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"September 8th MMAC meeting at the Anoka Airport"
"September 10th, 1st Annual Mini-Model Meet!!

Monthly Meetings: October-June

Remember that the meeting site changes in the fall/winter/spring to the:
Burnsville High School
Starting October 6!
(note: this is pending confirmation by Jack O'Leary, retired school teacher at the B.H.S)
Directions to Burnsville HS, take 35W to Hwy 13 in Burnsville, go east to Nicollet Avenue, turn north to the north high school parking lot on Nicollet. Come in the door next to the small Gym.

Upcoming Events:

1. September 10, Mini-Model Meet
2. October 8, Oktoberflug
3. October 29, Turkey Shoot.
Good weather permits obtained for all of the above!

Mini-Model Meet: Dust off those Embryos, P-30s, PeeWee 30s, 1/4Nos, 020 Replicas, and come and have fun with the little ones. Additional events are the combined Junior Event, HLG/CLG event, combined ABCD gas, and possibly old time rubber?

We need more flyers and members at our events. Let us know if you need help with model retrieval? Many of us are willing to help those less mobile to put in their flights and get the models back to the flight line.

Meeting Minutes, June, July, August

June 2, 2006: 10 in attendance. Bull session about Iraq situation. Discussion about Mini-FAI contest, picnic, and how to get there with the many detours.
Show and tell: Jerry Jagerson brought a gaggle of handlaunch gliders to show with his home made silly putty timers. Jerry says it is as simple as putting a wire through a tube and gobbing in some silly putty. Will have to try it.
July 6: 9 in attendance..we are not sure if that includes Don Monson who usually shows up when everyone is ready to leave. Gary Oakins mentioned plans for him and Hank Liljequist to start a program for senior builders. A program was mentioned in a magazine where retirees were being introduced to model building with much interest. First mention of Oakins annual barbecue this fall(was a great success last year with wonderful hospitality and Oakie Ribs!
Gary Oakins also donated a "Slow Worm" kit for the raffle, and was talked into purchasing a winning raffle ticket. (may see this again?). For show and tell, Dennis Sussman brought in a Playboy Senior with a O&R ignition engine on it.
August 11: 8 in attendance...boy, by December we may be down to 5? Gary Oakins firmed up plans for upcoming annual barbecue at his house, will send out invitations. If you don't get one, come anyhow.
Jack O'Leary to procure BHS for meetings from October to June 2007. Everyone recognizes that our meetings are more interesting and successful when there is an indoor flying session prior to the meeting.

OAKIE'S ORACLES

All the members of MMAC along with the entire free flight community are saddened by the death of Herm Fessler. Herm was active in free flight for many years. His building and flying expertise was and is the envy of us all. Thermals good buddy.

All the MMAC members who competed at the NATS placed in one or more events. Nice going Denny Sussman, Dave Edmonson, Warren, Jeff, and Andy Ringlien. They all came home with a trophy.

Jin Juhl Sr. was the contest director for the Nationals. I know he spent many hours in preparation for the event. At least 39 atta boys Jim.

I took the Juhl's several boxes of Old Dutch potato chips. It's their favorite and can't get them in Florida. Understand Ellen Juhl will only ration one bag at a time to the boys.

Steve and I had a good time visiting with Jim Jr. and Joe Juhl. Was great to see them in spite of all the insults I received.

The weather was good. It was very hot the first four days, got rain Thursday night and very pleasant on Friday. A good time was had by all in spite of a few crashes. I finally got the Civy Boy 61 flying with some consistency. I changed the motor from a Fox 29R to a K&B 29 Greenhead. The power pattern climbed to the right rather than the horizontal loop of the past.

Steve, my son, and I hosted not one but three fish fries at the NATS. They must have enjoyed the sunfish as all were consumed. The California flyers including Bill Vanderbeek and Bud Romak were guests at the first fry. Many thanks to Gale and Gary Fessler who helped host the fries. It was our pleasure to have Ronnie Thompson and Tony Saunderson among many others enjoy the fish. We plan to do the same next year if the bite is hot.

Steve, Ronnie Thompson, and I plan to fly U-Control stunt, combat and my jet trainer after official FF flying next year at Muncie. We may even do some night combat.

Tony Saunderson has moved to Muncie. He lives close, only 11 miles. He plans to fly often and beat the pants off me next year. We'll see.

Dell and Noreen Marchant, Don and Janis Spehn, visited Judi and me in July. We spent the evening reminiscing and harassing each other. Dell hasn't changed at all. Good to have Dell and Noreen home again.

Judi and I plan to host a fall party late Sept. or early Oct. The main course will be barbequed baby back ribs. A flyer will follow to give details.

Best of luck to Jack O'Leary who is competing at the SAM Champs in Muncie.

See you at the sod farm, GARY

Herm Fessler, 1924 to 2006

It was with sadness that we learned of Herm's sudden passing. Herm had been a long time member of the MMAC joining prior to 1960. His building and flying skills were outstanding and he was a loyal participant at club events. He had timed a few flights for me two weeks prior, and complained that the binoculars were too heavy to hold for timing long flights.

Herm's reign as club champion began in 1977 and continued until 1984. I heard someone in the family say that his wife threatened to burn the club plaque if he hung it one more year in the house.

In recent years, he has concentrated on the Embryo event, and usually built about 6 of the little models every winter as an offering to the thermal gods the following season. According to Herm, he never tested these models, but just wound them up, and set them on the card table for official flights, and very seldom was beaten in the event. I can remember countless occasions seeing Herm out in the bean fields searching for one of his Embryo flyers.

Herm was a meticulous draftsmen and designer and when asked why his license plate said "HOSOFO", one learned that he signed his drawings H.S.F with big o's for periods, and eventually new co-workers were asking who this HOSOFO guy was? So his trade mark kind of stuck.

Herm drew up plans for my hlg, and I still use them for reference when comparing new designs. His plans were very complete and accurate, which matched his life style in all of his work and hobbies.

Fly in peace Herm! We will miss you!

From your buddy Dave Edmonson

June 3, 2006: Mini-FAI Contest & Picnic, CD: Gary Oakins

Weather conditions: Sunny day with light winds. Models stayed on the field
Contest: (5) 1hour rounds, 9AM-12, 1:00PM -3PM, picnic afterwards.

Junior Event -
More than 6 grams

	Time
1. Calli Olson	60

1/2A/F1J

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	551
2. Dennis Sussman	400

F1G/Coupe

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	526
2. Aaron Peterson	518
3. Warren Ringlien	393

P-30

	Time, seconds
1. Dave Edmonson	532
2. Don Berggren	266
3. Warren Ringlien	229
4. Aaron Peterson	183

HLG/CLG

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson(CLG)	293
2. Jerry Jagerson	198
NC- Dave Edmonson(HLG)	191
3. Duane McDonnell	184
4. Warren Ringlien	137

F1H/A-1

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	450

June 4, 2006: Almost Summer Meet CD: Dennis Sussman

Weather conditions: Sunny day with 15mph winds. All but a few of us stayed home. Only Dave Edmonson flew F1B flights for the FAI qualification program, 7 flights. The regular contest was cancelled early, and the 4 of us in attendance went home prior to noon!

July 9, 2006: Summer Meet, CD: Don Monson

Weather conditions: Sunny day with 10-15mph winds. It seemed windy on the ground, but in general, the few flights put up stayed on the field. Not many of us flew, but we had good attendance, with many bull sessions in progress during the afternoon. We had a full schedule of events but only the ones below were flown.

HLG/CLG

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson(CLG)	236
2. Gary Fessler	123
3. David Krause	113
NC- Dave Edmonson(HLG)	113

AB Gas

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	360
2. Gary Oakins	339

Mulvihill

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	315
2. Warren Ringlien	275
3. Jeff Ringlien	269

P-30

	Time, seconds
1. Gordon Dona	351
2. Dave Edmonson	211

August 20, 2006: Almost Silent Meet, CD: Gary Oakins

Weather conditions: Light and variable winds in the morning, picking up to SW at 10 -12 afterwards. Long flights went off the field.

Mulvihill

	Time
1. Gary Oakins	360
2. Dave Edmonson	346

Embryo

	Time
1. Dennis Mills	112
2. Aaron Peterson	70

CD Gas

	Time
1. Gary Oakins	360
2. Dennis Sussman	312

1/2A Gas

	Time
1. John Watkins	211
2. Dennis Sussman	204
3. Dave Edmonson	54

HLG/CLG

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson(CLG)	314
NC- Dave Edmonson(HLG)	165
2. Dennis Mills	74
3. Dave Krause	72

NFFS Towline

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	279

P-30

	Time, seconds
1. Dave Edmonson	360

F1G/Coupe

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	360

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2006 Outdoor Free-Flight Contest Schedule

Must be an AMA member and NFFS membership encouraged.

Call or email Dave Edmonson for more detailed directions or contest questions:
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September 10 "Fall Mini Model"

Dale Mendenhall CD

Events: #1. Embryo #2. P-30 #3. PeeWee 30 #4. ¼ Nos Gas/.020 Rep #5. HLG/CLG 6. Old Time Rubber 7. ABCD Gas #8. Junior Event

Oktober 8 "Oktoberflug"

Dave Braun CD

Events: #1. Mulvi #2. P-30 #3. 1/2A Gas #4. ABCD Gas #5. 1/2A Nos #6. AB/CD Nos #7. HLG/CLG #8. Embryo #9. Junior Event #10. NFFS Challenge

October 29 "Turkey Shoot"

Longest string of Maxes wins the Turkey…good weather scheduled this time!

MMAC Contest Standing-2006

F-NAME	L-NAME	06 Points
Dave	Edmonson	77
Dennis	Mills	24
Gordon	Dona	21
Warren	Ringlien	20
Calli	Olson	18
Aaron	Petersen	13
Gary	Oakins	13
Jim	Anderson	8
Dennis	Sussman	7
Jeff	Ringlien	7
Greg	Thomas	7
Joshua	Brown	6
Jeff	Welliver	6
Jim	Ladwig	5
Dale	Mendenhall	5
Bob	Griffiths	4
Don	Spehn	4
Jerry	Jagerson	3
Herman	Fessler	3
Dan	Dorsch	3
John	Watkins	3
Don	Berggren	3
Dave	Krause	2
Duane	McDonnell	2
Gary	Fessler	2
Jim	Jorgenson	2
Mel	Roy	2
Scott	Gleason	1

Club point totals: The above totals will be given in each newsletter. Points are calculated by 3 points for a first place, 2 for second, and 1 for third, but if there are more than 3 entries, you start at the bottom and work up. You always get a point for flying an event!! This seems fair in that you get more points for a contended event. The scoring is quite simple, and if you find any errors in the tabulation, just let me know, sometimes I can't add correctly!

"Ye editor and point totaller"