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"December 4 meeting, Anoka Cnty Airport"

Upcoming Events:

1. December 4, SAM and MMAC Club Meeting Anoka County Airport, open for conversation at 7:30, meeting at 8:00 PM.
2. What's up for 2010??

For the Upcoming Meetings: Dues are due for the 2010 season. Don Berggren will be waiting to let you in at the door at the next meeting, collecting general admission! Or put a check in the mail for $25 to him at:

Don Berggren

7503 Irish Ave. So.,

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Also bring ideas on how to make our 2010 club activities something to look forward to.

As always, bring new or old models to talk about! New preferred.

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OAKIE'S ORACLES

Well, as you know, my past oracles have been miserable failures. For years I was under the illusion I could predict weather and other sundry items. Sorry I was wrong. No longer will we have to rely on my weather predictions. We have a new president, John Watkins. He has promised CHANGE. Whatever that means. I trust it doesn't mean deficit spending! John will be a great leader. Thanks, John, for accepting the position.

The club will have a spring party in April or May '10. The lame duck pres. will host the event. He promises to serve smoked ribs and sunfish as the main entrée. Potluck will satisfy all other appetites.

Winter is here. It's time to repair all those models we dorked last summer and build some new creations. I hope we will all be more competitive in '10. Our good friend Tony Saunderson fantasizes that he can beat me in class 'C' power at the Nats. It will not happen! We are still working on indoor flying this winter. We'll let you know if plans materialize.

Dave Edmonson deserves 32 attaboys for being our newsletter editor. He is doing a great job. A newsletter is critical to a clubs success. Thanks Dave.

Must end. I must make my Thanksgiving run for a gallon of pickled herring. Who knows? You may see more "Oracles" in the future. Thanks for allowing me to be your president.

GARY

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September 12, 2009: Mini-Model Contest, CD: Dave Edmonson

By Dave Edmonson

Rain was forecast again, which always seems to keep most of the guys at home. However, the rain held off, and the wind was light and the day was very flyable. Later in the afternoon, it was quite calm, and John Watkins continued to fly his Replica model even after the contest was over.

Gordon Dona came out of retirement, dusted off some of his models, and showed that he could still fly toy planes. He scored 3 first places with perfect times in 2 events, and almost the same in the third.

Duane McDonnell also had a good day of flying with many good flights in the HLG/CLG event with a first, also second in Embryo Rubber which was flown as a single event for this contest. Duane and I also left models high up in the trees, within 50 feet of the same trees, and about 80-100 feet up. I went back 3 weeks later after the wind came up again, and picked up my model. Duane never found the CO2 model that he left in the tree. I looked for it also, while on my search. Found my Ramrod 600 lost 3 months previously in the swamp.

Aaron Petersen has not been beat for awhile in the Embryo event with his great flying little ones. He also has capitalized this season on the combined P-30/Embryo event by using his Embryo model.

HLG/CLG

	Time
1. Duane McDonnell (CLG)	261
2. Jeff Ringlien (HLG)	182
3. Dave Edmonson (CLG)	144
4. Dave Edmonson (HLG)	115
5. Dave Kruse (CLG)	59
6. Don Spehn (CLG)	39

Embryo Rubber

	Time
1. Aaron Petersen	207
2. Duane McDonnell	200
3. Don Berggren	142
4. Jeff Ringlien	85

¼ Nos/Replica Event

	Time
1. Gordon Dona-Rep	333
2. John Watkins-Rep	256
3. Dave Edmonson-Nos	120

SAM OT Rubber

	Time
1. Gordon Dona	360
2. Gary Oakins	310
3. Aaron Petersen	238
4. Jack O'Leary	120

Gas Event

	Time
1. Gordon Dona	360
2. Dave Edmonson	244
3. Don Spehn	233

October , 2009: Oktoberflug, CD: Dave Braun

By Dave Braun

The weather was very nice, but only a few people showed up, and Gary Oakins was the only one to put up official flights.

Large Rubber

	Time
1. Gary Oakins	**66 (1)**

Gas

	Time
1. Gary Oakins	**120 (1)**

Note: We have had long periods of calm weather this Fall. I hope you guys have also taken advantage of it! I made it out a couple of times, and have never seen a longer stretch of beautiful weather here in Minnesota.

2009 Club Points-Final

09 Points	L-NAME	F-NAME
62	Edmonson	Dave
21	Dona	Gordon
19	Oakins	Gary
18	Petersen	Aaron
15	Ringlien	Jeff
9	McDonnell	Duane
5	Jorgenson	Jim
5	Kruse	Dave
5	Berggren	Don
4	Spehn	Don
3	Watkins	John
3	Brown	Joshua
3	Kruse	Dave
3	O'Leary	Jack
3	Oakins	Steve

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Modeling Memories

By Dave Edmonson

On November 12, 2009, I picked up Hugh Langevin and we traveled to Des Moines Iowa to visit with Sid Jepson. We had a good visit, and sat down for lunch at Perkins. Sid was president of the MMAC for several years between 1956 and 1959. Hugh was also MMAC club president from 1960 to maybe 1966. Both Sid and Hugh published the Minneapolis Modeler during those early club years. I don't think there was a news letter prior to Sid starting it.

Hugh and Sid began modeling in the 1940s, and Hugh was a MMAC member as early as 1948 when his family moved from Nebraska to Minneapolis. Sid moved to Minneapolis from Sioux Falls in 1955. In my teen years, both Hugh and Sid gave me a lot of help with model airplane building and flying. I remember going to Sid's home in Minneapolis one afternoon, and he reworked my Enya 15 diesel for me. The performance went up dramatically, and it really moved my FAI Hustler power model for 6 months. The crankcase eventually broke, but not before being stopped by my knuckles on one cold contest afternoon.

Sid and Willard Anderson designed the Hustler back in 1955, and it was a very successful power model for many years in our area of the country. He also came close to making the FAI team several times, the last time being in 1966. The original design was approved for Nostalgia free flight events three years ago, and several modelers have competed successfully with it at the Nationals. Plans are available through the NFFS plans service. Jim O'Reilly can also supply other sizes.

Hugh designed the Osprey series of A-2 Nordic Gliders (F1A now) and competed on the USA team at the World Championships 4 times. His best placing was 4th place which was tremendous given the level of competition with over 100 entries from countries around the world. Hugh's craftsmanship was outstanding, and his models are still in flying condition after enduring 40 years of aging, and many years of use. I think that Hugh supplied just about everyone in the club with a lifetime supply of little springs from his work at Honeywell. Hugh's models were written up in a German magazine after the world champs as the most beautiful seen at the contest.

The occasion for the trip to Des Moines was to help Sid in his downsizing of living accommodations. He had a whole bunch of his modeling stuff stored in the garage, and he needed to clean out. He has just moved into a two room apartment, and his new address is:
4063 Douglas Avenue, Apartment 215, Des Moines, Iowa, 50322. His phone number is still 1-515-277-2714. Drop him a letter or give him a call. He still likes to hear from us MMAC guys.

I am now the proud owner of Sid's 1966 FAI Hustler powered by a SuperTiger 15. The model had things growing from it, and was covered with dust, but after cleaning it up, it looks good again, and is ready to fly. There is a vintage FAI power event that allows these older design models to compete under different eras of rule changes. I will bring this model to the December meeting.

Hugh gave up on model airplane activities about 1976, but never lost his love for watching models and birds soaring. We have made it out on various occasions over the past several years, and it has always been a treat to have him with. Sid gained enthusiasm for the SAM events and Nostalgia models in the 1980s and 1990s purchasing just about every model kitted. In the winter months, he would bring a box of kits down to Florida which he would mostly build while his wife and sister-in-law would go shopping. While there, he would have to purchase more big boxes to bring the models home to finish. Some got finished, many didn't. Hmmm, that happens doesn't it?

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November 12, 2009. Above, Hugh on left holding his Osprey, with his old buddy Sid on the right. Sid's house, which is for sale now, is in the background. Below is Sid's 1966 team trials model



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