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"Annual Auction, Friday, February 3, 11:30 AM, EAA Building, Aaron Petersen Auctioneer"

Monthly Meetings:

Most of the meetings are held at the EAA building at the Anoka County Airport, **first Friday of the month, unless it falls on a Holiday.** Directions, take 35 W north from Minneapolis to Highway 10 west. Note that there is a county road 10 just prior to Highway 10…don't take that road. Proceed west on **highway 10** to 93rd lane (Airport Road), and go right..north, to the bend in the road where you will see a gated entrance. Drive up to the gate and it will open. Proceed on the road until it Ts to the right. Go right until you see the EAA building. ***The meetings start at 11:30AM***

Upcoming 2012 Events:

Friday February 3, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

***Friday February 17,* Indoor session at the BLOOMINGTON ARMORY!! 6 to 9:30 PM**

Friday Marchn 2, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

***Friday March 23,* Indoor session at the BLOOMINGTON ARMORY!! 6 to 9:30 PM**

Friday April 6, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

2012 Dues are due! Submit dues to:
Tom Battey, MMAC treasurer
1260 Hall Ave.
West St. Paul, MN, 55118
Or pay him at the next meeting.

$25 for full membership, or $6 for newsletter only.

OAKIE'S ORACLES

Hello fellow MMAC members. Just when you were thankful for no more "Oakie's Oracles" it returns. It's been two years since the last article and I have much to say. Thanks for the vote of confidence by electing me as your president again. I'll give you my best.

Thank you John Watkins for leading our club the last two years, nice job. Twenty three attaboys to Don Berggren for being treasurer these last few years. It's a thankless job; we all appreciate your efforts. The club thanks Dave Edmonson for publishing our newsletter and being our secretary. Twenty attaboys and one negaboy for your efforts.

Bruce Sheldon, my neighbor, President of Sheldon Engineering, builds and works on model engines. I was working on his house last year and became privy to some great news. I entered his upstairs bathroom and lo and behold, on the vanity was engines and engine parts. He has model stuff all over the house. Bruce has his wife, Pat, well trained. I know that if that were my house my wife, Judi, would throw me and all the model stuff outside, NO doubt. Nice going Bruce, we're all proud of you.

The indoor flying sessions have been well attended, 10-15 per session. At the Dec. 30 contest we celebrated Jack O'Leary's 85th birthday. Pizza, birthday cake, pop, and champagne were served. Happy birthday Jack, trust you will have many more.

Dave Edmonson won 1st place, Jack 2nd, John Watkins 3rd. nice going men. My model airplane emphasis has been power ever since I started free flight some 30 years ago. So what happens at the '11 Nats? The only trophy I won was as a rubber head! My plan was not to fly Dawn Unlimited but was encouraged by Alan Abriss to rise early and fly the event. Two months later I received a 4th place plaque in the mail. Was I ever shocked. I had no idea I had placed. The same airplane placed 5th in Small Mulvihill, an event sponsored by Paul Andrade.

Think spring and keep building. GARY

Meeting Minutes

Per Dave: Nov. 4, 2011, 13 members present at meeting,

The meeting began at 11:30 AM, the second of the nooners. The new time seems favorable to the members and will continue.

Discussed Bostonian Rules. Charisma category scratched from club scoring. Model must weight at least 14 grams.

Discussed No-Cal Rules: Agreed to follow FAC rules.

Events for April indoor contest chosen: catapult glider, Phantom Flash, Bostonian, and No-Cal.

The 2012 Outdoor Contest Schedule was accepted.

Noted, Greg Thomas has a new twin engine kit for sale for $426. Club officers to be voted on at December meeting. Gene Loudon donated some kits to the club. Meeting adjourned for lunch at the Big Ten.

Per Dave: December 2, 2011, 19 members present at meeting,.

Jack O'Leary recommended that CDs should be appointed for the indoor sessions. Gary Oakins volunteered for Dec. 30, Dave Edmonson for January, John Watkins for February.

Outdoor event sanctioning was discussed again. Dave to talk with AMA about best way to specify combined events.

Youth membership to MMAC is FREE!

Gary to purchase gift certificates at Fleet Farm for our flying site owners.

Club Officers for 2012 are: Gary Oakins, Pres., John Watkins VP, Dave Edmonson, Secretary and Newsletter Editor, and Tom Battey stepped up to the treasure job. Thanks Tom.

Gary Oakins spoke about a Spring Party. Some discussion about meeting times. The raffle was won by Gary Oakins.

Some discussion about Dime Scale events to be held at the indoor sessions, but seeing as no one has built one, it is probably best to wait for next years sessions?

Per Dave: January 6 2012, 19 members present at meeting.

Club members wanted to know how to get newsletters off of NFFS website. Will publish.

More Phantom Flash rules discussions. Bob Woodhouse Phantom Flash rule book was not discussed. To date, wheels do not need to rotate, and props may be scraped, must build Thomas kit.

Indoor session CD for March is Greg Thomas, and April, Tom Battey. Events for March are Phantom Flash, Mass launch, and No-Cal. For April long session, Phantom Flash, mass launch, catapult glider, Peanut, and Bostonian.

Aaron Petersen will start auction after February business meeting about 12 noon. Don Monson will have a big surprise for us just prior to the auction to get things ***started off with a bang!***

Outdoor fun flys are encouraged for nice days in 2012, sign up for the phone list to find out when guys are heading up to North Branch.

DVDs will be shown at future meetings. Jack Baltes won the raffle, a Pacific Ace vintage kit. Aaron Petersen showed his Jimmy Allen British Airway Cabin model, about 48 grams. Greg Thomas showed us his large Phantom Flash "Firefly" model for outdoor, and Dave Edmonson and Don Monson had discussions about Clipper Cargo models.

2011 Club high point finals:

The points are accumulated through the contests for the year. First place for an event is 3 points if there are 3 or fewer entrants in an event. If there are more than 3 entrants, last place gets one, and it goes up from there.

2011 Club Points, final		
2011 Points	L-NAME	F-NAME
86	Edmonson	Dave
46	Watkins	John
20	Dona	Gordon
17	Oakins	Gary
14	Oakins	Steve
12	Petersen	Aaron
12	Thomas	Greg
7	Gustafson	Tom
6	Battey	Tom
6	O'Leary	Jack
5	Berggren	Don
4	Mendenhall	Dale
3	Monson	Don
3	Ringlien	Jeff
3	Woodhouse	Bob
1	Taylor	Terry
1	Patterson	Don

November 18, 2011:

CD:Jack O'Leary

No-Cal					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total Time	Place
Dave Edmonson	79	23	19	121	1
Jeff Ringlien	45	26		71	2

Phantom Flash					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total Time	Place
Dave Edmonson	70	61	58	189	1
Greg Thomas	66	64	49	179	2
Dale Mendenhall	26			26	3
Jeff Ringlien	4			4	4

December 30, 2011: ***CD: Gary Oakins***

Bostonian				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Jack O'Leary	47	25	72	1
Gary Oakins	34	32	66	2
Dave Edmonson	33	28	61	3

Phantom Flash					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	76	74	71	221	1
John Watkins	96	62	57	215	2
Greg Thomas	70	68	57	205	3
Gary Oakins	69	52	48	169	4

No-Cal					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	71	66	14	151	1

January13, 2012: ***CD: Dave Edmonson***

Phantom Flash Mass Launch, 5 entries		
Entrant		Place
Jeff Ringlien		1

CLG		
Entrant	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	19	1

Phantom Flash					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	73	67	67	207	1
Greg Thomas	70	69	66	205	2
John Watkins	81	43	43	167	3
Jeff Ringlien	61	55	46	162	4
Gary Oakins	43	37	34	169	5

How to find?

MMAC newsletters in color and in electronic form?

Go to the NFFS website:

www.freeflight .org

Click on club newsletters at upper left, then scroll down to MMAC and you will find all issues from the end of 2006 to this one.

http://www.freeflight.org/Community/ClubNewsltters/2011/MMAC2011-4.pdf



John Watkins checking for maximum winds prior to launching a 96 second flight.



Tom Battey, “boy, these Phantom Flash models are sure fun”



Club Pres Gary Oakins starts up rubber motor on his Phantom Flash!



Dale Mendenhall and Terry Taylor busy at getting their models ready for another flight.

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2012 contest schedule

Outdoor Free-Flight Contest Schedule

Events: Free Flight Events per AMA, NFFS, and FAI rules

All Contests are held at The Sod Farm, North Branch, Minnesota: *40 miles North of the Twin Cities on US 35, 1 mile east on MN 95, left on County Road #30 (stop light in the center of town), north approx 1.5 miles, right on 400th Street (continue to one block east of Hemingway Road stop sign). Field is between 400th &410th.*
Must be an AMA member and NFFS membership encouraged.
Call or email Dave Edmonson for more detailed directions or contest questions:
Tele: 612-220-5239 email: dedmonson@comcast.net

Sunday, May 6 "Spring Meet-Gone West" Jim Ladwig CD (612-920-1245)

#1. P-30 Rubber #2. Large Rubber #3. Small Gas #4. Large Gas 5. Towline Glider #6. HLG/CLG

Sunday, June 3 "MMAC Picnic Contest" Don Monson, CD (651-457-2321)

Events: #1. Gas #2. SAM power event #3. P-30 #4. Large Rubber #5. HLG/CLG #6. Embryo-FAC Flying until 3:00 PM Picnic afterwards

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Sunday, July 1 "Summer Meet" Dale Mendenhall, CD (763-535-2976)

Events: #1. P-30 #2. Large Rubber #3. Small Gas #4. Large Gas #5. HLG/CLG #6. Emryo-FAC #7. FAC event: Vagabond Scale event per Greg Thomas rules

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Sunday, July 29 "Almost Silent Meet" Gary Oakins CD (651-429-3150)

Events: #1. Gas #2. Large Rubber #3. P-30 #4. HLG/CLG #5. Towline Glider #6. Embryo-FAC

Sunday, September 9 "Fall Mini Model" Dave Edmonson CD (612-220-5239)

Events: #1. Embryo-FAC #2. P-30 #3. Gas event #4. ¼ Nos Gas/.020 Rep #5. HLG/CLG # 6. SAM OT Rubber

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Sunday, Oktober 7 "Oktoberflug" Dave Braun CD (715-792-5353)

Events: #1. Gas #2. Large Rubber #3. P-30 #4. HLG/CLG #5. Towline Glider #6 Embryo-FAC

Note: Entries accepted until 2:00 PM. For all contests, 3 scoring flights, and no rounds. You may enter multiple class models in an event if desired (additional class model only). Class 3 field, all maxes except for flyoffs to be 2 minutes, or 90 seconds if the wind is above 12mph at the start of the contest. *Combined events, please specify "EXACT" NFFS event for points on score sheet.*

1. Large Rubber: Any rubber model including SAM oldtimers.
2. Gas: Any size gas powered model. 7 sec engine for AMA and Classic, 9 for Nos, 5 for any FAI model..
3. Small Gas: Any model powered by 061 or less, 7 sec engine for AMA and Classic, 9 for Nos.
4. Large Gas: Any model larger than Small Gas 7 sec engine for AMA and Classic, 9 for NOS, 5 sec for any FAI model
5. Towline Glider: Any A-1, A-2, F1H, F1A, or Classic Towline (50 meter towline length)
6. SAM power event: Any Oldtimer model powered by SAM legal engine. Engine run to be determined by CD.

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2012 Indoor Contest Schedule

Friday, February 17, 2012 Bloomington Armory, John Watkins CD

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

1. Bostonian 2. Phantom Flash 3. Phantom Flash Mass Launch

Friday, March 23, 2012 Bloomington Armory, Greg Thomas CD

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

1. No-Cal Scale 2. Phantom Flash 3. Phantom Flash Mass Launch

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Friday, April 27, 2012 Bloomington Armory, Tom Battey CD

Time: 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm

1. No-Cal Scale 2. Phantom Flash 3. Phantom Flash Mass Launch 4. Peanut Scale 5. Catapult Glider 6. Bostonian



December, 30, 2011: Jack O'Leary turns 85 and shares celebration with club members at the Bloomington Armory! Happy 85th Jack!