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Let's Go Outdoor Flying…..2019

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 2019 Events:

Friday May 3, Monthly meeting at EAA.

Sunday, May 19, MMAC Fun Fly, North Branch

Friday June 7, Monthly meeting at EAA.

Sunday, June 9, MMAC Picnic Contest, North Branch

Friday July 5, Monthly meeting at the EAA

Sunday, July 7, MMAC Summer Contest, North Branch

Friday August 2, Monthly meeting at EAA.

Sunday, August 11, MMAC Almost Silent, North Branch

Thoughts While Watching an April Blizzard

As Gene Autry crooned "Back in the Saddle Again" to Champion the Wonder Horse, so I find myself once again leading the Mpls. Model Aero Club. Frequent president Gary Oakins has decided to take a break and spend more time stalking the elusive sunfish, all the better to feed us at the June Picnic Contest. I'm sure he'll be back at the helm soon.

The indoor season is now behind us and a special thanks is due our hosts at Christ the King Lutheran Church for the use of their gym at a very reasonable cost. While we always keep our eyes open for another venue with a higher ceiling, the church gym has been more than adequate, we could, however, use more participation, but that has been the mantra for years. Fun is fun and the few members who took part on a regular basis had several enjoyable evening sessions at the church. Matt Decker continued to excel in a few events, Jim Ladwig pulled a rabbit out of his hat for a big score in Phantom Flash, while Jim Jorgensen, Dave Edmonson, and I picked the bones in the other events. Usually the contest high-point winner, Dave Edmonson, missed the March contest opting to spend some time in Florida. We missed him (of course) but took advantage and all moved up a notch to claim the points that were normally his. Thanks Dave!

Just two months to go before the outdoor season will be upon us so I hope you are all busy in the shop building and/or repairing your fleet for this summer. I've got a few things on the board as well. Two cat gliders, a new embryo to replace my oft repaired and heavy Auntie Em, a small Mulvi to

replace the one claimed by the Children of the Corn and a new tip launched glider. Toward the end of the Oktoberflug I was getting in some last minute flights and managed to hook the launch peg with my finger and threw my glider directly into the ground, breaking the wing. When I got home I propped it up against the garage wall pending repairs, but managed to drive over it the next day. From such misfortune are new airplanes born. Like I said, the outdoor season will soon be upon us, so to paraphrase Sue Perkins on the "Great British Baking Show:…
"On your mark, get set,....Build!"

Prez Dave Braun

Meeting Minutes:

December 7, 2018 13 members in attendance

Correspondence: Signed up for EAA meeting dates for 2019. Letter was received about a possible flying site, but was not followed up. Rick Pangell's daughter had a health scare, and Rick is the 2019 NFFS Symposium Editor. Bill Kuhl's mother passed away and he is retiring the end of March 2019. SoLite covering no longer produced, was a great small model, light weight plastic covering. 2019 MMAC contest schedule submitted to DeLoach and Hanford. Thank you note received from Jim Gerszewski from Milwaukee. Gift certificates to field owners.
Elections held, after prolonged arm twisting discussions, Dave Braun president, Gary Oakins VP, Don Berggren treasurer, Edmonson secretary and rag editor. Show and tell: Matt Decker a new No-Cal, Braun a Phantom Flash, Gustafson a small classic towline glider, and Monson a flying Santa Claus…demonstrated.

January 4, 2019 8 members in attendance

Correspondence: John Lorbiecki from Milwaukee promises to attend a 2019 event? Hugh Langevin had a small stroke, but is doing fine, turns 90 in March. Oakins has Woodhouse phone number. Don Patterson estate has stuff. Monson brought in a quadcopter and plans to design a one bladed prop. Tom Battey returned for a visit. Another indoor site with higher ceiling but lower clouds was deemed a model catcher….other sites?

February 1, 2019 10 members in attendance

Poor attendance for our annual MMAC auction, but Gordon Dona did a nice job of filling in for perennial Aaron Petersen. Auction was fun, but some stuff had to be returned to the original owners? Questionable saleability (garbage), but I don't think Aaron could have unloaded them either. Good job Gordon!

March 1 and April5, no meeting minutes…Edmonson in Florida soaking up some sun and RC glider flying..

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



Don Spehn on the right, Dave Braun on left, what year? Could have been 1993 when Don won IHLG with a score of 50 seconds beating Braun who had 41.
Don enjoyed indoor and outdoor free flight models, and over the past years was an avid engine and kit collector. Don left us in January 2019 and was a long time loyal MMAC club member.

The following point totals are FINAL for 2018. Includes indoor and all outdoor points. 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
101	Braun	Dave
33	Ringlien	Andy
4	Oakins	Gary
18	Dona	Gordon
5	Thomas	Greg
14	Gustafson	Tom
6	Berggren	Don
5	Peterson	Garry
149	Edmonson	Dave
60.5	Jorgensen	Jim
3	Mendenhall	Dale
15	Kuhl	Bill
27.5	Decker	Matt
9.5	Ringlien	Larson

Sunday, January 20, 2019: Indoor Session (notes by Edmonson)

I arrived early , but Jim Jorgensen was anxious and even earlier! By 5:00, most had arrived to play indoor model airplanes! Matt Decker brought a friend from work, Aaron Hartung, and worked with him to get his Bostonian flying nicely. Matt also won the scale event, and second in No-Cal, nice flying Matt! Andy Ringlien made the trip from Northfield with his fine helper..wife, and proceeded to break my 10 year win streak in the HLG/CLG event and also firsts in Phantom Flash, and Bostonian, welcome Andy, come again!

Craig Lamatsch arrived to observe and time. Jim Ladwig had a box of miscellaneous models that did not seem to fit any of the events, but he enjoyed flying them and had Craig video some of the flights.

I put too many winds in my Mini-Stick model, and it spent about 2 minutes bouncing around the ceiling without getting hung up, and managed to make its way down after 5:21, fun to watch, but would hate to hang it up on the ceiling. Dave Braun had his fine flying No-Cal model impressing again, bouncing off the beams, recovering half way down and working back up to the beams for another bounce. He increased his record in the event by another 20 seconds.

No-Cal				Total	
Entrant					Place
Dave Braun	81	93	100	274	1
Matt Decker	50	44	50	144	2
Jim Jorgensen	41	47	52	140	3
Dave Edmonson	12	12	6	30	4

Phantom Flash				Best 3	
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	43	64	69	176	1
Dave Edmonson	55	55	56	166	2
Dave Braun	50	48	56	154	3

FireFly					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	58	58	37	153	1
Jim Jorgensen	46	47	49	142	2

Butterfly				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	72	64	72	1
Jim Jorgensen	61		61	2

Scale						
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Matt Decker	Lenin-grad ec	25	23	33	78	1
Dave Edmonson	Beaver	18	22	25	65	2
Jim Jorgensen	Miles	9	17	21	47	3
Andy Ringlien	Fike?	7	14	8	29	4
Dave Braun	Pettiere	7	13	7	27	5

Bostonian			Total	
Entrant	#1	#2		Place
Andy Ringlien	38	36	74	1
Dave Braun	37	30	67	2
Dave Edmonson	26	25	51	3
Jim Jorgensen	28	22	50	4
Aaron Hartung	14	23	37	5

HLG/CLG (best 2)				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	17.7	19.7	37.4	1
Dave Edmonson	18.7	18.5	37.2	2
Jim Jorgensen	16.0	15.7	31.7	3
Dave Braun	14.0	14.0	28.0	4

Mini/Parlor/A-6				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	321		321	1
Jim Jorgensen	41	31	41	2
Dave Braun	7	37	37	3

Entrant	Points
Dave Edmonson	22
Jim Jorgensen	15
Andy Ringlien	14
Dave Braun	12
Matt Decker	8
Aaron Hartung	1

Sunday, February 17, 2019: Indoor Session (notes by Edmonson)

We only had 5 entrants, but a hot competition was to be had by all! A new youngster showed up to put in a fine performance in Phantom Flash, Jim Ladwig putting in ALMOST a record performance winning by 29 seconds.

Matt Decker has been building a fine fleet of little models, and won both Bostonian and Scale events. His models look great, and he has done a nice job of MAKING them fly well also. Dave Braun continues to dominate in the No-Cal event with his ceiling bouncer, really fun to watch, and he improved on his record by a whole one second! Jim Jorgensen keeps pushing me to fly all 8 events, as he won the Firefly event and did well in many others. I was happy to improve on my CLG record finding the right spot between the beams to transition. Fun time for all, but need more fliers!

No-Cal				Total	
Entrant					Place
Dave Braun	93	89	93	275	1
Jim Jorgensen	29	54	40	127	2
Dave Edmonson	48	21	19	87	3
Matt Decker	44			44	4

Bostonian			Total	
Entrant	#1	#2		Place
Matt Decker	48	43	91	1
Dave Edmonson	38	39	71	2
Dave Braun	34	32	66	3
Jim Jorgensen	31	33	64	4

Phantom Flash				Best 3	
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Jim Ladwig	71	44	73	188	1
Dave Braun	52	51	56	159	2
Dave Edmonson	52	48	48	148	3
Jim Jorgensen	40	43	49	132	4

HLG/CLG (best 2)				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	20.1	20.0	40.1	1
Jim Jorgensen	15.2	14.8	30.0	2
Dave Braun	14.3	15.1	29.4	3

FireFly					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Jim Jorgensen	48	49	63	160	1
Matt Decker	52	50	51	153	2
Dave Edmonson	20	34	31	85	3

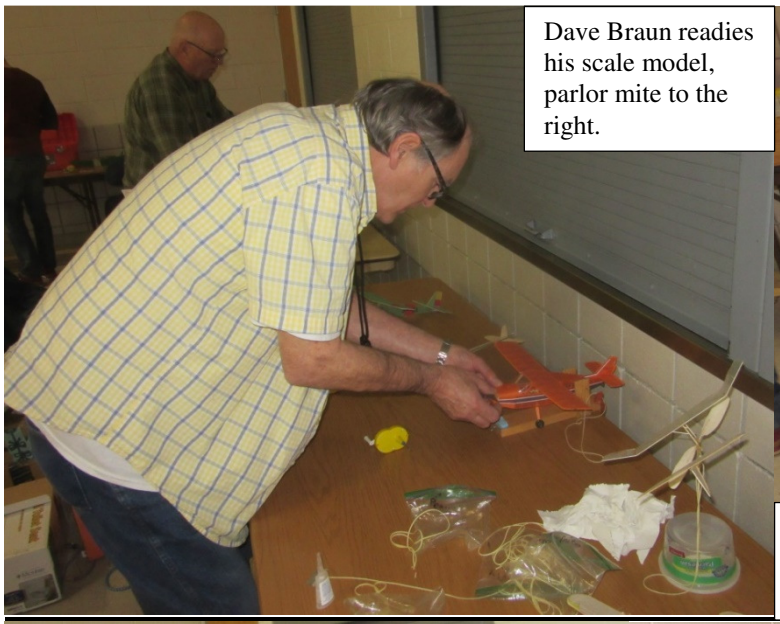
Mini/Parlor/A-6				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	225		225	1
Dave Braun	102	106	106	2
Jim Jorgensen	103	91	103	3

Butterfly				
Entrant	#1	#2	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	63	81	81	1
Jim Jorgensen	50		50	2

Entrant	Points	Events entered
Dave Edmonson	20	8
Jim Jorgensen	15	8
Dave Braun	13	6
Matt Decker	11	4
Jim Ladwig	4	1

Scale						
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Matt Decker	Lenin-grad ec	31	48	27	106	1
Dave Edmonson	Beaver	16	24	16	56	2
Jim Jorgensen	Miles	18	18		36	3
Dave Braun	Pettiere	6			6	4

Indoor Session, February 17, 2019



Dave Braun readies his scale model, parlor mite to the right.



Jim Ladwig pouting after he just busted his good motor after his first Phantom Flash flight. Finally got the new motor right for his last flight that was even better.



Jim Jorgensen winding his Bostonian, one of the eight events that he entered.



Matt Decker getting his winning Bostonian Pup ready to go. Forgot to get a picture of his fleet of cute little models on the next table.

How did the MMAC members do on the National Level in 2018?

Bill Kuhl went to the NATS and received his first trophy there in PeeWee 30.

On the National Cup front, AMA rubber: 8th Braun, 10th Edmonson, 26th Andy Ringlien. Glider: 6th Edmonson, 10th Andy Ringlien, 17th Braun, 27th Kuhl, 32nd Larson Ringlien. AMA power: 4th Edmonson, 32nd Dona.

The National Cup favors fliers who can travel to multiple contest sites, and only two scores are allowed for an event at each site. For example, AMA power, there are 5 events, ½ A, A, B, C, and D. So you could have 10 scores just flying at our North Branch contests. In finishing 4th, I had 8 scores, missed out in C gas with no scores. In the early days of National Cup, 2000/2004, we scheduled 2 day events and hoped to get out of state flyers, and we did get several, and these were exempt events that meant additional scores allowed. But there are fewer flyers traveling to out of state events now, and even major contests have seen participation drop. The National Contest in Muncie is one of the nearest contest sites, and up until recently, we had several club members attend. The 2004 Nats had approximately 400 entrants, 2018 about 200, wonder where they went?

Sunday, March 17, 2019: Indoor Session (CD…Dave Braun)

Phantom Flash

1. Dave Braun 56 54 58 168
2. Jim Jorgensen 46 44 90

Firefly

1. Matt Decker 30 48 48 126
2. Jim Jorgensen 49 37 37 123

Cat/HLG

1. Dave Braun 17.2 17.8 35.0
2. Jim Jorgensen 14.8 14.1 28.9

Bostonian

1. Matt Decker 47 43 90
2. Jim Jorgensen 40 40 80
3. Dave Braun 18 20 38

Butterfly

1. Jim Jorgensen 61
2. Matt Decker 53

Mini/A6/Parlour/Penny

1. Dave Braun 172
2. Jim Jorgensen 119

No-Cal

1. Dave Braun Farman 400 99 102 99 300
2. Matt Decker Avenger 34 61 63 158
3. Jim Jorgensen Hellcat 26 51 51 128

Peanut/Walnut

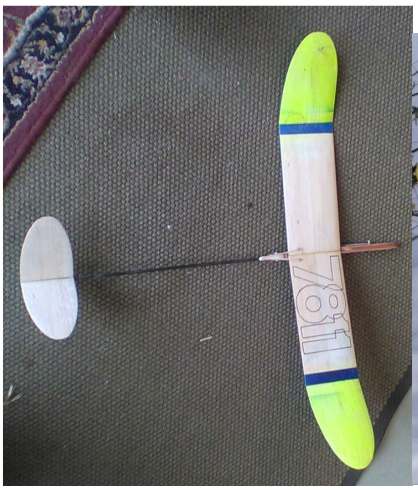
1. Matt Decker Leningrader 47 46 48 141
2. Dave Braun Farman 400 40 37 30 107
3. Jim Jorgensen Miles 21 22 30 73

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Entrant	Points	Events entered
Dave Braun	15	6
Jim Jorgensen	15	8
Matt Decker	13	5

2019 Club Points through March 17 (so far only indoor)	
Entrant	Points
Jim Jorgensen	45
Dave Edmonson	42
Dave Braun	40
Matt Decker	32
Andy Ringlien	14
Aaron Hartung	1

A couple of building projects below: On the right Bill Kuhl's 020 Replica model. On the left, Dave Braun has revised one of his earlier HLG designs:
"New tip launch glider loosely based on a design I had published in the Free Flight Digest years ago. Enlarged and tip-mo-tized it bears little resemblance to the original."
Braun says without even having flown the glider yet:
"Hey Edmonson, Beat this!!"

Editor: And he does this when I have spent the last few years losing all of my good gliders. Perhaps will have to replace my fleet?







Odell



To: MMAC
From: Dell's daughter ,
Mary St. John
April, 2019

On behalf of the Marchant family, I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent. This hobby brought so much joy to my Dad for most of his life. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.
Mary St. John

Odell, Dell, Marchant was the MMAC Newsletter Editor for the most of 25 years. He passed away on March 15, 2019 at the age of 90. Dell moved to Sparks Nevada after retirement in the 1990s, but always kept up his MMAC membership, and frequently returned to Minnesota to visit with his old modeling buddies. About 1958 Dell partnered with Rod Durkee and started a small hobby shop west of Mpls. selling modeling supplies and Schwinn bicycles. Later they moved to a larger shop in Crystal until a fire forced them to close the business. For many years after that, Dell had his hobby shop in his van, and it was a popular end of contest event to force him to drag out needed goodies to sell. While in Sparks, he made frequent trips to the flying field for sport flying, and was active up until the past few years. Dell's hobby business was his after hours endeavor working his real job at the USPS. We will miss Dell's smiling face, he was always good natured and had a great sense of humor.
Dell began as coeditor of the MMAC letter with Hugh Langevin in 1965, and with a couple breaks from Tony Sauderson and Dave Braun finished in 1993.







Above, 2006 windy weather contest, the boys contemplating flying?
Left to right:
Spehn, Garry Petersen, Greg Thomas, O'Leary, and Ladwig.

Don Spehn, 79, passed away on January 25, 2019. Don was a Brooklyn Center police officer for 29 years, and a long time MMAC member. After retiring he moved to Sauk Center and lived on the eastern shore of Sauk Lake, and fished and tinkered in his model airplane shop in the garage. Don was MMAC president for several years, 1982-1988, and his column in the newsletter will be read at the May meeting in memory, "The Prez says: or SPEHN SPEAKETH." It was also noted in the January 1983 newsletter that during show and tell of his DH-6 peanut model, that Don's best flying model was his Veco Dakota which was being sought by the Smithsonian!

Minneapolis Model Aero Club

2019 Outdoor Free-Flight Contest Schedule

Events: Free Flight Events per AMA, NFFS, MMAC, 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 2.5 miles, right on 420th Street (continue east 2 miles to road just prior of Central Turf Sign, south to field).* Must be an AMA member, and NFFS membership encouraged. Contests start 8:00 AM, run to 4:00.**

GPS coordinates: 45.54997, -92.92455

Call or email Dave Edmonson for more detailed directions or contest questions:
Tele: 612-220-5239 email: dedmonson@comcast.net

Sunday, May 19"Fun Fly" Fly your favorites or new models!

Sunday, June 9 "MMAC Picnic Contest" Don Monson, CD (651-457-2321)

#1. Junior Event #2. HLG #3. CLG #4. HoSoFo #5. P-30 #6. Large Rubber
#7. Small Gas #8. Large Gas #9. Embryo-FAC #10. Rubber Scale Event
**** Flying until 3:00 PM Picnic afterwards**

Sunday July 7 "Summer Meet" Dale Mendenhall, CD (763-535-2976)

#1. Junior Event #2. HLG #3. CLG #4. HoSoFo #5. P-30 #6. Large Rubber
#7. Small Gas #8. Large Gas #9. Embryo-FAC #10. Towline Glider 11. Jimmy Allen

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Sunday, August 11 "Almost Silent Meet" Gary Oakins CD (651-429-3150)

#1. Junior Event #2. HLG #3. CLG #4. P-30 # 5. HoSoFo #6. Large Rubber
#7. Small Gas #8. Large Gas #9. Embryo-FAC #10. Towline Glider 11. Rubber Scale Event

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Sunday, September 8"Fall Mini Model" Dave Edmonson CD (612-220-5239)

#1. Junior Event #2. HLG #3. CLG #4. HoSoFo #5. P-30 #6. ¼ Nos Gas/.020 Rep
#7. Gas # 8. SAM OT Rubber #9. Embryo-FAC 10. Jimmy Allen

Sunday, Oktober 6 "Oktoberflug" Dave Braun (651-731-6179)

#1. Junior Event #2. HLG #3. CLG #4. HoSoFo #5. P-30 #6. Large Rubber
#7. Gas #8. Embryo-FAC #9. Towline Glider #10. Rubber Scale Event

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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. Small Gas: .061 or less size gas powered model. 7 sec engine for AMA and Classic, 9 for Nos, 5 for any FAI model..
3. Large Gas: Larger than .061 size gas powered model. 7 sec engine for AMA and Classic, 9 for Nos, 5 for any FAI model..
4. Towline Glider: Any A-1, A-2, F1H, F1A, or Classic Towline (50 meter towline length)
5. HoSoFo: Fly any event, 3 flight total, specify model type if you want NFFS points.. In memory of Herman Fessler.
6. Rubber Scale, any size or class