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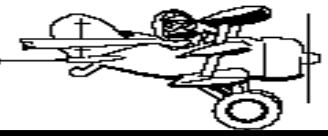
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PONDERINGS DEP'T – YEAR 51

THIS IS THE MMM CLUB'S 51st YEAR!!

There was a book out a few years back called "Passages" where a person's life went through many stages. For us modelers, one can think of modeling "passages" too, only they take the form of technology, performance, rules, building materials and all those other things that change the hobby. A simple example is Hand Launch Gilders…what once was the javelin throw…is now the discuss launch. The threshold, or passage is that evolutionary step.

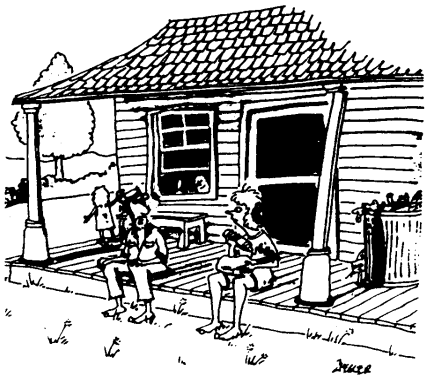
This is our 51st year…so one can ask…are we at a threshold for the club or us a modelers? What will we be or grow into 50 years from now?

Interesting question…..Will we be wearing silver suits and using "thought control" timers? Will we bring out our own "thermal generators" to the field instead of the streamer poles? Will chase bikes be anti-gravity vehicles so we won't hit ruts and fall down? Airplanes that find themselves and radio back to us where they are coupled with the voice device on the anti-grav vehicle giving us verbal direction? Muncie turning into a true 5 minute field?

Use your imagination…the possibilities are endless..

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

Rick



Ma…..can I borrow the anti-grav this weekend?

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TO JOIN THE CLUB OR SUBSCRIBE

- Full membership is offered to any current AMA member: $40
- SAM-1 Crossover membership: $20
- Newsletter Subscription Only: $15
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NEAR TERM EVENTS:

MMM MTG!	**Every Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Dinner at the Castle Cafe in Castle Rock.**
Wings Over the Rockies Indoor 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
ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER	Jan 26 at the Castle Café, Castle Rock Co.
March 26th	Indoor in the Springs!

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
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Denver, CO 80212 - 2310
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Call and tell them you are with the Magnificent Mountain Men FF Model Airplane Club. The cost is about $5 delivered to your door.

MMM Decals!
Self adhesive, black on thin, clear mylar

Prices: (shipping not included)
$2 per sheet (5 assorted sizes per sheet)
3 sheets for $5 -- save 17%
15 sheets for $20 -- save 33%
Contact the Editor

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

Annual Business Meeting Report
December 8, 2007
Submitted by Chuck Etherington

As usual, we had a snowstorm during the meeting and the drive home was a bit dicey.

I. President's State of the Club (Pete McQuade).
   i) We had a very successful year all around and our club continues to grow.
   ii) The 14-round FAI Annual and the Rocky Mountain Championships enjoyed increased numbers of entries again this year drawing many out-of-state flyers.
   iii) .Jerry Murphy was the Outdoor NATs CD and Rob Romash was the Indoor NATs CD this year bringing much notoriety to our club. Thanks for stepping up guys.

2) ll. Discussion of monthly contest events by Don DeLoach
   i) It was decided to keep the same menu of events as last year and allow the CD to choose the feature event.
   ii) Paul Andrade was recognized for implementing the season points program and a discussion followed.
   iii) Recap of indoor season.
3) Treasurer's report with handout (Chuck Etherington). 2007 statement of finances are shown elsewhere in this newsletter.
4) 2008 Contest Dates and CD assignments (Pete McQuade) *SEE SCEDHULE IN THIS ISSUE!*
   - A. Ruckus in the Rockies was discussed (which contest it might best be combined with). It was decided that Todd Reynolds needs to be part of that discussion.
   - B. Dave Wineland's Gas Attack event to be run at the Rocky Mountain Champs.
5) The need for FAI 14-Rounder and RMC management teams was discussed. Members will be contacted and asked to participate on these teams.
6) Vl. Flying Field Issues.
   i) Status of the field lease. We have not been billed for two years but our relationship with the Colorado State Land Board remains very good. A meeting with the Lowry Property Manager, Melissa Yoder, is scheduled for Jan 14.
   ii) Long-term search for new flying site - committee needed. The property we are currently on will become a "conservation development" which includes reservoirs, etc., and we will probably not be able to fly there. This will probably be years down the road, however, and we don't need to panic just yet. Mel Gray reported that based on a meeting he attended last year, the ordnance cleanup effort will extend beyond the next five years and development is unlikely before then.
   iii) Maintain good relationship with MMFC/SAM1 and support each other's contests.

7) Vll. Club dues/newsletter costs.
- Jerry Murphy discussed electronic newsletter delivery and resulting cost savings.
- Rick Pangell discussed maintaining current email addresses.

8) Current dues structure was voted on and retained.
- $40 Full Membership
- $20 Crossover from SAM1
- $15 Newsletter subscription only

9) VIIl. Election of officers
- President – Jerry Murphy
- Vice President – Marc Sisk
- Sec/Treas – Chuck Etherington

Jerry Murphy, as newly elected president, asked Pete McQuade to continue to serve as liaison with the Colorado State Land Board.

10) Don DeLoach auctioned off two O/T Rubber kits (Midwest Jabberwock and Dyna Moe). They were donated by an east coast indoor flier friend of Rob Romash who passed away. The proceeds are to be donated to the Junior Indoor FAI Team.
   i) Pete McQuade was the high bidder at $70 and donated his kit of choice back to the club.
   ii) Marc Sisk then won the kit with his next highest bid of $65.
   iii) The second kit went to an out-of-state bidder for $100.

THE NEW PREZ SAYS DEP'T

I want to thank you all for the vote of confidence you gave me at the annual meeting. It is a great honor to be ask to lead this great club for the next year. The MMM Club is in the best shape ever in its history thanks largely to the high quality of leadership we have had in the past. Don's marketing skill coupled with his creativity has played a big part on the success of the club. I believe it is Pete McQuade's steady hands on the controls that piloted us through some turbulent skys with the Land Board. Because of his leadership skill the MMM Club is the poster child club in the country. Mel Gray's insight into the inner workings of government played an important part of the success of the club.

When you see these gentlemen on the flight line be sure to thank them for their service and contributions to our club.

As we enter our 51st year I want to establish a set of goals to lead us forward. In order to do so I would like to have a meeting of the leadership team in January to discuss these goals. Any interested club members are welcome to take part in these discussions. I propose that we move our third Tuesday up to the second Tuesday of January (January 8). The reason for the move is there is a tentative meeting with the land board manager on the 15th.

Again thanks for the support.

Thermals,

Murph

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER DEP'T

The November 4th Contest was the last one of 2007.

The morning looked promising with clear sky, and pleasant temperature that peaked at nearly 75 degrees. The wind however did not cooperate for most events. Bill Lovins tried a nostalgia flight with his Midi Pearl that was found after a long chase as well as Herb Kothe with an equally long chase with his rubber scale Puss Moth. The glider flyers were the busiest and got in the most flights, however, only one Max was registered for the day by Randy Reynolds with his HLG.

Thanks to Murph, Daryl and Don who provided a tasty Chile lunch for all. Rob Romash also tried a short flight with an "Over-the-handle bar" incident on his chase bike. Hope your feeling better Rob.

We had a total of 13 registered fliers; however a number of them did not fly due to the wind, with 17 to 20 mile gusts. All in all, the social time was also pleasant and those that did fly had a good time.

Duane Hjerleid, Contest Director

SLOP/Nos Gas Combo

Bill Lovins	157 (1 flight)

HLG

Randy Reynolds	260
Mark Covington	237
Todd Reynolds	220

CLG

Mark Covington	161
Todd Reynolds	144
Neil Myers	110
Don DeLoach	37



Magnificent Mountain Men
Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb II
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Category II Class AA
AMA Sanction #08-0080
Jan. 5-6, 2008

The 2nd annual Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb was quite successful and a lot of fun despite the relatively low turnout of 14 flyers. I attribute this low turnout to the fact that we had little choice in dates this time around, once we found out that our preferred date of March 22-23 was Easter weekend (my fault completely!). January 5-6 is about the worst time of year to expect people to travel to a major meet, but we went through with it anyway. Next year I am going to reserve our dates *much* further in advance. I plan to hold the PPCC sometime in March 2009, with (hopefully) plenty of separation from Kent State and Midwestern States Champs.

For those who showed up, it was a really fun meet. And some great prizes were awarded, thanks to some generous sponsorship. As usual Peck-Polymers/F1D.biz came through in a big way, with the donation of about 15 prizes. Thanks to Tim Goldstein and Tom Norell at Peck for their generosity. Also I would like to thank an anonymous MMM sponsor who, via Roland Solomon, donated some fantastic outdoor FF kits to be used as prizes. Bill Leppard won the Satellite 450 kit and Rob Romash went home with the Galaxie 585. I can't remember who got the Comet Sparky kit. Finally I want to recognize Duane Hjerleid and the estate of Sweeney Hayashi. Duane came down with a bunch of modeling stuff from Sweeney's estate. Some of it was used as prizes and the rest was sold, with 100% of donations going to the Junior FF team. Thanks Duane. Sweeney was a great guy and is sorely missed.

Perhaps the most notable performance of this meet was the pair of 41+ sec flights made by Todd Reynolds in HLG—a site record by a very wide margin. For four years Romash and I have been topping out around the 37-39 sec mark. Then suddenly Todd comes in with two 41.3s. Wow. Todd you are *The King*…congrats!

We used the 5-4-3-2-1 scoring system for Grand Champ—the same as the Chicago Aeronuts use at the MW Champs. Rob Romash came out the victor for the second year in a row, this time with 17 points and sole possession of the Colorado Cup trophy (last year he tied with Bill Gowen). Romash won 5 events (F1L, UCLG, Std. CLG, LPP, Ministick). Second and third place in Grand Champ were Don DeLoach with 14 points and Bill Leppard with 11 points.

I want to thank everyone who pitched in to make this contest a success, especially those who sat at the table and timed/recorded flights. Teamwork is what makes our club and these meets a success. Thanks to Darold Jones, Jerry Murphy, Mark Covington, Bill Leppard, and Rob Romash. I apologize if I missed anyone who did table duty for any length of time. Last but certainly not least Cindy DeLoach: Thanks from all of us for bringing that outstanding carrot cake on Sunday. It was *truly* delectable!

See you next year,

Don DeLoach, CD

Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb II
RESULTS:

* = club and site record
** = club record

Hand Launched Glider

Todd Reynolds	41.3+41.3	82.6*
Don DeLoach	35.6+36.3	71.9
Mark Covington	32.8+33.9	66.7
Rob Romash	31.3+31.4	62.7

Junior Hand Launched Glider

Raymond Boyd	19.8+18.5	38.3
Stephen Boyd	16.5+16.5	33.0

Standard Catapult Glider

Rob Romash	36.0+35.4	71.4
Todd Reynolds	33.6+34.4	68.0
Don DeLoach	32.2+33.0	65.2
Bill Leppard	28.7+27.7	56.4
Mark Covington	29.2+26.1	36.3

Unlimited Catapult Glider

Rob Romash	41.5+42.1	83.6**
Don DeLoach	37.6+37.5	75.1
Todd Reynolds	36.1+35.4	71.5

Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb II RESULTS: Cont'd

Limited Pennyplane
Rob Romash 8:54
Bill Leppard 7:09
Jerry Murphy 5:25
Steve Smith 4:44
John McGrath 4:14

Peanut Scale
Monte Peecher Fike :57
Jerry Murphy Lacey :27

P-24
Chuck Etherington 2:10

A-6
Don DeLoach 5:03
Bill Leppard 4:17
Todd Reynolds 3:41
Jerry Murphy 3:19
Steve Smith 2:45

THE PREPARATION..



Ray, Stephen and Big Ray Boyd building a Glider wing. 6 Jan 08

THE ANTICIPATION..



Ministick
Rob Romash 8:19
Bill Leppard 6:14
Tom Norell 6:08

Pennyplane
Bill Leppard 9:50
Don DeLoach 7:11

F1L
Rob Romash 10:33+10:18 20:51
Bill Leppard 10:46+9:24 20:10
Don DeLoach 8:23+8:08 16:31
Jerry Murphy 5:59+4:04 10:03

FAC No-cal Scale (3 flt. total)
Bill Leppard Spitfire 6:35
Don DeLoach Judy 1:12
Jerry Murphy Corsair 1:03

WWII No-Cal Mass Launch
Bill Leppard Spitfire
Jerry Murphy Corsair
Don DeLoach Judy

THE GRATIFICATION !



Congratulations to lil' Ray and Stephen for competing. Their names are listed above in the Junior HLG category

2008 MMM Rocky Mountain Free Flight Schedule

DATE 2008	EVENT	CONTEST DIRECTOR
JANUARY 26	**MMM ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**	**CASTLE CAFÉ IN CASTLE ROCK**
MARCH 22	**MMM INDOOR**	**Don DeLoach Rob Romash**
APRIL 20	**MMM MONTHLY**	**Rick Pangell**
MAY 18	**MMM MONTHLY & SAM COMBO**	**Duane Hjerleid**
JUNE 8	**MMM MONTHLY**	**Darold Jones**
JUNE 27-29	**FAI ANNUAL 14 ROUNDER**	**Chuck Etherington / Bill Lovins**
JULY 20	**MMM MONTHLY**	**Pete McQuade**
AUGUST 4-8	**AMA NATS – Muncie, In**	
AUGUST 10	**MMM *SATURDAY* MONTHLY**	**Roland Solomon**
AUGUST 30, 31-SEPTEMBER 1	**42ND ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND DYNASTY CUP!**	**Don DeLoach / Jerry Murphy**
SEPTEMBER 21	**MMM MONTHLY**	**Jackson Ivey**
OCTOBER 19	**MMM MONTHLY & SAM COMBO**	**Dave Wineland**
NOVEMBER 2	**MMM MONTHLY**	**CD TBD**
NOVEMBER 9	**INDOOR IN THE SPRINGS**	**Don DeLoach / Rob Romash**
DECEMBER ?	***MMM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING***	The Prez…

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The following events will be flown and scored separately for National Cup consideration:

1.AMA Power: 1/2A,A, B, C and D
2.Classic Power: 1/2A, A/B and C/D
3.Nostalgia Gas: 1/4A, Early 1/2A, 1/2A, A, B and C
4.Rubber: Mulvihill, Moffett, and P-30
5.Nostalgia Rubber: Nos Rubber/ Wake Combo
6.Glider: HLG, CLG and Classic Towline
7.Junior: 1/2A,1/2A Classic, HLG, CLG and P-30

The following are the monthly event combinations that will apply to MMM Season Champion Points (club members only):

1. **Catapult Glider**
2. **Hand Launch Glider**
3. **2-Minute Combo** (any 2 min event) (P-30, F1G, F1H, F1J, Payload, Rocket, etc.)
4. **3-minute FAI Combo** (F1A, F1B, F1C, F1P)
5. **Nostalgia Gas / MMM "Slow Open Power"Combo**
6. **AMA/Classic Gas Combo**
7. **3-Minute Rubber Combo** (Mulvihill, Gollywock, Moffett, OT Rubber)
8. **Classic Towline Glider**

FIRST CLASS

IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE UNTIL YOU PAY YOUR DUES!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	FEATURE EVENT
Jan 26th	Dinner Meeting 6:30 drinks, etc. 7:00 Dinner	Annual Awards Dinner
March 22nd	MMM Indoor	
April 20th	First MMM Monthly	NFFS Towline Glider