field	-----	-----	58	62	-----	0 – 5
Mike Basta	-----	-----	91	56	76	2 – 7
Jeff Nisley	-----	-----	-----	-----	46	1 - 1

Embryo - Best Time	May	June	July	August	September	Pt Mth Tot Pt
Jeff Renz	37	35	37	27	-----	0 – 7
Jack Vetter	-----	23	-----	-----	-----	0 – 1
Mike Basta	-----	-----	9	9	-----	0 – 2
Jeff Nisley	-----	-----	38	-----	-----	0 - 3

Standings	May Pts	June Pts	July Pts	Aug Pts	Sept Pts	Tot Pts	Standings
Dana Field	3	4	9	6	0	22	2nd
Jeff Renz	3	7	6	6	0	22	2nd
John Clark	2	0	0	1	0	3	6th
Jack Vetter	-----	2	3	0	0	5	5th
Mike Basta	-----	-----	13	10	6	29	1st
Jeff Nisley	-----	-----	6	0	2	8	4th

Following, some PIX from the last several months, and “the Plan”. Don’t have names for all





Tim Pivonka w/Javelin Launch HLG. Is he a Chiefs fan? The gang at Suman's with a really big bird!



Jeff Renz & Chuck Powell getting ready for Greves/Thompson Mass Launch.



Dana Field winding his Square Eagle P-30



Charlie Taylor's Jr. Nobler



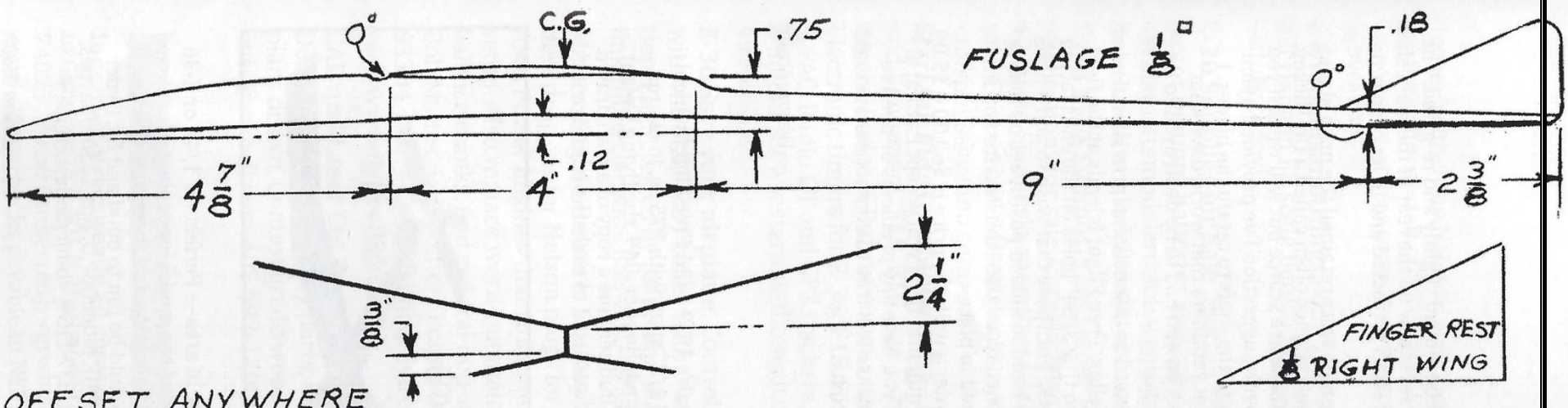
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Getting the big bird ready to fly.



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