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MMAC Fall Events: Mini-Model and Oktoberflug

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 or later?***

Upcoming 2018 Events:

Friday September 7, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Sunday, September 9, Mini-Model Contest at North Branch

Friday October 5, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Sunday, October 7, Oktoberflug at North Branch

Friday November 2, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Friday December 7, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

November, next newsletter

Winter Indoor Schedule: November 8, 2018, January 20, 2019, February 17, and March 17

Site: Christ the King Church in North Minneapolis

Oakies Oracles

September has arrived! Labor Day means the end of summer. Soon winter will be here with all its force. We will have snow up to our eyeballs and do some good old ice fishing! I'll take summer!

Give some thought to having a "fun fly" on a lake in Jan. '19. In the past we held the event every winter.

The club is saddened by the news of Jeff Ringlien's death. He passed away on July 4th. He was a great competitor and will be missed by the entire club. Blessings to the entire family especially his mother and brother Andy.

Good news from Joe Huettl. He is cured of lung cancer and is back aeromodelling. Gary Fessler donated a huge amount of Herman's model airplane stuff to Joe. Thank you very much, Gary.

My Van was filled to the brim with Herm's stuff. Jack O'Leary and I delivered the goodies to Joe. We had a nice visit. Joe looks and sounds great. I trust we'll see Joe at one of our contests this fall. Welcome back Joe!

Hope to see all at the meeting and the contest!

Thermals, Gary

Events for September 9 Mini-Model Contest:
Junior Event, HLG, CLG, HoSoFo, P-30, 1/4Nos/.020
Replica Combined, Gas, Sam OT Rubber, Embryo-FAC, Jimmy Allen
Events for Oktoberflug 7 Contest:
Junior Event, HLG CLG, HoSoFo, P-30, Gas, Large Rubber, Embryo-FAC, Towline Glider, Rubber Scale Event

Meeting Minutes:

May 4, 2018 11 members in attendance

Discussed Joe Huetle correspondence, and Gary Fessler moving to Florida. Had questions on whether AMA had mailed insurance certificates to land owners, and checked to confirm that they did. Gary Oakins has also checked with Kevin Mann who said we could use his sod fields when required. Gary Oakins reported that he would like to relinquish the club presidency next year, and Dave Braun is open to take over if elected. We had some show and tell.

June 1, 2018 9 members in attendance

We discussed Gary Fessler moving to Florida, and Don Spehn is still in assisted home. Bob Woodhouse has half of Hank Liljequist estate stuff somewhere in storage, along with the club's Oppegard rubber stripper, have not been able to tie this down. The club is short on prizes and Gary Oakins and Don Berggren still have some stuff for prizes. (See note later about prize issues). Ron Cota purchased Hank Liljequists rubber stripper for $175, and paid for it at the July meeting.

July 6, 2018 11 members in attendance

V.P. Dave Braun presiding: Prizes for the Picnic Contest distributed. Asked Ron Cota to schedule indoor contests again at Christ the King Church for November, January, February, and March, skipping the usual April date. Sad news that Jeff Ringlien had passed away of a heart failure on July 4 at age of 59. Gary Oakins arranged for flowers to be sent to Jeff's mom. Show and Tell: Dave Braun brought a high priced Menards butane fuse lighter, guaranteed to light stabs if you get too close.

August 3, 2018 11 members in attendance

Indoor dates at Christ the King Church, November 18, then 2019, January 20, February 17, and March 17, all Sundays. 93 year old Harold Wachler attended, but did not ride his motorcycle because it was raining! Dave Braun discussed what it was like to be in a cornfield for 5 hours looking for his Mulvi model, and then coming back the next day with a ladder and daughter to help, no luck! Edmonson brought in 2 Classic towline gliders for ambience?

Greg Thomas reports that Flying Aces Club newsletters are now available on line, here is the link:

http://flyingacesclub.com/wp/about-the-fac/fac-news-back-issues/#DLcopies

Prizes: Bob Woodhouse was the last member of the prize committee. Confusion on what he still has in his stash, and what may ever be recovered is in question. Edmonson has the remaining box with miscellaneous such as silk, boxes of razor blades, and indoor rubber winders that he brings to the contests. At the last contest, we divided up a portion of the entry money to the top 3 entries.

John Watkins has mentioned that he has a pile of kits that he never intends to build, that may be offered as prizes. It is probable that others have similar items that could be donated as prizes?

The HoSoFo event has a funded $25 per contest prize associated with it, setup by Gary Fessler with an initial donation of $500, won the first season by Tom Gustafson, and re-donated to the club to fund the event on a contest basis, rather than a season jack pot. Current agreement per club members is a 4 entry minimum to claim prize, but most often seeing only 3 entries. Perhaps this should be lowered to 3? The HoSoFo event has been a popular event replacing the November "Turkey Shoot".

Bob Woodhouse came up with the solution to giving prizes for each event (which was a nightmare given that there were always too many events), to do a point total for the events, and give out 5 places. This should probably be cut down to top 3 places?

In summary, the club should discuss this issue soon, and come up with a solution.

P.S.: I feel selfish in bringing up this issue since I am a prize "HOG". I would certainly continue to attend contests even if there were no prizes, but it has been a model airplane contest tradition to compete for a prize, so the issue might be worthy of discussion?

The following point totals are for 2018. Includes indoor and all outdoor points including the Silent Meet. The 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. More entries, more points!

2018 Club high point scores:

2018 Points	L-NAME	F-NAME
49	Braun	Dave
15	Ringlien	Andy
0	Oakins	Gary
12	Dona	Gordon
0	Thomas	Greg
7	Gustafson	Tom
0	Berggren	Don
0	Ladwig	Jim
91.5	Edmonson	Dave
46	Jorgensen	Jim
3	Mendenhall	Dale
6	Kuhl	Bill
19.5	Decker	Matt
9.5	Ringlien	Larson

Picnic Contest, June 10, 2018, Don Monson, CD (editor reporting)

And the sky was cloudy all day! But the 8-12 mph winds made chasing not too bad, and we had many good flights. Of course the fish fry and the good food for the picnic made the chasing worthwhile, flying our favorite toy model airplanes!

Dave Braun pulled out the most models and squeaked by Edmonson to win the high points, and also won the big money HoSoFo event. HoSoFo saw Braun flying his mulvi model, Edmonson a D gasser, and Tom Gustafson his classic towline to all maxes. To settle the fly off, we went with a 3 minute max, and we all managed to find bad air with Braun's not quite as bad, none being able to do even a 2 minute max.

Matt Decker brought out his just completed embryo, final coat of dope that morning, with no windshield, and it flew very nicely. Braun had a hard time beating him. Gary Oakins fiddled with a rubber model, and his 1/2A gas flying one unofficial flight and doing a good job of timing and frying some delicious sunfish.
Gordon Dona mumbled something about leaving his good models in Oregon, but he did well in the two events.
Tom Gustafson got a real thrill on his last HLG flight catching a booming thermal for a big win in the 5 entry event. Way to go Tom!
Guys, next time don't listen to the weather man, it was a real nice day for flying! Need more participation!

P-30					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	103	120	104	327	1
Dave Braun	84	78	82	244	2

CLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	120	27	120	267	1
Dave Braun	19	24	39	82	2

Small Gas	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	½ A	112	120	72	304	1
Gordon Dona	½ A	120	38	120	278	2

Embryo	Bonus					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	6	43	61	51	161	1
Matt Decker	3	31	57	50	144	2

Large Rubber	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	Mulvi	120	120	120	360	1
Dave Edmonson	Mulvi	85	120	120	325	2

HLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Tom Gustafson	62	24	120	206	1
Gordon Dona	78	58	44	180	2
Dave Edmonson	48	89	32	169	3
Dave Braun	54	55	58	167	4
Matt Decker	17	25	16	58	5

Scale Rubber	Model					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun		24	25		49	1

HoSoFo	class				FO		
Entrant		#1	#2	#3		Total	Place
Dave Braun	Mulvi	120	120	120	109	469	1
Dave Edmonson	D gas	120	120	120	104	464	2
Tom Gustafson	Classic	120	120	120	69	429	3

Picnic Contest Points		
Points	**L-NAME**	**F-NAME**
18	Braun	Dave
16	Edmonson	Dave
6	Gustafson	Tom
6	Dona	Gordon
3	Decker	Matt

Summer Meet, July 8, 2018, Dale Mendenhall CD (editor reporting)

4 entrants and one CD showed up. It was not that windy, and not difficult to fly in. Where were you guys, heard many excuses, unfortunately mostly good? I began by flying Towline Glider, and Dave Braun flew Large Rubber. Braun put his favorite Mulvi model in a cornfield on the second flight, and began searching at 10:00 AM, and finally called it quits about 2:30, no tracker. I put 2 flights into the same cornfield nearby, and it was difficult to locate even with a good signal. We Probably would have called the contest with only two entrants willing to fly, but we wanted to fly. 10 to 15 mph winds and 90 second maxes. One flight of 2 minutes travelled ¾ of a mile, which is about a 20mph drift.

No Club High Points are totaled for this event due to poor turn out. Results were turned in for National Cup Points.

Results:

Large Rubber, Braun 2 maxes, Edmonson 2 maxes and a 72.

Edmonson, Towline glider: 90/74/90, P-30: 45/25/66, HLG: 19/20/21, CLG: 30/27/19

It Flew Great Back Home – Nats 2018-by Bill Kuhl

To view Bill's blog, go to this link:

http://scienceguyorg.blogspot.com/2018/08/it-flew-great-back-home-nats-2018.html

Last week was my third Free Flight NATS contest in Muncie Indiana; for the most part weather was good, I learned a great deal, and had a fantastic time. I came home with all the planes I brought but some repairs are needed on a couple of the planes. On arriving late Saturday afternoon in rainy weather, I still went out to the field and flew my Super Pearl e36 between rain showers, there was one other plane flying. Sunday is the day many people use for testing before the start of the contest on Monday; I spent the morning flying non-stop and did more observing in the afternoon as the wind increased. My ½ A Streak for One-Design had been flown on small field back home but only the last time out did I feel it was close to trimmed. The flights on Sunday morning looked good, with no sign of trying to loop as it had back home.



Congratulations to Bill Kuhl for his first NATS win, the Pee-Wee 30 event! Bill says that there were only 3 entrants, but he bested Rick Pangell in the event. Rick had some excuse like he forgot to let his engine run long enough on one flight…..right.
To the left, Bill shown with his Strato Streak one design model for 2018. An early 1/2A Nos model powered by a K&B .049 supplied by Bill Schmidt.



Silent Meet, August 12, 2018 Gary Oakins, CD (notes by editor)

The morning began very calm, but picked up to 8-12mph after 10am. For the most part, models were staying on the main field, with some later ending up in the tree line, or corn beyond. The turnout was 7 plus Gary who put his 1/2A model through the sprinkler system. Edmonson found out that his D gas model could not survive a DT under power due to a broken DT rubber band. The Ringlien team did very well in the glider events. The glider events were heavily contested with 6 entrants in HLG, and 5 in CLG and Towline Glider. This must be a recent record in the towline event? Dave Braun put another model into the LOST column (P-30), but did a nice job of flying multiple events again! Edmonson couldn't figure out why his A gas Hustler was flying erratic, but after cleanup at home found that he was flying with the wrong wing….too many red wings?

HLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	87	55	35	177	1
Larson Ringlien	32	44	32	108	2.5
Bill Kuhl	22	42	44	108	2.5
Dave Braun	39	31	27	97	4
Dave Edmonson	35	40	21	96	5
Tom Gustafson	5	20		25	6

CLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	36	92	57	185	1
Larson Ringlien	64	38	59	171	2
Dave Braun	47	27	82	156	3
Dave Edmonson	30	34	26	90	4
Bill Kuhl	24	18	14	56	5

Large Gas	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	A gas	92	42	29	164	1

Small Gas	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	½ A	118	120	112	350	1
Bill Kuhl	1/2A Nos	20	38	32	90	2

Embryo	Bonus					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	6	55	72	60	193	1
Matt Decker	9	34	54	36	133	2

HoSoFo	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	Classic TLG	110	120	120	350	1
Dave Braun	Mulvi	120	90	120	330	2
Andy Ringlien	Classic TLG	88	60		148	3

Large Rubber	class				FO		
Entrant		#1	#2	#3		Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	Mulvi	120	120	120		360	1
Dave Braun	Mulvi	120	120	107		347	2
Bill Kuhl	Mulvi	38				38	3

P-30						
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	FO	Total	Place
Dave Braun	120	93	70		283	1

Towline Glider	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	Classic	58	103	101	262	1
Dean Hansen	Classic	69	120	40	229	2
Andy Ringlien	Classic	70	120	33	223	3
Dave Braun	Classic	33	87	3	123	4
Larson Ringlien	Classic	31	23	32	86	5

Entrant	Points
Dave Edmonson	21
Dave Braun	18
Andy Ringlien	15
Larson Ringlien	9.5
Bill Kuhl	6
Matt Decker	2
Tom Gustafson	1

…..The “Ringlien Model Airplane Team” saddened by the loss of Jeff….

Warren Ringlien, two sons Jeff and Andy, later joined by grandchildren Larson and Hannah, have been a fixture at the Minneapolis Model Aero Club. Jeff and Andy picked up the modeling bug at an early age with their skilled craftsman father, attending contests at Hastings and Blaine in the 1970s.

Jeff grew up in Northfield and remained there living nearby his mother in recent years. He frequently made the trip to the Anoka County Airport, EAA building, to attend meetings. He especially liked to attend the club auctions, and picked up many treasures, and later when he was unemployed, was a great help in assisting Aaron Petersen to run the auctions.

In the 2000 to 2007 period Jeff attended MMAC contests with Warren, and it was always interesting to see the amount of support gear that they could pack into the car, and quickly assemble at the field! Jeff liked the smaller model events such as Embryo, Scale Rubber, Jimmie Allen, and did well with his discus launch gliders. After brother Andy returned to Northfield from South Carolina, they carried on the tradition of car packing and setup at North Branch MMAC contests. Jeff and Andy also attended many of the Bloomington Armory indoor events.



…..Andy’s favorite timer…!
July 9, 2017 timing one of Andy’s P-30 winning flights.

Jeff was always cheerful and upbeat even though he endured a long struggle, 15 years, after the loss of his only kidney, as witnessed by dialysis scarred arms. At the contests he was always willing to time, and even though it was difficult to walk, you could see him retrieving his small rubber models with a big smile, especially when it had been a better flight!

Thanks to the Ringlien family for providing pictures and sharing Jeff and Warren with the club!



The “Ringlien Team” at the 2006 Nationals at Muncie displaying their winnings. Muncie was a central point for the family at that time when Andy was living in South Carolina.



Jeff with his scale rubber model at the Nationals in 2009.