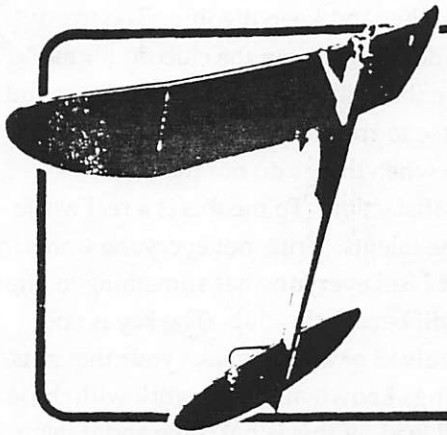


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Site: Hentges Sod Farm

Northeast Quadrant of 109th St . & Hwy 65
Blaine, Mn.

May 21,1995 Spring Meet -AA- Sanction # **50933** Hank Liljequist CD 545 -8178

1/2 A Gas	.020 Replica (12 Sec.)	Embryo Endurance
A Gas	Pee Wee 30	(A/1 - A/2) Nordic
BCD Gas	Mulvihill	Hand Launch Glider
Nostalgia Gas (9Sec.)	P-30	Junior Event

June 10, 1995 Mini FAI -A- Sanction # **50955** Mike Spiess CD (507) 931 - 1686

1/2 A Gas P - 30 A/1 Nordic Hand Launch Glider
To be flown in 5 one-hour rounds beginning at 10:00 am
Picnic and awards to follow final round

June 11, 1995 Spring Meet -AA- Sanction # **50965** Gary Oakins CD 429 - 3150

A Gas	Mulvihill	Junior Event	Coupe d' Hivre
BCD Gas		MMAC Scale	Catapult Glider
Nostalgia Gas (9 Sec.)		.020 Replica (12 sec.)	Embryo Endurance

The ***Mpls. Model Aero Club*** meets at 7:30 on the first Friday of each month at the **Donaldson Corporation, 1400 W. 94th St., Bloomington**. If there is a holiday conflict with the regularly scheduled time, the meetings are usually the following Friday. If in doubt, come anyway and converse with the other half dozen who are wondering if they should be there.

The Prez Says or Spehn Speakith:

As most of you already know, this will be my last Spehn Speakith column as your president. By April 28th I will hopefully be residing approximately two hours away in our new retirement home. As such it is no longer feasible for me to continue as president. Not owning an oil well and driving a very thirsty vehicle will prevent me from partaking in the clamor and confusion that pass for our monthly meetings.

I do want to say that I have enjoyed serving as a club officer each time elected. I also want to thank the club in general as it has provided a world of enjoyment and good for me. It was a real stress reliever to be active in something I loved and to be able to communicate, share ideas and good times with a great bunch of people.

The Medicine Lake glider contest and fun fly was held as scheduled on March 5. A little snow the day before didn't stop the real die-hards or he-men (all three of us). Actually the day was pretty good for flying with some small thermals and manageable drift. After a couple of hours we adjourned to the prez's palace for refreshments and sustenance (all four of us as we picked up a stray). Too bad most of you were afraid of getting a cold nose or your little footsies wet.

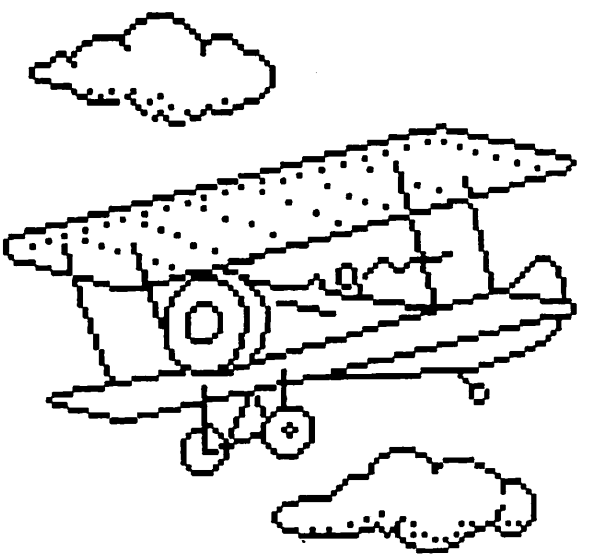
The current issue of the Free Flight Digest has published an excellent letter to the editor by MMAC member Mike Spiess.

As this is my last official act, I will take the liberty of sounding off about some things as I perceive them. We have a great club, one of the best. The membership is composed of a diverse group of talent. We run many contests, probably more than any other free flight club in the country. We have people dedicated to working with and instructing youth to try and perpetuate the hobby. Again, we likely do as much or more in this area as any club. We are nationally recognized. We have a good sized membership and good turnouts for club meetings. We have social events that include wives and significant others. So what's the problem? Look around!! It's the same few people who put everything together and keep it going. Too many have the attitude of "what can the club do for me." Even worse are those who have their own ideas and wants but refuse to speak up or get involved and then complain when things do not meet their standards or satisfaction. To me this is a real waste of those diverse talents. True, not everyone wants to be a leader but I feel everyone has something to offer that can and will benefit the club. The key is you have to get involved or at least make your thoughts, ideas and feelings known and then work with those that can or will lead. If this is not done and if there is not more involvement the future of the club is indeed bleak. I'm not going to print names but as stated, look around or better yet read the club minutes for as far back as you have newsletters and you will see who the doers are. Don't let these few continue to carry the load or they will wear out or burn out and the entire club will suffer. **Get involved!!**

One more thing while I'm still worked up. The club meetings are getting out of hand with everyone talking or kibitzing about their latest creations or the price of potatoes or whatnot while the business meeting is being conducted. This makes it extremely difficult to accomplish anything and takes twice as much time. Out of courtesy please pay attention and save the social hour until business is taken care of.

OK, tranquillity has returned just in time to say: Good luck!

Don Spehn
President, MMAC



MEETING MINUTES: March 3, 1995.

PLACE: Donaldson Co., 1500 W. 94th St., Bloomington. MN.

TIME: Approximately 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: 33...I think; 2 Concerned Others; **Oppegarrd's** grandson; plus 1 Junior.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Since the treasurer was there and not in chains, it's presumed that club's still in the black. **(Treasurer ok'd the quip / LOR)**

CORRESPONDENCE: Bill Thomas via **Don Spehn:** MECA Swap Meet @ Apache Mall, March 11, 1995.

OLD BUSINESS: Aaron Petersen: Set-up evening March 10th, volunteers and models are needed for model show at Apache Mall, March 11, 1995; **Aaron:** MAAC wants to hold a swap meet at Apache sometime in April. **Del Marchant & Don Spehn:** April contest will **not** be held on Easter (**Sec.:** There goes ***my*** weekend!). **Aaron Petersen:** AMA is setting up regional flying sites; **Don Spehn:** anyone who is opposed to a given site, contact AMA Distric Rep. (Why this wasn't Correspondence, or New Business, I'll never know. / LOR) **Don Spehn:** Metrodome: February 27, 1995, **Aaron Petersen:** group of Boy Scouts; **Tim Johnson:** group of students; Over **40** kids in both groups. **Don Spehn:** thanks to all the volunteers. **Don Spehn:** Mpls. Junior Academy, February 28, 1995, flying demonstration for students, about **70** students, all went well. **Unknown:** disscussion of missing ceiling tiles in gymnasium; **Gary Oakins:** motion to replace missing ceiling tiles at Academy, **Jim Ludwig:** 2nd, Motion carried, **Mike Spiess:** volunteered his scaffolding to help w/replacement of tile. **Unknown** wanted to know if sanctions paperwork had been sent to AMA: Affirmative. **Don Spehn:** questions about Charter, response that it was in works.

NOTE: Not brought up at meeting, only brought out in this printing → There was a typographical error in the December Meeting Minutes; e.g., Don Spehn retired from the B.C.P.D., NOT the B.P.P.D.

NEW BUSINESS: Don Spehn: OHLG on Medicine Lk. March 5, 1995, noonish, Ryerson Steel parking lot. **[Mrs.] Ruth Oppegarrd:** congratulated Don Spehn on his retirement, also thanked the group for being there when she and Robert were sick. **Jack O'Leary:** ordered AMA Rule Book and was upset over the cost(s) involved; at least 2 responded costs were **not** out of line. **Al Mueller:** Nos-Gas must weigh correctly; **Del Marchant:** CD's ought to do the weighing and do some real work for once. **Dave Braun:** Registration at Indoor Meets → allow registration to continue from time doors open until specific event begins; **Dave:** Motion, **Dale Mendenhall:** 2nd; **Don Monson:** ***Substantial*** **non-emotional** rebuttal; motion carried. **Don Spehn:** Prize system designates specific prize for specific placing (dedicated prize to specific placing in specific event); multiple discussion over value of prizes. **Aaron Petersen:**

MEETING MINUTES: March 3. 1995.

10th Anniversary as club member: also remembers that issue of prizes a recurring problem. **Robert & Ruth Oppegarrd:** Donation of photo albums to club's Junior Members; however, Juniors **not** carried on club roster, so **not** possible to imprint recipient's name on albums

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Aaron Petersen: 9:15 P.M.; 2nd by **Unknown.**

SHOW & TELL: Mike Spiess: Laser cut parts in model kit. **Jack O'Leary:** No-Cal Sheet Aeronca C-3, ±.005cm~33.02cm w.s., weighs 7.2 grams, colored w/magic marker. **Tim Johnson:** ½A FF, **"Junior Kevorkian,"** fuselage: carbon fibre fishing rod, Selig timer, "Seal-Lam," motor mount made from ?nylon pressure fitting.? **Don Spehn: (#1)** OHLG (But will it fly? / **LOR**), **(#2)** IHLG/Catapult **"GNAT"** 1.016dm w.s. (odd, I have no idea if it weighs mg., g., or kg. / **LOR**), + 2 engines purch. @ auction via **donation** by Don Monson.

RAFFLE: Dave Braun: Dremel **750 "Minimite"** cordless tool kit. **Karl Nitardy:** COVETED Jetco **Rearwin Speedster. Jim Ludwig: Taylor Cub. Gary Fessler: Grumman Wildcat. Mike Spiess's** daughter - **AMA Junior - Cassidy,** drew winning numbers.

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Meeting Minutes (reported by Secretary Emeritus A. Petersen)

Date: 7 April 1995 Time: 8:06 p.m.

Place: Donaldson Co. Members Present: 25

Treasurer's Report: Solvency approacheth.

Correspondence & Announcements: The Acting Secretary reported a profit of $28 from the Apache Mall Show and handed over the cash. He also reported on a flying demonstration given by himself, Hank Liljequist, and Jim Ladwig in a gym of the Becker (MN) Elementary School on 20 March 95. Two groups: 300 and 400, grades K-5. Great fun was had by all; the kids loved every second of it -- as did the demonstrators. The Becker PTSA presented the MMAC with a check for $100. (The membership agreed with the Acting Secretary that most of this money be spent on rubber winders for use in our youth programs.) The MAAC presented us with a windsock as a reward for our crucial participation in the Apache Mall Show. The Acting Secretary announced that the next Metrodome flying date will be 18 April 95, from 3-6 p.m. He will be bringing in a group of Boy Scouts (Troop 100) as well as kids from Andersen Elementary and Green Central Park schools in Minneapolis. Tim Johnson will be bringing a group from Richfield JHS, and Hank Liljequist, Don Patterson, Jim Ladwig, and Jack O'Leary will bring a group from Northview JHS, Brooklyn Center. It is hoped that numerous MMACers will come down to help the kids and to fly their own models under the big top as well. Don Spehn displayed some entry forms for the coming Nats. Some groaning was heard about the steepness of entry fees. The Acting Secretary reported on the plans for Discover Aviation Days at Anoka County Airport on 20-21 May 95. He, Jim Ladwig, Craig Lamatsch, and Peter Owen are already helping prepare simple rubber models to be built and flown by over 200 kids during the Days. It would be good if more MMACers could help on Saturday the 20th, assisting the kids in building and flying. More about this next meeting.

Old Business: Jack O'Leary, Gary Oakins, and Mike Spiess will see about replacing missing ceiling tiles at the Mpls. Jr. Academy gym.

New Business: Because Don Spehn is moving to Gopher Prairie and will not be able to make our meetings regularly, he is resigning as President. In a special election, Jack O'Leary defeated all comers and thus becomes the new President. Huzzahs were voiced around for the new leader. After 100 days he plans to give a major address on his Contract with the MMAC.

Show and Tell: Jack O'Leary displayed his newly refurbished Lanzo Duplex old time rubber model, which has been lost and found 6 times, twice at Lawrenceville. Dave Braun showed us his new Coupe, which he calls "D.B.'s Couper 2." Fuselage made of two sheets of 1/32 balsa rolled on a bias. Model lookslike a significant threat to Hiver flingers. Dave also displayed a nice new Bostonian. Jim Ladwig brought a Super FREEBIRD with a built-up body. Clyde White displayed a new ZEEK with a Veco .19. (Where's that 1939 Korda you were going to build, Clyde?)

Indoor Contest Results - March 12, 1995

Walnut Scale (5)

	Plane	Scale	Flight	Total
1. Jorge Triana	Miss Gr. Rapids	58	63.8	121.8
2. Hank Liljequist	Vagabond	52	43.5	95.5
3. Bill Thomas	Aeronca	54	34.3	88.3
4. Don Spehn	Stinson	50	29.0	79.0
5. Dave Braun	Skyfarer	46	31.6	77.6

Peanut Scale (5)

1. Jorge Triana	Hem. 40	57	48.9	105.9
2. Hank Liljequist	Fike	49	45.9	94.9
3. Gary Crawford	Mosquito	55	36.7	91.7
4. Don Berggren	Ganagobie	54	37.6	91.6

No - Cal Scale (8)

1. John O'Leary	138.9
2. Dave Braun	119.4
3. Don Berggren	90.1
4. Bill Thomas	63.9
5. Hank Liljequist	43.5
6. Mike Spiess	33.0

Hand Launch (5)

1. Gary Crawford	59.1
2. Dave Braun	50.6
3. Garrett Crawford	39.0
4. Dale Mendenhall	37.7
5. Don Spehn	34.5

Sheet No - Cal (3)

1. Dave Braun	66.4
2. Don Spehn	30.9

Penny Plane (3)

1. Jorge Triana	8:05
2. Bill Thomas	4:17
3. Bob Oppegard	0:46

Bostonian (7)

1. Jorge Triana	95.7
2. John O'Leary	75.1
3. Don Spehn	71.8
4. Dell Marchant	63.0
5. Mike Spiess	63.0
6. Dave Braun	55.9

Mini - Stick (6)

1. Jorge Triana	4:36
2. Mike Spiess	4:16
3. Dave Braun	3:41
4. Erick Sears	3:17
5. Bob Oppegard	1:51
6. Hank Liljequist	1:33

EZB (4)

1. Jorge Triana	6:56
2. Bob Oppegard	6:23
3. Bill Thomas	4:09
4. Hank Liljequist	3:51

Junior Rubber (3)

1. Erick Sears	6:08
2. Cody Spiess	1:37
3. Cassidy Spiess	1:08

Indoor Contest Results - April 23, 1995

Walnut Scale (5)

	Plane	Scale	Flight	Total
1. Jorge Triana	McBird I	49	62.0	111.0
2. Hank Liljequist	Vagabond	52	44.5	96.5
3. Jim Anderson	Puss Moth	49	36.7	85.7

Peanut Scale (7)

1. Jorge Triana	Hem. 40	57	59.1	116.1
2. Hank Liljequist	Fike	49	50.6	99.6
3. Don Berggren	Ganagobie	54	33.8	87.8
4. Gary Crawford	Mosquito	55	31.8	86.8
5. Jim Jorgenson	Mosquito	48	22.2	70.2

Bostonian (6)

1. Jorge Triana	91.8
2. Dell Marchant	67.0
3. Jim Jorgensen	62.8
4. Bill Thomas	47.9
5. Jim Anderson	34.4
6. Mike Spiess	31.1

Hand Launch (2)

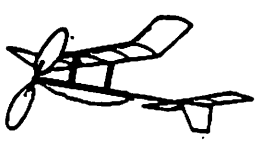
1. Gary Crawford	54.8
2. Mike Spiess	19.2

No - Cal (6)

1. Jim Anderson	129.5
2. Mike Spiess	111.5
3. Bill Thomas	71.2
4. Hank Liljequist	62.1
5. Don Berggren	46.9

EZB (4)

1. Jorge Triana	5:33
2. Hank Liljequist	5:10
3. Jim Jorgensen	4:40
4. Bill Thomas	4:27



Catapult Glider (2)

1. Gary Crawford	44.1
2. Dell Marchant	36.0

Junior Rubber (5)

1. Cody Spiess	48.0
2. Christina Igoe	40.0
3. Nicholas Igoe	30.0
4. Keith Igoe	30.0
5. Mike Igoe	25.0

Penny Plane (3)

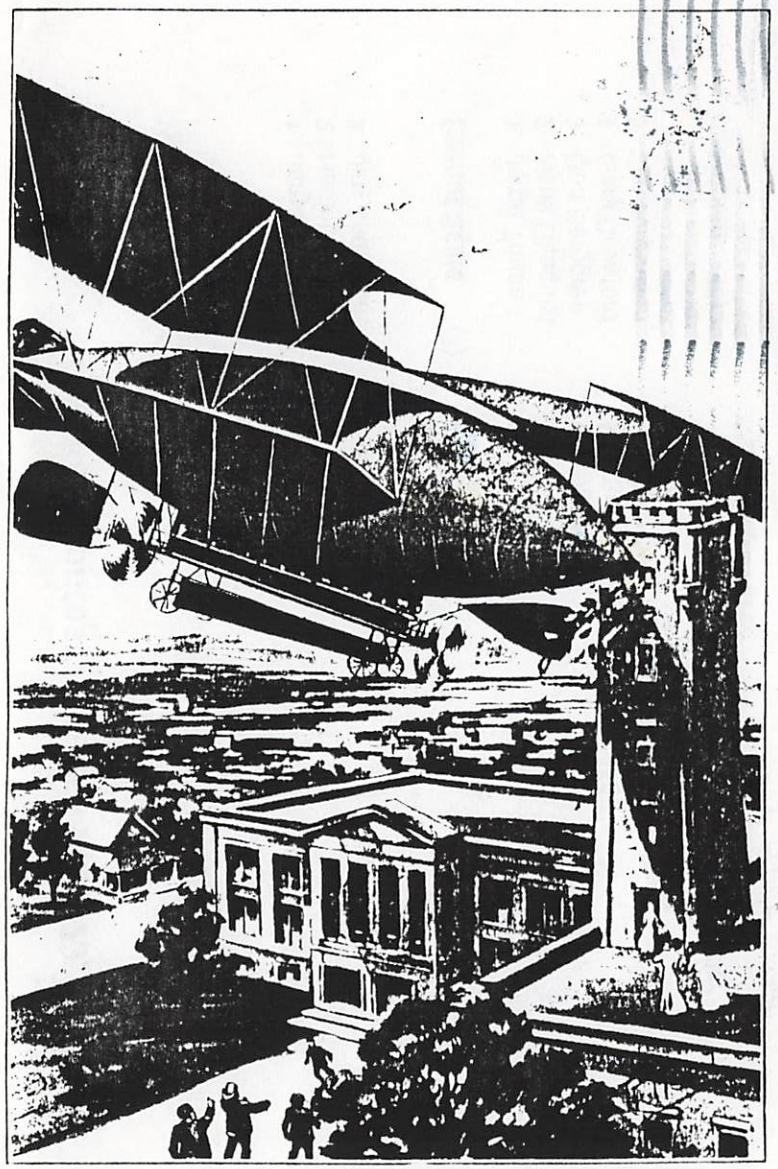
1. Jorge Triana	4:43
2. Bill Thomas	4:24
3. Jim Jorgensen	3:57

Mini Stick (4)

1. Jorge Triana	5:22
2. Mike Spiess	3:15
3. Jim Jorgensen	3:00
4. Hank Liljequist	2:51

Phantom Flash (3)

1. Hank Liljequist	86.3
2. Jim Anderson	58.5
3. Bill Thomas	37.3



STRAIGHT AT THE TOWER RUSHED THE RED CLOUD, AND HIT IT A GLANCING BLOW.

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