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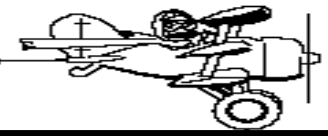
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2008-2 (Feb-Mar-Apr)



PONDERINGS DEP'T

Long Live Free Flight in the Rockies

To say the least this has been somewhat of a "busy" past couple of months. As most of you may be aware of our first meeting with the State Land Board regarding our flying site had a hiccup. Motorcycles were not to be allowed. Of course this was a major impact and required some fast acting and thinking from the club leadership.

Many meetings ensued, as well as a full court press on optional field searches.

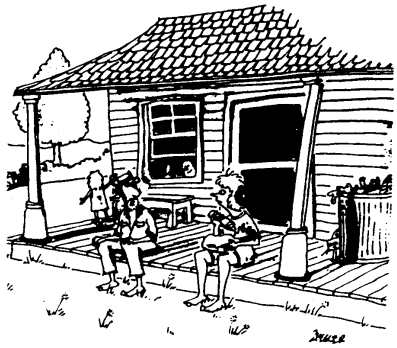
Fortunately, the game plan devised, as well as the team that met with the Lowery Range Project Manager had successful results…at least for the current flying season.

The whole story along with 5 part harmony is too long to try to represent here but there are some reports via the negotiating team, the prez, and the field search efforts that have been flying all over the MMM Yahoo board.

So…coming up is the March twenty tooth indoor contest in Colorado Springs, and the First outdoor contest April 20th is a "GO!" and featuring the NFFS Glider event.

Pressure is off so let's go for it!

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



Ma….. You got my scooter fixed yet?

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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
March 22	Indoor Contest in the Springs
April 20	First Outdoor Contest at the Field - NFFS TLG Feature

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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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Jerry Murphy: jb_murphy@msn.com

I wrote the following describing the club's 2008 club goals before we had our meeting with the Lowry range manager on January 14. We were told " motorcycles are a deal breaker" as far as our continued use of this site. This was a major shock to both MMM and SAM-1 so we had to take quick action. First we formed a four-person negotiation team with two members from each club. Next we launched an aggressive search for a new field. Well as you have seen in the various email traffic, our negotiation team scored a home run and we are now back on the field for now. However this incident clearly means that our days on the Lowry range are numbered and we need to find a new field. The goal is to have a new field in time for the April meet in 2009. Don DeLoach is leading the El Paso County search and Rick Pangell is doing so for Arapahoe County. If you have any good leads for a new site please contact either of these fellows. I can tell you now that Don's efforts have generated many leads in El Paso County and the results are fields that appear to be even better than Lowery because they are flatter.

MMM Goals for 2008

We are entering our 51st year of operations and our future has never looked brighter. We continue to gain members and prestige as a leading force in the free flight community. Examples of how the MMM club is contributing to the overall free flight community are Don DeLoach's marketing leadership of NFFS, Rick Pangell's editorship of the 2008 edition of the NFFS Sympo, Randy and Todd Reynolds Ruckus in the Rockies, Rob Romash's leading of the Indoor World Championship team, and my chairmanship of the Free Flight Contest Board. With all of this going on we are poised for a great 2008. However it has been said that any road will take you there if you don't know where you are going.

I talked to many club members and we had a dinner meeting in Castle Rock to discuss these points. I want to thank everybody who took part in this process. With that in mind I would like to establish a set of goals to lead the club in 2008. They are as follows:

- **Protect the flying field:**

There are many components of this goal. First we must establish the strongest possible relationship with the Land Board. I believe it is best to have a single point of communication to minimize confusion, so I have ask Pete McQuade to continue in this role as our point person to interface with the Land Board. Pete's ability to commutate with senior officials has been well developed through his USAF career.

Our relationship with the Hunt Club is an important element of our relationship with the Land Board. Art Hillis has served the club in this capacity for many years and despite his advancing years (he will be 80 this summer) and health problems he has said he wishes to continue to support the club in this role. I doubt if many of us know exactly how valuable his efforts have been in this regard and I am delighted to be able to continue to have Art on our leadership team.

As we share the filed with SAM-1 it is important that we have a clear communication channel with our fellow modelers. We need to be "joined at the hip" with SAM on all issues regarding the field so that both clubs are operating with the same goals and objectives regarding the field. I feel that we need a person who is active in both clubs and has good communication skills to be our SAM 1 liaison, so I have ask Duane Hjerleid to take on this assignment. His responsibilities will be to represent MMM to SAM 1 leadership and to report SAM-1 topics to the MMM leadership.

- **Keep the MMM Club Character:**

  As we grow in status as a major leader of the free flight community we need to protect and nourish the character of the club that is drawing people to join and fly with us. In that vain we will keep on with our lack of formal meetings but with frequent gatherings on the field. I believe meetings for the sake of meetings is a waste of time that could be better spent building and flying. We do need to have an open and accessible channel of communications. To support this goal, I have asked Rick Pangell to continue as our newsletter editor and web master. In addition I have ask Don DeLoach to continue to lead the Yahoo group.

I believe a critical component of the "character of the club" is our menu of laid back monthly contests. These events serve several purposes. First they get people out to the field for a regularly scheduled basis. Secondly these contests give our club members an opportunity to develop their leadership skills by serving as Contest Directors for these events. The third purpose of these contests is they provide a venue for flying fun.

- **Grow the three major contests:**

The club is currently sponsoring three major multi-day contests, the Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb, FAI Annual, and Rocky Mountain FF Champs. We have established a reputation for having contests that are well run but with a "laid-back Colorado" style. One of the best complements I received as CD of the 2007 NATS was when a flyer came up to me and said, this was a great NATS, it felt like a great big MMM meet'. So our Colorado contests are earning a reputation for well run and fun meets. As these events continue to grow we need to be working on enhanced management systems to make sure that we don't put all the work on a few members. In addition we need to establish goals that prevent these three events from taking over the club. Currently we have Rob Romash leading the Ceiling Climb, Chuck Etherington leading the FAI Annual and Don DeLoach and myself leading the RMC. Carol Hjerleid has agreed to manage the food service at the RMC this year. Please give her a big thank you for doing this when you see her.

If you can, please try to give some of your time to help ease the workload for these folks. Burning one or more of these folks out will do serious damage to the club and our ability to have fun in the sun with free flight competition.

GET READY TO FLY OUR 2008 OUTDOOR CONTEST SEASON!

Last night (Feb 27), the four-man negotiating team from SAM-1 and MMM met with Melissa Yoder, the Lowry Range Manager, concerning the use of motorized chase bikes on the field. We made some concessions, but the bottom line is that we can continue to use chase bikes on the Lowry Range for the *near term*, but with some limitations we can live with. (See below.) She said she can't make any guarantees as to what the Land Board will eventually decide to do with us and our use of chase bikes could be challenged by them, perhaps even this year. But she will renew our lease on a year-to-year basis, for the near future. Ms. Yoder was very understanding, open to dialogue, and willing to support reasonable requests.

We described the devastating impact her proposed ban on chase bikes would have on us , and the actual, minimal impact we have on the land. She told us the core issues behind the proposed ban (concerns over Unexploded Ordnance, trespassers who've been riding motorcycles and ATVs on the land, noxious weeds, and the Arapahoe Grasslands Conservation Team's perceptions of motorcycles). The team had effective responses to all the issues. She was open to our needs and willing to compromise. She proposed a new rule that we drive our chase bikes on the "2-rut" roads on the field (such as those Mr. Pancost blazed across the field) as much as possible, driving as close to our models as possible on those roads, then driving "cross country" only for the shortest distance necessary. We readily agreed to this rule. She will send us a map of all the roads the Land Board is aware of. There are quite a few of them. We must abide by this rule. It will take some adaptation, but we can certainly make it work.

We will also be very careful to avoid noxious weeds (especially leafy spurge), and will set up a 5-6 man team to help the Land Board map out locations of leafy spurge on the field and periodically report our findings to the Land Board. To help with the trespassing issue, we will issue ID cards to members of both clubs to carry while chasing, to present if encountered by officials. We will also keep an eye out for trespassers and report their activities. We may also be asked to contribute some money to fix broken fences on the field perimeter, through which trespassers have apparently been bringing in their motorcycles and ATVs. And we will keep a watch for the many illegal, homemade signs someone has been posting on the perimeter fence, declaring the land is open to the public and

welcoming them to trespass. When we see those signs, we'll take them down, note when and where we saw them, and turn them in to Melissa. Finally, we agreed to set up a formal volunteer process of supporting education in the local school districts. This will help us provide more direct support to the Land Board's mission. And it will give our members more opportunities to spread our knowledge and love of aviation in the classroom. It will also promote free flight for generations to come.

The Land Board will be setting up a "Resource Management Seminar", a process by which lessee land-use issues will be presented to the Land Board and the Arapahoe Grasslands Conservation Team, to resolve such issues. This process will be used if anyone challenges whether our use of chase bikes is a "compatible use of the land." We would be invited to participate, to make our case. There is no guarantee that this process will eventually rule in our favor, but we would at least have a chance. Melissa said she doesn't yet know when this process (the Seminar) would be put in place, but hopes it will be soon.

Pete McQuade

Motorcycle Use Policy

As stated in Pete's report on the meeting with the State Land Board Lowry Range Manager, Mrs. Melissa Yoder the policy for riding chase bikes on the field is as follows:

- **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.** The Leafy Spurge is the most common and photographs of this plant are in the CD briefcase

HEARD AT THE SOUTHWEST REGIONALS DEP'T

Hi gang, (From Lee Hines)

I just got home a few hrs ago & can fill a few blanks for you.
Mostly calm and only a bit frozen til about 9am Sat & Sun, then stayed kind of normal for Eloy with some AM breeze, dropping away to midday doldrums and VERY scant lift near ground level especially. Few thermiks that had much action on Sun & Mon especially.
On Sat trying to find some good air for Classic towline the drift kept moving around, so we moved around too, and still had not much luck. I won it with no maxes, FYI! Still, one of the better SWRFFC's I have attended, all in all.

Some results.
F1A: R Limberger- FO over M McK [the WC] & P Brocks
F1B: Bob Biedron-FO
F1C: D Chesson-FO [Chuckles E, 2nd pl]
F1H: M McK over J Parker in FO [I came a weak 3rd.. .not full house]
F1G: Tiff O'Dell over Don DeL and C. Jones [close scores]
Cat Glider...me...4x120, over Tim B by 30 sec.
Classic TLG...me and Ultimax II got lucky. Jean Andrews 2nd, Don DeL left Super Talon body home. [Sorry D]
HLG: Tim B...4m+, me...3m+116...
Randy...I flew SW36D for all maxes...it sure looks fine in a thermik! I am stoked!
THX for having the creative thought to draw it up...It is aka 'JUGS' nicknamed already, you know!

Many other events, you will just have to wait for other sportsmen
to add their 2 bits worth, I reckon!

Had a ton of fun and Bernie Crowe can sure tell stories, ain't that right Mark, Chuckles & Don D?

Ciao,
Leeper

MORE SWR TIDBITS (from Don D) :

Mark C. flew very well in HLG, to 3rd place. His launches were about as high as Tim's and Lee's.
--Lee's mastery of the tricky, near-dead air on Sunday afternoon was impressive. I would've had my butt handed to me in Classic Towline in those conditions!
--I asked Tim how he was picking air—if he was going on the fill, temp change, or what. He said, "I am going on the Hines!" Honesty! Lee was a magician in CLG.
--I somehow made the marathon F1G flyoff, after squeaking by with 5 maxes between 2:03 and 2:30. Dicey, turbulent air that morning. But the afternoon flyoff weather was BEAUTIFUL. Six of us started, and three survived the 3-, 4-, and 5-, to make the 6-minute round. All three models were launched close together and glided to the ground in formation, all within 10-15 seconds of each other. It was really awesome! I barely survived the 5-minute round when I threw the model left…it found the air anyway. Chuck had some choice words for me after this screwup!
--Chuck maxed out in F1C. The six-man, 10-minute flyoff was scheduled for early Sunday morning, in sub-freezing temps and alight breeze. Two guys took zeros when they couldn't get airborne in time. Chuck got a perfect launch but the model over-bunted slightly, stalling twice and doing around 6 minutes. Don Chesson did 8:18 for the win. Chuck was 2nd! Chuck has not yet figured out why he over-bunted—strange. BTW Chesson was flying a Verbitsky FLAPPER.
--Herb scored a 1st in Jimmie Allen and a 3rd in Small Stick. He couldn't get his 55-56 Wake going well enough to compete.
--I won Small Stick with a 3x180 plus 240. My Gollywock is flying great. Herb's usually unbeatable Korda C missed the air on his 240 max.
--Bernie Crowe, Bud Romak, and I recreated the 1956 Wakefield World Champs with a mass ROG of our Nos Wakes. Bernie had O'Donnell's Maxie, Romak had Herb's 55-56 Wake (2nd by 5 seconds in '56), and I had Petersson's "Sofi" (the '56 winner). Lots of pics were taken and a great time had. Sofi did about 4:00 and the other two did 5:00+. I had an unfortunate winding accident with Sofi on the previous flight (stooge pulled out of the ground). The repair caused me to add a lot of glue to the aft end, making it stall to the ground in the glide. Crap!
--MMM 14-round winner Rene Limberger won F1A over former world champ Mike McKeever. His Stamov long wing model is superb.
--I won P-30 on Sunday. 120+120+120+150+180+195 or so. Sunday had beautiful Wx all day long—perfect for P-30.

Thermiks - Don

WOTR MODELING EXPO 2/9/08

The modeling expo went well. Numerous visitors asked questions and took flyers and business cards. We ended up with three tables combined for MMM and SAM 1, and the indoor guys had a couple of tables about 75' west of us. Models displayed at the outdoor table were:
Rubber: Gollywock, Jabberwock, Miss Canada, ROG, Gypsy. Scale: Howard DGA 9.
Gas: Kerswap, F1C.
R/C: giant engine powered Jabberwock. No gliders were displayed.

The indoor guys gave FF and R/C flight demos throughout the day and, as usual, people were fascinated.

The cast of characters that I recognized (ranging from those bringing models and doing demos to those stopping by to visit) were:
Al Yuhasz, Art Hillis, Bill Leopard, Bill Lovins, Dave Jansen, Gayle Jackson, Jack Warkins, Jim Whelan, John Lovins, Monte Peecher, Norm Frawley, Ray Boyd, Steve Smith.

There was food service (which was quite good) and the museum drew more visitors by having "open cockpit day." They had stairs and volunteer helpers to enable guests to sit in the F-4, A-7 and Canberra. It was a worthwhile event for us to participate in. I particularly want torecognize Jim Whelan for all his help as a WOTR insider. Thanks Jim.
- Chuck

THE "IKE" - FROM DON-

I flew out to the Isaacson contest at Lost Hills this past weekend. Express Jet service to Ontario, CA is only $107 each way! Had to do it.

The weather was nearly perfect both days! Winds 0-2 mph on Saturday and 0-5 on Sunday. Short sleeve and shorts weather. Thermals were pretty weak most of the time, so it was a typical fair weather contest. Those with the hyper-light and/or flyoff-trimmed models were at an advantage.

Some "IKE" highlights:

--P-30 competition was incredibly stiff. I maxed 4 and dropped the 180 flight by 3 sec yet still was out of the money! (4th place).
--Gollywock competition was also very stiff. I maxed out the 5x180 then we did a flyoff mass launch among the top three. I finished third—only did about 3:30 in the flyoff. The other two models were unbelievably light, Cover's was 41 grams empty! Basically an indoor model. My all-weather GW could not compete in this arena. The 2nd place guy had a Wock with split-rib construction—I don't think this is legal!
--F1G was a blast. I did 4:01 in the champagne round 1 flight, which was the 4th or 5th highest time out of about 30 entered. I then maxed the other rounds to make the flyoff (17 in the FO!). The 5:00 flyoff was held at 3pm when thermals were still present. I launched alone in the middle of the round and did not find the air. I still did about 3:30 and finished somewhere around 8th I think.
--Roger Simpson won F1C on a 10 min flyoff at 7:30 AM Sunday. Verbitsky got second, was NOT flying a flapper or folder—interesting. His six-panel model used a geared motor and 3-blade prop though.
--HLG was won by Stan B. on the last flight. It was very dramatic, as was FAI rounds CLG. Tim B won FAI CLG by 1 sec!
--Lee Hines won Classic tow with his venerable Ultimax.
--Brian Van Nest won F1A flyoff as well as F1H. Awesome…..Thermals Don

SPUR OF THE MOMENT COUPE CONTEST
From Randy Reynolds…

This winter has been pretty bleak and cold. On top of that the uncertainty of the flying field availability and having to spend several weeks on crutches has made me crazy to go flying.

Today the weather was terrific and we had 10 flyers out there having a great time. With all of us having the same type of model and the simple direct nature of the competition, it seemed to focus the day beautifully. I now feel like I might be able to make it through the rest of this winter Since I had some volunteers retrieving for me due to having a gimpy foot it was even more fun for me (how long can this excuse last?) but it seemed that we got along with no bikes reasonably well.

Great idea for the Contest Don! I'll suggest again that we think about making a season long Coupe Cup with some clever name and the winner getting a free trip to France to represent MMM in the Coupe D' Hiver world cup...or whatever. What do you think?
Randy
(Thanks for the kudos...but the real thanks should go to everyone who showed their support by showing up and flying. We had a great time! Thermals—Don)

So much for "Freeze your fanny". It was more like "bask in the mid-winter warmth!" Temps in the upper fifties, light breezes, copious sunshine.…. This was undoubtedly the nicest February flying day I've ever experienced in Colorado!

Round 1 featured nice air though it was a bit breezy. Chasing on foot was taxing on most—especially the long uphill slog out of death valley.

The wind died down about 10:00 AM so the middle rounds were a delight. Romash had one flight just hang over the cars for 3 min plus. Awesome. Lots of maxes in these rounds.

The air turned TRICKY after about 12:00. Congrats to Todd for being the only one to max the last round.

Thanks to Paul Andrade for helping chase for fellow flyers—especially Dick Branca's 6 min+ flight to the NE. Also, look for Paul's coverage of this event for NFFS Digest!

Next year let's hope for some *real* winter weather so we can chase on cross-country skis!!

RESULTS:

Don DeLoach	574
Randy Reynolds	533
Paul Andrade	521
Dick Branca	513
Darold Jones	486
Rob Romash	459
Todd Reynolds	457
Bill Leppard	397
Marc Sisk	392
Chuck Etherington	71

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April 20th	MMM Monthly Outdoor	NFFS Glider !!
MAY 18	MMM & SAM MONTHLY	MMM / SAM COMBO