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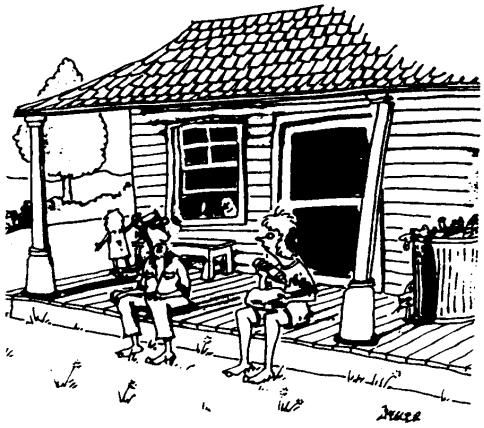
April 24th is our first Outdoor Scramble..!!!

As usual nobody can predict the weather but your faithful CD will be on the field at 9:00 AM. It's me and my phone number is 720-331-4319 if you need to verify.

If it's a total blowout I will use our "i.o" group for notice the night before or early in the am.

The long range forecast is:
Sunday
A slight chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy.

Don't panic yet, we've had some real weather shifts in the past few years too.



"Ma …Time to dust off the models?

"Ochroma lagopus in perpetuum"

Thermals! or heat from the lights, or whatever…

Rick

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS



John McGrath

Opening Day at the Field! Someone mentioned to me that the April Scramble has two distinctions. First, it's the one most likely to run into weather troubles, and second, it's the most attended Scramble of the year—and for good reason. Our outdoor planes may have forgotten how to fly, and we've got to beat them back into submission! This coming Sunday (the 24th) is our first Scramble of the season, with our illustrious newsletter Editor in Chief Rick Pangell running the show as CD. Flying begins at 0900. I say that now, but a quick check of the weather as of Monday shows "partly sunny, high near 54. Breezy, with a chance of rain and snow showers." Just another sunny day in Edinburgh, in other words. Seriously, I went through a bunch of copies of Aero Modeller the other day and judging by some of the photos, those UK guys will fly in anything.

Keep an eye on the Group Io board for latest info. Our practice is to avoid rescheduling if possible, so be patient with Rick if final decisions aren't until game time. His call, though. Default is Go.

Now to celebrate a few highlights from the indoor season—which was amazing. I count not fewer than five indoor events where the club hit home runs in student-level contact and active recruitment. We began with our strong presence running the flying events at the Southern Region Science Olympiad contest down in Pueblo. At one point I took a glance at the scoring table and occurred to me that the students had no idea just how abundantly qualified was the crew running the event. If they'd counted all of the national championship winners, advanced academic degree holders, published designers and modelers of national and international renown who were weighing the models and timing their flights, they would have been astounded. I know I was impressed! The quality of flying was ultimately very impressive, and Don's comment on the winning flight was telling: "That was better than any of us could have done." The winning model flew like a witch, dodging every obstacle up near the ceiling. After some heart-stopping near misses, the pair of students from Lewis-Palmer HS ended up with a nice clean 2:23.

By good fortune, there was enough time between the Regional and State Sci Oly tournaments that we were able to schedule a Build/Trim/Fly event for Sci Oly students at Manitou High School. This was quite well attended, with ten students visiting, from as far afield as Gunnison and Cherry Creek. Students built fresh Sci Oly kits—either rubber or capacitor, depending on grade—and every team did a nice job improving their game for the State tournament two weeks later. This event was this year's "Kid's Contest," and feedback was extremely positive.

The State tournament was held at UC Colorado Springs, and flying was in the Gallogly Event center, which is a very nice venue, and would be a great spot to hold future free flight events. If we have to give up the City Aud, Gallogly wouldn't be a bad alternative. In order to get our nose under the tent flap, Sean McEntee has agreed to enroll at UCCS in the Fall ☺. He's already planning his approach to whomever holds those keys. This event was notable for the strong showing from up in the Northern District, and ultimately, though our good friend Kate put on an action-packed final flight, she was beaten by a team from up north who had their plane absolutely beautifully trimmed, with exactly the right size rubber to take advantage of the room—on the final flight of the contest, no less.

Responding to a request from the Colorado Springs School, Don DeLoach assembled a team from the club and did a bangup job building 13 P-18's with middle schoolers. That couldn't have been easy, given time constraints, but in the end, every student got to experience indoor free flight in the company of

masters. Don and his team did such a great job that the school made a very nice donation to the club. Way to go!

Then came the Ceiling Climb. David Aronstein joined Don running the event, and with plenty of action in the air, the contest was a thrill. We had the Chuck Andraka crew up from New Mexico, and what a professional bunch that is! Eight or nine work tables set up at even intervals down one side of the gym provided work and operating space for the group, and it's clear as the years progress that the students are acquiring higher and higher levels of skill. At one point a few of us watched as a student grabbed a pole to get her plane from high up on a backboard. "Shouldn't we go help?" No need. Ultimately Don won Grand Champ, which has eluded him for years, and a new national record was set in F1M by **Anjulie Sorbello (S) 6:15:57+6:15.82 12:31.39**, one of Chuck Andrake's recruits..!

And let's not forget John Christensen, who faithfully has been running Beth Eden events in Lakewood all season—and a bunch of them! Not sure what the count is for this season, but it feels like six or eight events. Thank you, John for keeping the flame alive in Denver.
To everyone who played a hand in this year's Indoor success—especially with multiple appearances, I offer a huge MMM thank you. Well done, guys!

USA F1E team selection.

From: Robert Sifleet

USA F1E team selection for the 2023 World championship. This will be to select both the Junior and Senior teams. The team selection will be held July 8 2022 at the MMM F1E site at Denver Co. as part of the MMM 14 rounder contest July 8, 9 10. July 11 th will be used as a spare day if the team selection cannot be completed on July 8th.

A copy of the F1E team selection program can be obtained from AMA at 765 287 1256 ,or competition@modelaircraft.org.

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MMM Publicity from AMA:

Jim tiller, our AMA District 9 VP is putting this in his MA column in June:



Bella and Zoe from Lewis-Palmer High School, celebrate their Region-winning 2:23 in the Wright Stuff event.

A five person team from the MMM Free Flight Club conducted both Wright Stuff events at Colorado's Southern Region Science Olympiad tournament in Pueblo. In this category, there are two flying events. High school aged competitors fly a rubber powered plane roughly the size of a P-18, while middle school students fly a capacitor-powered plane of similar size. By happy coincidence, the winners of the Southern Region high school event (pictured above) were two students at Lewis-Palmer High School in Monument, CO where club member John McGrath happens to teach.

During the course of the day, MMM members processed entries and timed flights and made the pitch to students to visit the club's "home court" in Manitou Springs for a Pre-State Sci Oly Tournament Build/Trim/Fly event. That event also was a success, with some students travel-ling upwards of 100 miles to attend. The Club members have been busy with these indoor build and fly sessions in the region throughout the spring.

The MMM Club similarly supported the Science Olympiad State Finals at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, in April.

16th Pike's Peak Ceiling Climb
March 27, 2022 - Manitou Springs, Colorado

CDs: Don DeLoach and David Aronstein

Nineteen registered contestants came to Manitou Springs High School for the 16th Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb. The MMM club is grateful to have use of the MSHS site after the loss of the Colorado Springs City Auditorium.
Sadly, it is unlikely the Auditorium will ever be used for flying again; the City plans to sell it and turn it into a high-revenue "event space."

The highlight of the meet was definitely the attendance by Chuck Andraka and his enthusiastic Albuquerque homeschool team. As usual these five kids (and Chuck) did some very competitive flying. Anjulie Sorbello set a Senior record in F1M. Chuck won Scraps and Scraps Mass launch. Sisters Monet and Montana Ramacciotti flew great in LPP, Scraps and F1M. Elijah Rose was a strong third in LPP with 5:48, and Quinn Sorbello was one second short of first place in Scraps.

Skilly DeLoach brought her friend David Laybourne to his first ever contest flying the P-18 he had built two weeks prior. David put up a 1:47, finishing second among all ages! Impressive to say the least. David plans to attend his first outdoor meet at the MMM site later this spring.

The 2022 PPCC was a big success thanks mostly to the people who made it possible. David Aronstein, co-CD, was amazing. He jumped in and did much of the work on site when it was clear I was stretched too thin. Mark Covington again came for several hours and timed flights, without being asked. Jeff Pakiz did his usual great job judging scale. John McGrath was instrumental in helping before and after the contest. Chuck Etherington, as usual, probably timed more flights than anyone else.
Thanks to all!

PPCC RESULTS:

Scraps Mass Launch
Chuck Andraka 3:41
John Christensen 2:54
Monet Ramacciotti (S) 1:40
Elijah Rose (S) 1:33
Quinn Sorbello (S) broken motor

P-18
John McGrath 2:00
David Laybourne (J) 1:47
Chuck Andraka 1:46
Chuck Etherington 1:37
Jerry Murphy 1:30
Skilly DeLoach (J) 1:27
Sean McEntee 1:07
Clara McEntee (J) 0:48

Phantom Flash 5g
Don DeLoach 1:33
Chuck Etherington 1:30
Rick Pangell 1:11

Ministick
Rob Romash 5:11
Don DeLoach 4:26

FAC No-Cal
D. Aronstein Gloster 2:19
R. Pangell Luscombe 0:49

FAC Peanut Scale
D. Aronstein Boeing 142.5
D. DeLoach Fike 129.0
J. Christensen Lacey 124.0
R. Pangell Fike DNF
Rick Pangell Huntington DNF

P-24 Mass Launch
John Christenson WINNER
Chuck Etherington 0:48

WWII No-Cal Combat
D. Aronstein Meteor 2:19
D. DeLoach Spitfire
R. Pangell P-40

Phantom Flash Mass Launch
Don DeLoach 1:33
Chuck Etherington 1:11
John Christenson 0:44
Rick Pangell 0:30

P-18 Mass Launch
John McGrath 2:10
Chuck Andraka 1:50
Chuck Etherington 1:33
Rick Pangell 1:30
Skilly DeLoach (J) 1:22
Jerry Murphy 1:08
David Laybourne (J) 1:00
Sean McEntee 0:55
Clara McEntee (J) 0:48

FAC Jet Catapult Scale
D. Aronstein MiG-9 18.7
Rick Pangell P-59 4.1
Rob Romash Caproni 3.6

AMA HLG
Don DeLoach 26.0+26.2 52.2
D. Aronstein 9.3+9.3 18.6

AMA Unlimited Catapult Glider
Don DeLoach 22.8+22.1 44.9
Rob Romash 20.2+18.6 38.8
Rick Pangell 18.7+17.5 36.2
D. Aronstein 9.1+9.1 18.2

AMA Standard Catapult
R. Pangell 24.9+22.6 47.5
Don DeLoach 24.0+22.2 46.2
Jerry Murphy 14.7+16.0 30.7
Rob Romash 10.4+10.2 20.6
D. Aronstein 9.1+9.1 18.2

Limited Pennyplane
Don DeLoach 6:41
Chuck Andraka 6:08
Elijah Rose (S) 5:48
Quinn Sorbello (S) 5:25
Anjulie Sorbello (S) 4:54
Monet Ramacciotti (S) 4:41
Montana Ramacciotti (S) 4:08
John McGrath 3:14

Easy B
Rob Romash 8:32
David Aronstein 5:21

Scraps – Light
Chuck Andraka 3:38
Quinn Sorbello (S) 3:37
Monet Ramacciotti (S) 3:08
John Christensen 3:06
Elijah Rose (S) 2:10

S.O. Wright Stuff "B" Electric
Elijah Rose (S) 1:16

Bostonian
John Christensen 1:06

F1M
Chuck Andraka 7:37.56+6:29.89 14:07.45
Anjulie Sorbello (S) 6:15:57+6:15.82 12:31.39*
Quinn Sorbello (S) 4:38.00+5:32.01 10:10.01
Mon. Ramacciotti (S) 4:56.00+0 04:56.00
Elijah Rose (S) 2:38.50+0 02:38.50
****AMA Senior National Record Pending***

Tiny Glider
John Christensen, 2.56" 11.5+12.0 6.60
David Aronstein, 11.7" 8.9+9.1 1.42
John Christenson, 2.68" 10.7+10.5 5.76

Grand Champion – Colorado Cup

(5-4-3-2-1 points for 1st-2nd-3rd-4th-5th in events with 5 or more flyers; 4-3-2-1 for 4 flyers, 3-2-1 for 3 or fewer flyers)

1. Don DeLoach 15 pts (1st HLG, 1st LPP, 2nd Peanut, 2nd WW2, 1st Phantom)

2. David Aronstein 14 (2nd EZB, 1st Peanut, 1st WW2, 1st No-Cal, 1st Jet Cat)

3. Rob Romash 14 (2nd UCLG, 4th SCLG, 1st EZB, 1st F1L, 1st Ministick)

4. J. Christensen 11 (3rd Peanut, 4th Scraps, 1st Tiny Glider, 1st Bostonian, 3rd Phantom ML)

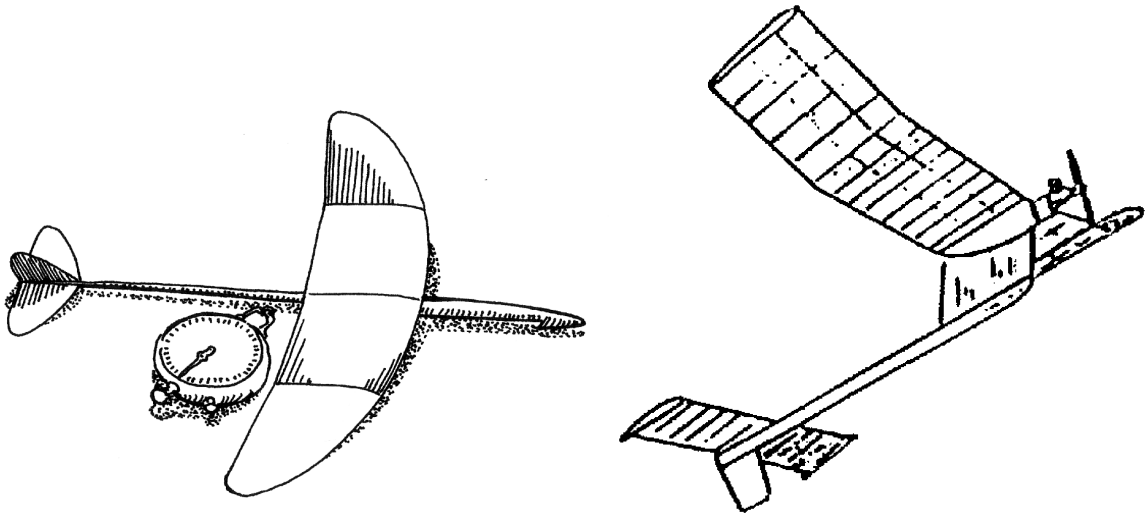
5. Quinn Sorbello 5 (5th LPP, 3rd F1M, 2nd Scraps)

For Don…(?)



2022 MMM Contest Schedule

Event	Date	CD(s)
March Outdoor One-Off	TBD	TBD
Scramble	24 April	Rick Pangell
Scramble	15 May	Pete McQuade
(Indoor NATS--Eagar)	24-28 May	AMA / PMAC
Casino Cup (Wendover NV)	18-19 June	Jack Murphy
Scramble	26 June	Darold Jones
14-Rounder (Incl. July Scramble)	8-10 July	McQuade/McGrath/Pivonka
(Outdoor NATS--Muncie)	25-29 July	AMA / NFFS
Scramble	7 Aug	Mark Covington
RMFFC	3-5 September	DeLoach/Etherington/Covington
Scramble (Late Day Contest)	25 September	Chuck Etherington
Marion, KS	1-2 Oct	HAFASS
US Team Selection Lost Hills	10-16 Oct	FAI
Scramble	16 October	Jeff Pakiz
Scramble (Frito Pie)	6 November	Rick Pangell CD/Jerry Murphy Festivities
Annual Meeting	7 January 2023	John McGrath



ROUND VALLEY DOME OVERALL RESULTS
April 9-10 with Youth Build on the 11th

It was a fun event. The NATs will be held there the 24th thru the 28th of May. It's well worth the trip just to fly there.

Mike Fedor kicked it with 6 wins, setting a new Dome record of 8:24 in ROG Stick and Hamish Christi set a new dome record of 9:22 in A-6..!

And, the youth build had it's exciting moments amongst the usual crowd confusion of them running all over chasing their models. They built Mountain Lions, which Jerry Murphy showed them a picture of a real mountain lion from his neighborhood.

I'm not sure they got the connection of their models coming from Colorado and Murph's REAL mountain lion but that didn't stop them from building and having the joy of indoor free flight.

Championship Award Points			
RVD CONTEST RESULTS	**Overall**		
Flyer	Place	Wins	Points
Fedor, Michael	1	6	25
Wignall (J), Odessa	2	2	18
Rose, Michael	3	1	15
Andraka, Chuck	4	1	13
Pangell, Rick	5	4	11
Christie, Hamish	6	2	7
Sorbello (S), Anjulie	7	1	6
Ramacciotti (S), Monet	8		5
Adams, Jr, Richard	9	1	5
Rose (S), Elijah	10		4
Sorbello (S), Quinn	11		3
Gaylor, Tom	12		2
Murphy, Jerry	13		2
Lueken, Jim	14		1
Lindley, David			



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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	*EVENT*	*FEATURE EVENT*
April 24	*MMM Monthly Scramble*	*CD: Rick Pangell*
May 15	*MMM Monthly Scramble*	*CD: Pete McQuade*
May 24-28	*Indoor NATs- Eager, AZ*	*AMA – NFFS-FAC*
June 18-19	*Casino Cup- Wendover, NV*	*CD: Jack Murphy*

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