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"Meeting, September 3, Anoka Airport! September 12, Mini-Model Contest Oktoberflug Contest, Oct 17 "

Upcoming Events:

1. Sept 3, MMAC Club Meeting Anoka County Airport, 7:30PM, business at 8:00
2. September 12, 2010, Fall Mini-Model contest: Events: Embryo, P-30, PeeWee 30, 1/4Nos/020 Replica, HLG/CLG, SAM OT rubber, Gas Event. (possible FAC scale if Greg Thomas can organize it?)
3. October 17, Oktoberflug Contest, NorthBranch, Dave Braun, CD
Events: Gas, Large Rubber, P-30, HLG/CLG, Embryo

For the Upcoming Contests: Encourage your friends to join us!

August Silent Meet, rained and blown out! The contest was called off after learning on Thursday prior that the field had been deluged by rains, maybe 10", drainage ditches were filled and standing water on the field. All was not lost because the day turned out to be quite windy, 15-20mph winds. Oh well, better luck next year (famous old saying!)

Many thanks go to our hard working contest CDs!!

Jon Hirte lost his battle with cancer this week. He was a past secretary of the national SAM club, and a short time MMAC member.

Meeting Minutes:

June 4, per Dale: 9 in attendance
Club members had a discussion about large birds and their ability to soar. Another Phantom Flash contest to be held in August or September. Picnic on June 26th at Gary Oakins house to be pot luck, with Gary cooking ribs and fish. Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

July 9, per Dale: 14 in attendance, including Bob Woodhouse and his daughter, Bob Griffith, Keith Billet, as well as other faithful members.
FAC scale will not be flown at the meet on Sunday, July 11, instead will be flown in August meet (perhaps September??) Jack O'Leary will check into possible flying sessions at the Bloomington Armory for this winter, maybe we will see some indoor contests this winter? Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM. Don Monson brought in one of the AirHog flying saucers, will demonstrate in the Gym.

For those of you who have not paid for MMAC membership this year, or for the newsletter, please remit to: Don Berggren, MMAC treasurer, 7503 Irish Ave. So., Cottage Grove, MN, 55016-2064

Jack O'Leary says that he will schedule some indoor sessions starting in October.

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OAKIE'S Picnic, June 26, 2010

Once again Gary hosted the MMAC club at his home, and feasted us with panfish and smoked ribs. The gathering



was well attended, and it took heavy rain, thunder and lightning to get everyone to leave. Of course Don Monson put on another one of his pyrotechnic shows which might have initiated the thunder and lightning.

Everyone says thanks a whole lot to Gary and wife Judi for hosting this event, and also thanks to the many great tasting accompaniments brought by members and guests!





It appears that we get better attendance at eating events, than contests. Maybe we are better at eating than flying our model airplanes??



Gary in his kitchen getting ready to distribute another round of his hard won wonderfully tasting fish!



Gary and John Watkins feeling pretty good after eating the fish and ribs. Picture in Gary's shop.

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2010 NATS notes: by Dave Edmonson

Gary Oakins, Jeff Ringlien, and Dave Edmonson made the trek to Muncie again this year. Gary arrived on Thursday, and I arrived late on Friday prior to the NATS to get situated and models trimmed. Jeff arrived during the week of the contest.

The weather was brutally hot and humid, above 90 and 80%, and by Wednesday, the second storm had come through during the day to close down activities for 2 hours. Equally bad were the 4 storms that came through at night with 50mph winds, heavy driving rain, and thunder and lightning at ground level. Gary and I were camping on the field, and we both had to hold onto the tent poles from the inside to keep the tents from going down. I began packing up and went home just prior to the 4th evening storm arriving on Wednesday night, threw the tent into the back of the van, and then it hit.

As for flying, I seemed to clutch at important times like the last round in towline glider on Monday when a first or second place finish was possible with one more good flight. But bombed out and finished 10th. Likewise, in the Nostalgia power events, I maxed out in 3 events, and then dropped my first flyoff flights. In Clipper Cargo, I got up one nice flight with 15 ounces, and could not get the darn thing off the ground for 2 more flights in 6 tries.

Gary had big problems with DT lines and trim. Everytime I turned around, he was having to fix something. His ½ A model did make some good flights. He was repairing something, and had just been given a piece of carbon to fix a wing, then could not find it and went to hobby shop for some more. After completing the repair, he promptly found the missing carbon.

Gary and I have agreed that camping at the NATS is a ***"NEAR death"*** wish, and something never to be attempted again. I was sure that someone would find me in the tent struck by lightning, inside the honeymoon tent that my son gave to me after he retrieved it out of the mud. I don't think it is the tent??????

I do not know how Jeff Ringlien faired, but at least he was staying in the motel. Gary retreated to the motel on Thursday night after his gear dried out.

I got a good day of testing in on Sunday prior to the NATS, (Saturday rain fell most of the day, but a couple of hours were OK in the evening) it was so good that I retrieved my PaaLoad model off a roof after a 2 minute motor run. I also got my Ramrod 250 out of the trees twice without damage. I did so much walking on Sunday, leg cramps made it difficult to even fall off the cot.

MMAC Club Points from Contests

Points are given at the rate of 3 points for first place, 2 for second, and one for third. If there are more than 3 entrants, then last place gets one, and it goes up from there. For example at the Phantom flash contest, there were 8 entrants, and first got 8 points, last got one. If there are less than 3 entrants, first still gets 3 points, and second 2 points. You can only score once in an event, and the top score is taken. Flying more than one category in an event, does not add to the entries in that event (it does count toward the National Cup point total, so that is the reason for doing it).

The point totals below include the Phantom Flash contest, the Spring Meet, the Picnic Contest, and the Summer Meet. The Silent Meet would have been included, but it was cancelled. There are still the Mini-Model Contest, the Oktoberflug, and possibly some indoor meets left to score some points.

2010 Club Points, August

2010 Points	L-NAME	F-NAME
43	Edmonson	Dave
20	Watkins	John
13	Dona	Gordon
12	Petersen	Aaron
7	Oakins	Gary
7	McDonnell	Duane
7	Thomas	Greg
5	Berggren	Don
5	Ringlien	Jeff
4	Oakins	Steve
4	Ladwig	Jim
4	O'Leary	Jack
3	Kruse	Dave
1	Woodhouse	Bob

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June 6, 2010: ***Picnic Contest,*** *CD: Dale Mendenhall*

By Dave Edmonson

The weather was wonderful for flying for a change! Few flights went more than 200 yards for a MAX! A few storm clouds were seen to the northwest towards the end of the contest, and the picnic was cut short. But it was a great day to get out flying, and get some models up without the normal chase.

HLG/CLG

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson(CLG)	229
2. Dave Edmonson(HLG)	148
3. Steve Oakins (CLG)	144
4. Steve Oakins (HLG)	126
5. Dave Kruse	93
6. Duane McDonnell	79
7. Jeff Ringlien (HLG)	56

Gas Power

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson(A NOS)	303
2. John Watkins (1/2 A)	297
3. Dave Edmonson(1/2A NOS)	228
4. John Watkins (A)	56

P-30 Rubber

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	345
2. John Watkins	292
3. Aaron Petersen	149

Embryo Rubber

	Time
1. Aaron Petersen	279
2. Duane McDonnell	269
3. Jeff Ringlien	132

Large Rubber

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	328
2. Gary Oakins	206
3. Aaron Petersen	190

July11, 2010: ***Summer Contest,*** *CD: Don Monson*

Weather conditions: The wind was generally light, about 10mph, out of the South until after 1:00, then it began to switch around to the west. We flew from the South side of the west field for the first time, and the grass was good, with a mile of drift still on the sod field. Parking was on the north side of 400th Street, and there is more sod on the south side that belongs to another sod company, but permission was received to retrieve our models from their land also. It was a nice day for flying, but John Watkins had a malfunction with his electronic timer, and his model was last seen high in the sky going to the south east. Gordon Dona had one of Stan Buddenboehms newly kitted CLG models and it won at the first contest, several of these were seen at the NATS this year.

There have been several other flyers showing up at our contests, but they did not make any official flights to be included in the results. Typical contest attendance this year has been about 10 club members.

Large Gas

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	266

Large Rubber

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	300

HLG/CLG

	Time
1. Gordon Dona (CLG)	251
2. Dave Edmonson (CLG)	218
3. Dave Edmonson (HLG)	218
4. Gordon Dona (HLG)	187
5. Jeff Ringlien (HLG)	61
6. Don Berggren (CLG)	25

Small Gas

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson (1/2ANOS)	341
2. John Watkins (1/2A Gas)	220
3. Dave Edmonson (1/4ANOS)	206

Embryo

	Time
1. Don Berggren	227
2. Duane McDonnell	209
3. Aaron Petersen	82
4. Jeff Ringlien	69

P-30 Rubber Time, seconds

1. John Watkins	281
2. Dave Edmonson	262

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