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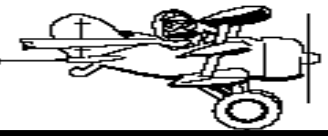
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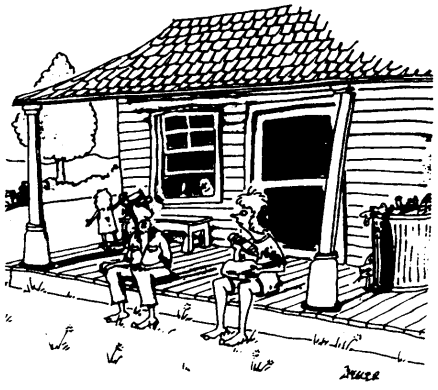
OK….if you ever go to the NATs after 20 years…get a plan. Met all the folks who I knew but never met, some who I write a lot but haven't seen for some time…and by and large, it was a great experience…except the DRIVE!!! Non-Stop with Cass and only dozed off once. I am convinced that we have the "most desired to belong to" club in the U.S. It was Cass's first NATs.

BUT….the vacation afterward put me two weeks on the road..and I was trashed. Did get to wet a fly line and get some small mouth bass.

Got back to have the pins removed from my finger, now my finger is very swollen. The Doc says keep the splint on for another month. Drat…!

If this issue looks like a contest report issue…it is. A lot of flying has stacked up in the meantime and needs to be put on record.

Thermals..Rick



Ma…met Will Nakashima… the guy who does the pictures for the Digest. I don't look anything like his cartoons! He needs some help.

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NEAR TERM EVENTS:

MMM MTG!	**Every Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Dinner at the Castle Cafe in Castle Rock.**
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SEPT 1,2,3	**42ND ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND DYNASTY CUP!**
SEPT 1-2	**FAC MOUNTAIN STATES SCRAMBLE!**
SEPT 23	**F1H TOWLINE**

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NOTE: !!!!
Going to the field Monday-Friday!
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June 10 MMM Contest Report
Jerry Murphy - CD

Wow, what a day! The field is in the best shape we have seen in years. Looking to the west we have the entire front range from Pikes Peak to Long's Peak before our eyes. The blue Colorado sky and green grass was a sight not to be forgotten.

In keeping with the lessons we learned at the US FF Champs in California, I cancelled the contest when the wind reached a maximum of 3 mph. Just kidding the weather was perfect all day.

The contest started with the P-30 fly-off from the May contest between Bill Leppord and Don DeLoach. Don had to rush as we were late in arriving but both flyers were able to get their flights off in the 10 minute window. Sorry that I don't know the times, but the victory went to Don and his trusty Pole Cat.

Once again we had a new flyer come up from Colorado Springs and take all the marbles in HLG. Congratulations to Bill Stevens for his well earned victory. His son Zac also won first place in Jr HLG. That is a sweep for family Stevens. Just in case you don't know the name Stevens, Bill is the proprietor of Stevens Aero Model products. And he has developed a good looking HLG kit as well as a DLG body kit. Check them out on the web
at http://www.stevensaero.com/shop/home.php

We had two juniors flying in this contest. In addition to Zac Stevens we were also treated to have Doug Myers flying with us. Doug and his dad Neil swept the CLG event. So both of our father and son teams did themselves proud. Both of these boys had a great time and I am looking forward to seeing them frequently on the field. Doug worked as a timer and helped with the score keeping. Thanks Doug.

Three minute rubber and FAI Combo each had one competitor. Bill Leppard put up three maxs with his Gollywolk Chuck Etherington has his F1C flying great. His launches are spot on as the Brits would say.
He flew all 7 rounds to a total of 1043 seconds while posting 4 maxs.

The most popular event was HLG with 9 flyers. The results are;

Flyer	Total time
Bill Stevens	295
Mark Covington	281
Randy Reynolds	256
Neil Myers	142
Mel Gray	136
Todd Reynolds	123
Zac Stevens (JR)	8

The usual very popular CLG event drew only 4 flyers this day. Roland didn't post any official flights as he had to pick up his wife at DIA. What is the matter? Every body running out of ¼ inch rubber? The results are:

Flyer	Time
Neil Myers	271
Mark Covington	169
Doug Myers (JR)	55

Classic glider continues to be a popular event for our club. As has been the case in previous meets I made the decision that we would fly this event with 180 second maxs as the four minute flights often result is very long chases. We had 4 flyers today. Neil damaged his model on a test flight and had to retire from the event before he could post any official flights. Todd's model flew away with a DT failure. Don has got his super Tallon dialed in and it sure gooks great in the air. When I see it I recall the first time I saw a 747 in flight. The airplane was so big, but it looked a lot like a 707 at a distance so it had the illusion of flying super slow. The results are:

Flyer	Total time
Mel Gray	403
Don DeLoach	324
Todd Reynolds	180

Two minute combo was also very popular today with five competitors. Todd damaged his F1G in a test flight and was forced to retire from the event. The FAI Mini events were the most popular with three F1G's and one F1J. The results are as follows:

Flyer	Event	Total time
Mel Gray	F1G	480
Bill Leppard	P-30	251
Don DeLoach	F1J	284
Randy Reynolds	F1G	284

AMA Gas had several models on the field, but only two flyers managed to make official flights. Don lost his Shocker with a DT failure. We managed to keep it is sight for 20+ minutes. With a little bit of luck it might come home.

Flyer	Event	Total time
Don DeLoach	1/2A	453
Don DeLoach	B	360
Dave Wineland	SLOP	95

We had a great time and it was great to have another new face flying with us.

2007 July MMM Monthly

CD: Roland Solomon
July 22, 2007

It was a dark and stormy night..famous flyers were making famous flights. Many of the usual suspects were not in town due to the contingent at the NAT's, so I guess they can be forgiven.

However, Don and Mark here so they must not have been serious at the NAT's. Just kidding guys, airlines aren't what they used to be.

2 Minute Combo

Contestant Name	Event flown	Time
Randy Reynolds	F1G	307
Don DeLoach	Jimmie Allen Skokie	117

Feature Event: Bounty Hunter

Contestant Name	Event flown	Time
Monte Peecher		68

CLG

Contestant Name	Time
Bill Leppard	360
Roland Solomon	236
Todd Reynolds	164

HLG FEATURED EVENT

Contestant Name	Time
Todd Reynolds	360
Randy Reynolds	232
Don DeLoach	42
Mark Covington	34

FAI 14 Rounder!!!

June 29, 30, July 1, 2007
CDs Chuck Etherington & Bill Lovins

Flyers from the Western and Midwestern U.S. were on hand to share three days of beautiful weather at our field east of Denver. In addition to the complete menu of FAI events, we also flew all the National Cup events.

The only flyer to max out in FAI was Don DeLoach in F1J. On the National Cup side, both Tim Batiuk and Todd Reynolds maxed out in HLG (Tim with 11 maxes and Todd with 6). Tim also maxed out in CLG. Don DeLoach bested a field of 9 in Classic Towline, maxing out with his Super Talon. Jim O'Reilly (winner) and Don DeLoach maxed out in O/T Rubber while Bill Leppard won P-30 with a maxout. Much to my delight, Matt Gewain (winner) and Ed Carroll joined us for F1C making a total of six entries. Rene Limberger won F1A, Eddie VanLandingham F1B & F1G, Peter Brocks F1E, Norm Smith F1H, Don DeLoach Slow Gas Combo & Fast Gas Combo, Jim O'Reilly Nostalgia Wake/Rubber & Moffett. In all there were 406 flights posted with 248 maxes. This contest continues to grow each year.

Friday night saw a fine barbecue at Mel and Karen Gray's clubhouse and Saturday night we enjoyed a stylish banquet at The Perfect Landing, a restaurant that overlooks the ramp and runways at Centennial Airport.

I'd like to thank all who traveled here, participated in and helped with the contest. I'd especially like to thank co-CD Bill Lovins for helping to run the contest and Sue Etherington for volunteering to serve as head scorekeeper. See you all next year.

Contest impressions:

Tim Batiuk: "Well, during my 11 max marathon I had a couple of interesting flights. One was on my second max I was in weak air and never got over 150 high and just wandered around the field. I was pretty sure it was not going to make it, especially when it was low and decided to go over the cars. At around 1:45 it was headed for the top of a motor home and it missed landing on top by inches and landed on the field at 2:12. On my 7th max I launched with Todd and Mark and we all went to Death Valley looking bad. At about 1:20 my glider departed from the other two and wandered to the right barely eking out a max at 2:01...the other two fell short. I guess that I would rather be lucky than good.

In cat glider I really have to give major props to Mark Covington. We were tied with 2 maxes each and on my third max I got a boomer. As my glider was flying away I was desperately trying to start Mel's bike and when it became obvious it was not going to happen I asked Mark for help, because it was one of my best cats and I hated to lose it so close to the Nats. Without hesitation Mark jumped on his bike and took off. I joined him later and we looked for an hour for that blasted thing to no avail. By helping me Mark missed the window to get his last max because the wind came up. This was one of the greatest acts of sportsmanship I have ever seen and Mark was the true winner of Cat that day...just more evidence of MMM greatness! To put a cherry on top of that story Todd found my glider 30 minutes later...what a great group of guys!!

Lastly, more major props to Randy for helping me with my classic towline.

I am eternally grateful to the entire MMM bunch and I can't wait to come back."

Don DeLoach: "The significance of Tim's performance in HLG cannot be overstated. This was the main memory for me." Also, there was my first fly off flight in OT Rubber. I launched into the biggest thermal of the day, late on Saturday afternoon. I was running out of time and needed two 4-min fly off flights to tie Jim O'Reilly. This first flight went OOS in about 30 seconds at which time I pulled out the radio and tracked it in the air for a mile and a half. It did finally come down—I think the time to the ground was over 6 minutes--and it landed past Pancost's compound in that gravel mine. I parked my bike at a fence line and had to walk nearly a mile further until the signal piqued. The model was in the bottom of the main gravel pit, about 50 feet deep! I still can't believe the signal came through. Anyway, by the time I walked back uphill to my bike I was really tired and, unfortunately, out of time to catch JOR. I was also about to collapse from dehydration. This whole episode took well over an hour. It's flights like those that remind me about the strength of our thermals and also how brutally hot and dry it can be in mid-summer. I almost forgot: Don't overlook Todd's performance in HLG. He did 6 maxes or so! Awesome flying, and it would have been a club record."

Mel Gray: "Well, other than my choking in the last round of F1G and going from the penthouse to the outhouse, my most lasting impressions are from the wonderful performances in HLG by Todd Reynolds and Tim Batiuk. The six maxes by Todd were simply outstanding but eleven maxes IN A ROW by Tim is just phenomenal. I count myself lucky to have been able to witness these two performances. Also, setting up next to Ed Carroll and his friend Mike was a lot of fun the entire weekend. I remember seeing a picture of Ed flying an F1C in a Model Builder magazine from 25 years ago. Although he is suitably serious when flying his high tech F1C airplanes, he is wonderfully cordial and plain fun to be around at a contest. He and Mike were a hoot. Don and I tried to have some fun with Jim O'Reilly and his lost airplane that I found, but he is too wily for us! Speaking of which, missed Ed Wiley at this contest. Hope he is well and can come out for the RMC."

Pete McQuade: "In one of the afternoon rounds on Saturday, Rene Limberger lost his beautiful, four-servo F1A. He picked up some strange, hard-to track signals on his radio receiver. And Eddie Van Landingham had seen what we all

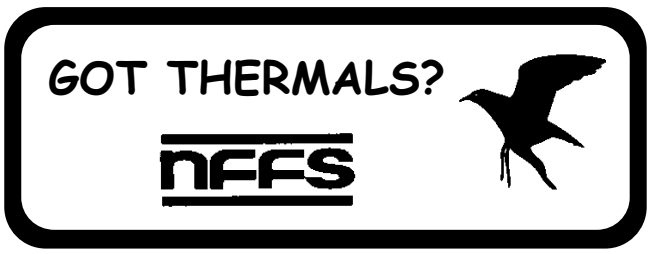
thought must have been Rene's model landing on DT, in the large valley to the south, by the grain silo. But the radio signals and Eddie's observation didn't seem to agree. So Rene went back to flying his rounds with another model. Later, after the end of flying, Rene, Mike Thompson, and I got on our motorcycles and went off in search of the wayward F1A. We picked up the weak radio signals and, after a circuitous search, eventually found the model. It turned out that Eddie's sighting was pretty close, but something about the way the model sat on the hillside had made its radio signal very "directional" and hard to track. But the model was retrieved and flew again the next day, to become the MMM FAI Annual's 2007 F1A champion."

Randy Reynolds: "My overriding memory was watching Todd and Tim escalate HLG to pretty high levels. They were both locked up at six maxes apiece when Todd gambled on iffy air because he thought we had reached the end of the afternoon lift with wind building. He later said he probably just grew impatient. Tim went on to record 11 maxes as we all know and there was still good air after he dropped. Tim also gambled on some really turbulent air that felt like a dust devil and unfortunately he got in front of it and dropped.

As I think about all of the classes being flown, HLG is one where there isn't any excess of performance past a max time and thus each flight one has to exceed calm air performance by at least 50-70% in order to max. To do this 11 times is pretty remarkable. Granted the DLG development has made this much more possible but it is still quite the achievement."

FAI Results:

Place		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12	Round 13	Round 14	Total
F1A																
1	Rene Limberger	180	169	180	180	180	180	119	180	180	180	180	180	153	179	2420
2	Lee Hines	139	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	173	180	180	101	2393
3	Peter Brocks	180	71	180	180	180	180	150	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	2381
4	Mike Thompson	180	180	180	180	180	180	115	147	180	180	180	180	180	94	2336
5	Norm Smith	180	106	130	180	155	180	180	180	180	68	180	180	180	180	2259
6	Pete McQuade	135	180	180	129	180	180	142	139	170	131	180	154	180	0	2080
7	Willard Smitz	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	43	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	43
F1B																
1	Eddie VanLandingham	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	142	180	2482
2	Dave Saks	180	180	180	180	180	94	93	160	180	180	180	180	180	180	2327
3	Darold Jones	164	180	116	180	10	180	0	103	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	933
4	Dick Wood	132	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	132
F1C																
1	Matt Gewain	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	157	180	180	89	180	123	106	2275
2	Ed Carroll	0	180	180	180	180	153	115	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	2248
3	Chuck Etherington	0	180	180	180	136	180	105	180	180	180	112	80	180	180	2053
4	Bill Lovins	0	12	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	12
5	Frank Menanno	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	
6	Bill Gieskieng	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	



F1E			Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
1	Peter Brocks	Sec	36	44	62	112	114	
		%	100	95.6	100	100	100	495.6
2	Dick Wood	Sec	17	46	0	0	0	
		%	47.2	100	0	0	0	147.2

F1G		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
1	Eddie VanLandingham	119	105	120	120	120	120	704
2	Don DeLoach	120	120	120	103	120	120	703
3	Bill Leppard	120	120	120	101	120	120	701
4	Peter Brocks	120	120	120	98	120	120	698
5	Dick Wood	120	120	120	120	87	120	687
6	Mel Gray	120	120	120	116	120	87	683
7	Jerry Murphy	120	120	120	78	102	120	660
8	Marc Sisk	120	120	108	120	43	DNF	511
9	Todd Reynolds	120	65	95	DNF	DNF	DNF	280
10	Jim O'Reilly	114	120	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	234
11	Randy Reynolds	18	79	120	DNF	DNF	DNF	217
F1H								
1	Norm Smith	98	82	117	103	97	120	617
2	Mike Thompson	55	120	120	38	120	100	553
3	Willard Smitz	DNF	DNF	DNF	9	0	2	11
F1J								
1	Don DeLoach	120	120	120	120	120	120	720
2	Jerry Murphy	120	120	68	DNF	DNF	DNF	308
	Bill Lovins	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sept. 1st, 2nd and 3rd

National Cup Results @ FAI Contest:

* = Max Out

HLG		Total	
1	Tim Batiuk	1376	*
2	Todd Reynolds	797	*
3	Mark Covington	336	
4	Randy Reynolds	321	
5	Roland Solomon	150	
6	Bill Stevens	139	
7	Lee Hines	124	
1-jr.	Zachary Stevens	52	

Slow Gas Combo			Total
1	Don DeLoach	SOP	523
2	Cass Pangell	SOP	502
3	Dave Wineland	A Nos	467
4	Gene Wicks	A Nos	444
5	Gene Wicks	1/2 A Nos	415
6	Bill Lovins	SOP	405
7	Gene Wicks	B Nos	370
8	Gene Wicks	Early 1/2 A Nos	303
9	Gene Wicks	C Nos	145

CLG		Total	
1	Tim Batiuk	360	*
2	Mark Covington	300	
3	Todd Reynolds	75	

Fast Gas Combo			Total
1	Don DeLoach	1/2 A	464
2	Cass Pangell	AB Classic	434
3	Marc Sisk	1/2 A	248

Classic Towline		Total
1	Don DeLoach	540
2	Tim Batiuk	404
3	Lee Hines	365
4	Todd Reynolds	331
5	Marc Sisk	211
6	Mel Gray	171
7	Randy Reynolds	45
8	Willard Smitz	18

O/T Rubber Combined			
1	Jim O'Reilly		1020
2	Don DeLoach		780
3	Eugene Jensen		215
4	Randy Reynolds		78

Jr. Classic Towline		
1	Stephen Boyd	8

Nostalgia Wake/Rubber			
1	Jim O'Reilly	Nos Wake	120
2	Bill Leppard	Nos Rub	113

Moffett		Total
1	Jim O'Reilly	537
2	Herb Kothe	519

P-30			Total	F/O 2nd Place
1	Bill Leppard		510	
2	Don DeLoach		348	166
3	Marc Sisk		348	95
4	Jerry Murphy		325	
5	Eugene Jensen		308	

2007 August MMM Monthly
CD: Don DeLoach for Rob Romash

August 11, 2007 was a fun day at the field. Ten contestants signed up despite many of our club guys being out of town or busy with other stuff.

The weather was excellent as usual around noon and a little breezy before and after, but the whole day was quite flyable (5-10 MPH). The feature event was HLG. Todd and Randy showed the way with a tight finish in first and second respectively. Mark C. would have been a contender but his model spun out of thermals on 2 sure maxes.

Marc Sisk has his Russian Coupe going real good now in preparation for the RMC. By the way Marc is healing well now from his torn calf muscle at the FAI Annual. Doctors told him there is no surgery or anything required—just time to heal naturally. Hopefully Mark will be towing his Dragmaster again at the RMC!

Herb Kothe was there, trimming his great-flying Korda Wake. This model could easily win an AMA Mulvihill contest.

Pete got a couple of nice F1A qualification maxes in (late) and Duane had his P-30 going good.

Mel and I had a nice time flying Classic Towline. My first official was the flight of the day for me. Even the 612 square inch Super Talon looks small at 1000 feet!

Roland showed up with a new DLG test bed from the Solomon Skunk Works. Belt-sanded with 40-grit, plywood wing and stab, bamboo tail boom. Weight: Just under a pound. It gave us all a good laugh.

Thermals,
Don
(filling in for CD Romash—in China on business)

2 Minute Combo

Contestant Name	Event flown	Time
Marc Sisk	F1G	322
Duane Hjerleid	P-30	260

3 Minute Combo

Contestant Name	Event flown	Time
Don DeLoach	Nos Wake	419

FAI 3 Minute Combo

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Pete McQuade	F1A	360

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SEPTEMBER 23	MMM MONTHLY	F1H (A-1 TLG)