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Coming Events

Sept. 7, 2001 : Club Meeting, A N G Museum, Fort Snelling @ 7:30 pm
Sept. 9, 2001 : Fall Meet @ Harley's Sod Farm, North Branch, MN
October 5,2001 : Club Meeting, A N G Museum, Fort Snelling
October 14, 2001 : " Octoberflug " Meet @ Harley's Sod Farm
November 2, 2001 : Club Meeting, A N G Museum, Ft. Snelling



GREG - A COMP COPY FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE. LET'S HEAR FROM YOU.
Jack

Party at Gary and Judy Oakins
September 15th
Flyer and map to follow

	September 9, 2001	**"Fall Meet"**	**-AA-**	**CD Dale Mendenhall 763-535-2976**
1/2A Gas	Classic Gas	P-30		ROW (record attempt)
A Gas	Mulvihill	Pee Wee 30		Catapult Glider
BCD Gas	Coupe d' Hiver	Junior Event		Embryo Endurance
		Moffitt		

	October 14, 2001	**"Octoberflug"**	**-AA-**	**CD Dave Braun 651-457-2264**
1/2A Gas	NOS Gas	O.T. Rubber (<'46)		P-30
A Gas	ROW (record attempt)	Pee Wee 30		Moffitt
B Gas	.020 Replica-1/4A Nos Gas	HL Glider		Mulvihill
CD Gas	Embryo Endurance	Coupe d' Hiver		Junior Event

November 4, 2001 **"Turkey Shoot"** **CD Aaron Peterson 651-224-6136**

Flying starts at Noon. Any airplane/power. Longest string of maxes wins! Frozen "Trophy" to the winner.



OAKIE's ORACLES

Where the hey did the summer go? The outdoor season is always too short. We don't get out and fly as much as we want. The pres. promises two great days for the Sept. and the Oct. contests. The thermals will even lift Herman's patio umbrella! Guaranteed.

Welcome to our new editor, Jack O'Leary. The last newsletter was Jack's first in many years, and an outstanding issue if I do say so. Once again, thanks very much Joe, for being our editor the last years.

A very warm welcome to our new members, Bill Vanderbeek from Los Alto Hills, Calf., Stan Terryll, my next door neighbor, and Pat Seale from Galesville, Wisc. Trust you'll enjoy our club.

The club members who attended the 2001 Nationals held at Muncie IN in July were Dick Bloomquist, Joe Huettl, Don Berggren, Herm Fessler, Sid Jepson, Warren Jeff and Andy Ringlien, Bob Woodhouse, and Bill Vanderbeek. Some attended and did not compete. All agreed this Nats was one of the warmest in many years, HOT. Dick Bloomquist placed 2nd in the "One Plane Event" (1/2A Space Rod), 5th in C Nos Gas, and 6th in D Gas. Bill Vanderbeek placed 5th in '39 Korda, 4th in Moffett, 1st in ABC Ignition Cabin, 3rd C Nos Gas, and 4th in B Nos Gas. Warren Ringlien placed 10th in Catapult Glider and 3rd in Dawn Unlimited. Nice flying , guys!

Bob Oppegard received a very large and warm ovation when he was rememberd at the NFFS banquet. Joe Huettl received his award for placing 5th in the National Cup Competition for AMA Rubber. It's great to see our members doing so good.

As of press time we have not secured an indoor site for the winter months. Many positive leads but no cigar yet. We'll keep you all posted.

Please keep Saturday night Sept. 15 open. Judi and I will host the second annual Mpls Model Aero Club Fall get together. A new batch of home brew is aging as you read this article. A flyer about the party will follow.

Recently received the 34th Annual NFFS Symposium. It's a must on your reading list. It's one of the best in years.

Joe Huettl, Dick Bloomquist, yours truly, and hopefully others from our club plan to attend a three day contest at Muncie hosted by the Central Indiana Aeromodelers in late Sept. It's a AAA contest and offers many events that qualify for National Cup points. Lawrenceville is the next weekend.

Dell and Norene Marchant were back to Minnesota in July. We spent an evening together and reminisced about old times. Good fellowship with two very special people.

That's enough for now, I must retire to the hangar to get some building accomplished. I trust I'll see you at the Sept meeting, the contest, and the party.

GARY

MMAC Minutes for the July 6th, 2001 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2000 hours with President Gary Oakins presiding.
Number in attendance: 20
The minutes of the June 1st, 2001 meeting were read and accepted as published in Issue #281 of the Minneapolis Modeler.
The Treasurer's report was given by Denny Sussman and accepted by the members present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gary Oakins read a letter from Ruth Oppegrad. He also shared an e-mail from Dennis Leonardy concerning the sale of engines from Oppegard's collection.
Jim Ladwig reported on news articles published in local newspapers concerning the club's activities with school groups.

OLD BUSINESS

After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table any rule changes associated with the club's activities with school groups when flying at the dome or Xcel center.
Gary's Fall Fling club party has been set for September 15th at Gary's house. More information to follow.
discussion concerning indoor season flying site was postponed until a later meeting.
Denny Sussman printed posters that advertise the club's activities and numbers to call for more information about the club.

NEW BUSINESS

A club dues increase was proposed for the coming year. The amount of increase will be discussed at a later meeting.
Greg Thomas moved that the Red Pine Raiders become an active contingent of the MMAC. The motion was seconded and passed. Interested parties should contact Greg Thomas at TDESIGNS@GOLDENGATE.NET or call Greg at 952-435-9527.

Motion to adjourn at 2100. Motion passed.

SHOW AND TELL.
Stan Terryll demonstrated a foam tray cut-out glider to be built by students. Bill Vanderbeek demonstrated a rubber strander made from hardware store-bought materials and a Moffel model. Dave Edmouson demonstrated two gas models , one being a Husler 600.

Respectfully submitted,
Duane McDonnell
Secretary

MINUTES FOR THE MMAC AUGUST 3rd MEETING

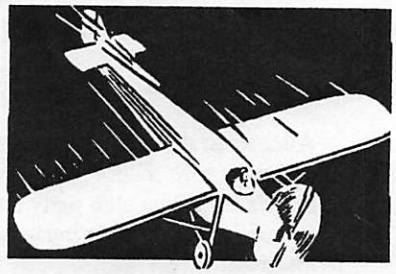
President Gary Oakins called the meeting to order at 20:02.
There were 18 members in attendance.
The Secretary was absent so there was no minutes read from the July meeting.
Denny Sussman gave the Treasurers report. It was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE.
Gary passed around catalogs he received from Starline and Bob White.
He also passed around some announcements of RC contests.
There also was a letter from Charles Markos of the Chicago Aeronauts
The Lawrenceville meet will be Oct. 6th and 7th.
Clyd White is now in the Abbott Hospital with complications.

Minutes for the August 3, 2001 MMAC meeting, continued :

OLD BUSINESS:
Indoor schedule still not set due to lack of location.
Oakins Fall party will be Sept. 15th.
Greg Thomas gave an update on the FAC. There will be more information on this in the coming Newsletter. Several club members have joined.
Denny asked for members who flew in the July contest,to let him know if they have a prize comming.
Jim Ladwig askedfor mylar strips
THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS The Meeting adjourned at 20:35
The raffle was won by Hank Liljequist.
SHOW AND TELL:
Dave Edmonson showed some props, a "T"bird, a Ramrod,

H.L.



Red Pine Raider News

After lying fallow for a number of years, the MMAC chapter of the Flying Aces Club,The RED Pine Raiders, was re-born thanks largely to the efforts of Greg Thomas. Reprinted here is the E-mail that *Greg sent to interested parties to put some fire in the belly of the local scale afficianados and get this* organization started :

FACer's

Yesterday, 04 August 01 we had our first meeting for 37 Squadron, Red Pine Raiders. All looks to be a "go". We accomplished and established a few things. Number one... as few meetings as possible. We will have one more meeting on the 11th of September.

As is normally the case, an indoor flying site is being searched for and a couple of the guys are gong to pursue leads based on members inputs. I'll keep you posted. Dues will be $10.00 per year. This will get the modeler a bi-monthly subscrition to The Red Pine Raider Newsletter dedicated to scale model building, flying and general discussion.

Another item that we talked about was flying and what types of models the members would like to build. Each member has a smattering of various types of models and none dedicated to a particular event other than Aaron P. He's quite engrossed in the Grieve Race aircraft so he pretty much is building bunches of these guys. Because every one has at least one scale model we decided the best approach to moving along is that we would simply have one event for any scheduled contest activity. All forms of model would be able to compete as long as it where scale, whether Peanut or larger. All will fly under FAC Scale rules with allowances for Peanuts. Normally Peanuts fly under there own set of criteria and cannot crossover. This is where we are making an exception this year. Any scale airplane, any size, one event, — FAC Scale. Next year will be different. Events will be categorized and three airplanes per event minumum and no crossover airplanes.

Gary... How about scheduling an FAC scale event at one of this years outdoors? All scale types fly under one set of rules, FAC Scale Rubber, no gas or power at this time. I show contests on 12 August and another for 09 September. Twelve August is too soon but Sep 9 would seem to work out. Beyond that I think the weather would be transitioning and causing too much grief for scale models. Let me know. If we can't do this, that's ok.

We will be flying every Saturday morning, 0630 (That's AM) at Como Park. No gas power, electric "ok". (See attached map.) This all depends on the weather. If upon rising and looking out the window you see the trees bending over near horizontal or otherwise the weather looks inclement, don't make the trip. Otherwise the plan is to fly. Bring what ya got type thing.

Regards,

GT

The Red Pine Raider Saga continues:

Six interested F.A.Cers got together for a flying session in a Como Park enclave on Saturday morning, Aug.11,and had a great time. The 0630 start-up time is a little forbidding, but it assures the *flyers that they'll have first dibs on the space. Meanwhile, efforts are continuing to find another* flying site. Seems to me that the Elton Hentges sod farm, which we already have permission to use as a test and trim site would make an ideal venue for the scale buffs.

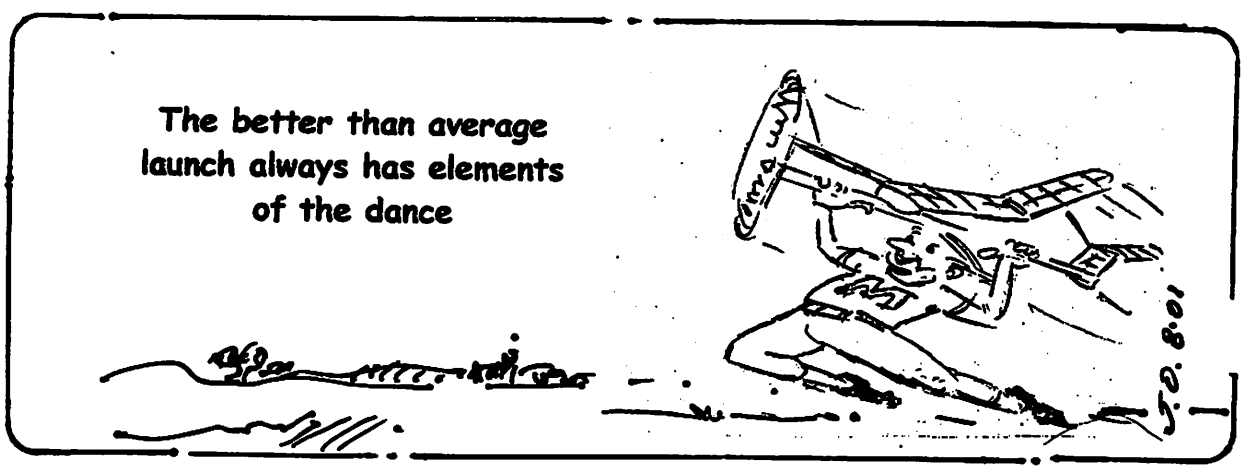
Greg T. showed me an advanced copy of the Red Pine Raiders Newsletter. Wow-wee! Son of a gun!! Jimminy crickets!!! This is some kind of newsletter. Anyone familiar with Greg's expertise and *attention to detail will not be disappointed by joining the Red Rine Raiders. The news letter even* includes a 3.5 floppy with plans. I don't know how Greg plans to break even on this effort at $10.00/year ; I guess Valerie (Greg's long suffering spouse) will have to get another paper route. Call Greg @ (952) 435-1086 for particulars about joining the national Flying Aces Club, or other info.

Red Pine Raider News Alert

An " ANYTHING SCALE' event will be offered at each of our remaining outdoor contests. Anything scale will include Peanut,Walnut, Dime Scale, F.A.C. Scale, WW I, WW II, Thompson Trophy, ---Whatever (No-Cals excluded) . Rubber, electric or CO2 craft are Okay. Shortly before the awards presentation, we'll have a No-Cal mass launch, no size or weight limitations. So spar snippers,dust off those scale ships and bring them along. Our illustrious guru, Greg Thomas,will do the judging.

MMAC OUTDOOR POINT STANDINGS AS OF 20 AUG. 01

D. Edmonson	87	R. Neaman	14
J. Huettl	70	B. Roush	14
W. Ringlien	60	D. Spehn	14
T. Johnson	56	D. Bloomquist	11
G. Dona	47	D. Berggren	10
G. Oakins	35	B. Kumferman	10
D. Sussman	32	A. Petersen	9
D. McDonnell	31	M. Dona	8
H. Fessler	29	B. Griffiths	7
J. Jorgensen	28	D. Mills	6
C. Markos	26	T. Taylor	5
J. O'Leary	25	D. Diers	4
J. Watkins	24	S. Jepson	4
J. Anderson	23	D. Messerly	4
J. Jagerson	17	J. Triana	3
B. Vanderbeek	15	G. Wolf	2
H. Liljequist	14	J. Ringlien	1



Summer Meet July 8, 2001

The summer meet was aptly named. Prior to July 8, weather conditions were in a prolonged spring mode, cool and breezy with none of the characteristic calm mornings and evenings. July 8th dawned and promised to be a typical Minnesota summer day. The wind at 8:00am was practically nonexistent. The faithful assembled on the island (or is it a peninsula) which gives us good drift lines both to the north and south. What wind there was came initially out of south but gradually swung around and came out of the north with considerable vigor. We ended up on 410th Street , a place with which we have become all too familiar. The prez & I prefer the 395 and Jeffrey site.

Around 9:00 am, new member, Bill Vanderbeek arrived with a nicely crafted Moffett; a Stu Bennett design, diamond fuselage and low pylon which faired gracefully into the body. Bill V. showed us a Wheaties box which had his photo honoring him as a Champion with the plane. Neat! He had it made at the Mall of America. Bill flies power and rubber and is a force on the national free-flight scene. He hails from Los Altos,CA but business interests often find him in our fair city. Bill purports to be intrigued with ice fishing, and Oakie says he'll accommodate him this winter. Frankly, I think he's watched too many 'Grumpy Old Men' movies.

I set up my stuff next to Joe Huettl and was amazed at how much trouble he was having with a new batch of Tan II. He blew at least four or five motors at partial winds and his fully wound Moffett exploded on the stooge. Joe was more than perplexed, he was P.O.'d. He visited with John Clapp at the NATS who assured him that it was good rubber, and that the stretch and hold pre-stretching procedure didn't apply, rather, a pre-stretching accomplished by careful winding was necessary. Greg Thomas reported that the scale dudes were having similar problems at the F.A.C. NATS.

Don Monson CD'd this affair and did his usual thorough job. He capped off our Bratwurst And Polish treat with a pyrotechnic display by exploding some magic powder in a 55 gallon drum, sending paper shards and a humungous smoke ring some 200 feet into the air. Scared the be-jabbers out of me.

Coupe D'Hiver

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores	Total
1.	Hank Liljequist	60 120 120	300
2.	Warren Ringlien	116	116

Moffett

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores	Total
1.	Bill Vanderbeek	120 120 120 155	515
2.	Joe Huettl	120 120 -	240
3.	Jack O'Leary	120 79	199

Old Time Rubber

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores	Total
1.	Joe Huettl	120 100 120	340
2.	Jack O'Leary	120 120 87	327

Catapault Glider

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores						Total
1.	Warren Ringlien	31	31	25	45	6	49	125
2.	Bob Griffiths	8	25	22	32	36	30	98
3.	Duane McDonnell	33	27	26	20	15	34	94
4.	Dave Edmonson	24	39	9	12	15	-	78
5.	Dennis Mills	16	16	32	9	19	17	65
6.	Terry E. Taylor	16	14	15	-	-	-	45
7.	John Watkins	8	8	24	6	7	-	40
8.	Tim Johnson	6	5	3	7	-	-	18

P – 30

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Joe Huettl	84	120	120	324
2.	Jim Anderson	84	76	120	280
3.	Duane McDonnell	120	68	71	259
4.	Henry Liljequist	81	120	48	249
5.	Bill Vanderbeek	69	78	87	234
6.	Jerry Jagerson	78	88	65	231
7.	John Watkins	68	88	60	216
8.	Warren Ringlien	51	102	48	201
9.	Don Berggren	79	120	-	199
10.	Jim Jorgensen	50	78	65	193
11.	Dennis Mills	31	-	-	31

Embryo Endurance

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Duane McDonnell	120	68	77	265
2.	Jim Anderson	57	59	75	191
3.	Jim Jorgensen	17	57	40	114
4.	Terry Taylor	2	5	-	7

Pee Wee 30

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Dave Edmonson	120	54	104	731
2.	John Watkins	120	80	53	468
3.	Terry Taylor	66	42	-	211

Mulvihill

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Jim Jorgensen	66	86	-	152

Jetex

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Tim Johnson	46	80	120	246
2.	Dave Edmonson	52	36	7	95
3.	Jim Anderson	5	-	-	5
4.	John Watkins	4	-	-	4

½ A Gas

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Dave Edmonson	113	109	102	324
2.	Jerry Jagerson	120	65	91	276
3.	Ray Neaman	115	48	87	250
4.	Gene Wolf	65	65	58	188
5.	Tim Johnson	69	45	-	114

A Gas

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Gary Oakins	120	120	120	360
2.	Tim Johnson	120	78	120	318

The Summer Meet , July 8, 2001

(continued)

B - C - D Gas

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores	Total
1.	Denny Sussman	120 120 120	360
2.	Gary Oakins	120 95 120	335
3.	Dick Bloomquist	120 120 -	240

Nos Gas

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores	Total
1.	Dick Bloomquist	120 120 85	325
2.	Tim Johnson	70 49 120	239
3.	Denny Sussman	70 - -	70
4.	Don Messerly	25 27 -	52

The Almost Silent Meet
August 12, 2001

The weather gods smiled on us for our August monthly meet. Well, sort of. We congregated in our usual spot, off Jeffery, But once again, this proved to be wishful thinking as the wind shift from the north had models and modelers checking out the soy beans. After resettling on 410th and Oakie Dr., the contest continued in earnest. We had a great turnout, and more than a few enchanted spectators. A distinguished flyer from the east (Chicago), Chuck Markos joined in the fun in his quest for National Cup points, and did quite nicely, thank you. Oakie did his usual no-nonsense job of CDing.

Embryo Endurance

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Herman Fessler	88	101	100+9	298
2.	Jim Anderson	89	42	34 +9	174
3.	Duane Mc Donnell	34	17	38+4	93
4.	Jeff Ringlien	18	17	35+5	69

Hand Launch Glider

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores						Total
1.	Dave Edmonson	24	29	16	75	10	34	135
2.	Gordon Dona	30	60	33	35	4	35	130
3.	Tim Johnson	35	20	27	21	58	24	120
4.	Warren Ringlien	37	6	35	25	21	30	102
5.	Don Spehn	17	3	3	33	19	14	69
6.	Dick Diers	22	12	10	18	5	17	57

Moffett

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Chuck Markos	120	120	120	360
2.	Joe Huettl	120	118	120	358

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Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Bill Roush	120	120	120	360
2.	Chuck Markos	120	120	102	342
3.	Joe Huettl	120	79	120	319
4.	Matt Dona	120	120	73	313
5.	Duane Mc Donnell	73	117	84	274
6.	Gordon Dona	120	120	-	240
7.	Jim Anderson	69	39	76	184
8.	Herman Fessler	95	84	-	179
9.	Dennis Mills	42	40	40	122

Coupe D'Hiver

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Warren Ringlien	62	120	30	212

Mulvihill

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Chuck Markos	120	120	120+180	540
2.	Joe Huettl	120	120	120	360
3.	Jack O'Leary	120	113	120	353
4.	Warren Ringlien	120	-	-	120

1.5 X Bostonian

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Herman Fessler	68	120	-	188
2.	Aaron Petersen	74	64	44	182
3.	Jim Anderson	49	85	42	176

Nostalgia Gas, Large

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Dave Edmonson	116	120	120	356
2.	Tim Johnson	120	44	56	220

A1 -A2 Nordic

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Dave Edmonson	76	104	120	300
2.	Ray Neaman	50	20	-	70
3.	Gordon Dona	4			4

Open Power

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	Gary Oakins	120	120	110	350
2.	Jerry Jagerson	120	120	109	349
3.	Tim Johnson	83	120	120	323
4.	Dennis Sussman	120	120	73	313
5.	Dave Edmonson	61	120	120	301

Nostalgia Gas - Small

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	John Watkins	46	115	120	331
2.	Don Spehn	85	120	120	325
3.	Don Messelry	108	68	120	296
4.	Tim Johnson	74	94	53	221

.020 Replica / ¼ A Nos Gas

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores			Total
1.	John Watkins	81	118	120	319
2.	Jorge Triana	95	120	-	215
3.	Gary Oakins	53	75	-	128

Junior Event

Place	Contestant	Flight Scores	Total
1.	Matt Dona	120	120
2.	Jake Dona	30	30

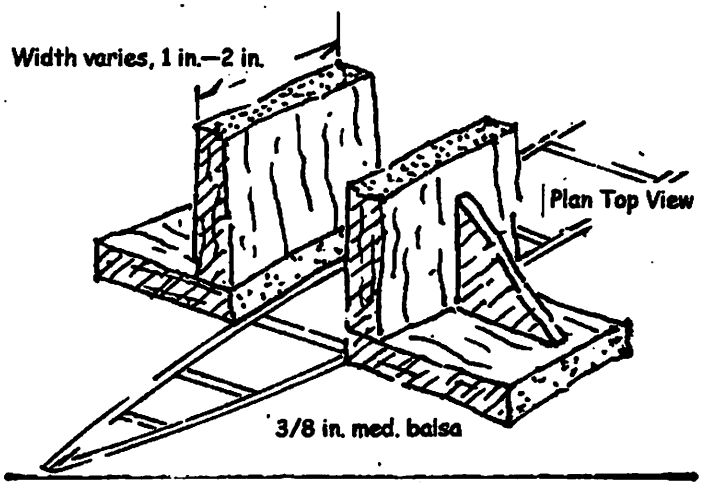
From the workbench:

Last spring, genial Jim Ladwig, Gordon Dona and your editor checked out the new Excel Center as a potential indoor site. Like many a indoor site, it had its pluses and minuses. A relatively clean 30 foot ceiling in a vast cavernous space was compromised by pillars on 36 foot centers. Jim, who was flying a Bostonian based on Dick Baxter's Pussycat design was lamenting that even the Pussycat's simple box type fuselage presented alignment problems. Keeping things square and plumb sometimes requires much fiddling and jigging.

Here's a simple workbench tool to help you keep fuselage sides aligned.

Procure some 3/8 balsa sheet, 3 in. by 36 in. and fashion a bunch of right angle jigs of varying heights and widths as per the drawing. Glue the two elements of the jig together and check the alignment with a square. A gusset will maintain the 90 degree angle. When using ,pin thes jigs directly over the plan top view and pin or secure the fuselage sides to the inside of the jig. Use opposing pairs of these tools matching the fuselage widths as per the top view. Glue in the cross members, starting at the widest dimension and move fore and aft. I face the inside surface of the jig with wax paper to prevent the sides sticking to the jig.. I suppose that 3/16ths or 1/4th sheet would be adequate for small fun type or Peanut scale but the 3/8ths sheet makes for a robust tool that can be used for all sizes of box fuselages.

Yes, rib slicers,I know this isn't rocket science, but it works.



Close encounters of a different kind:

At the July 8th meet, Bill Vanderbeek flying his Moffett, had *the model drift over the trees into a farmer's fenced off area.* In this area resided two semi-belligerent mules. Bill stared these suckers down and is reputed to have said, " Listen up, you sway back, glue factory candidates. Finders keepers ain't happening today." The model was retrieved without incident.



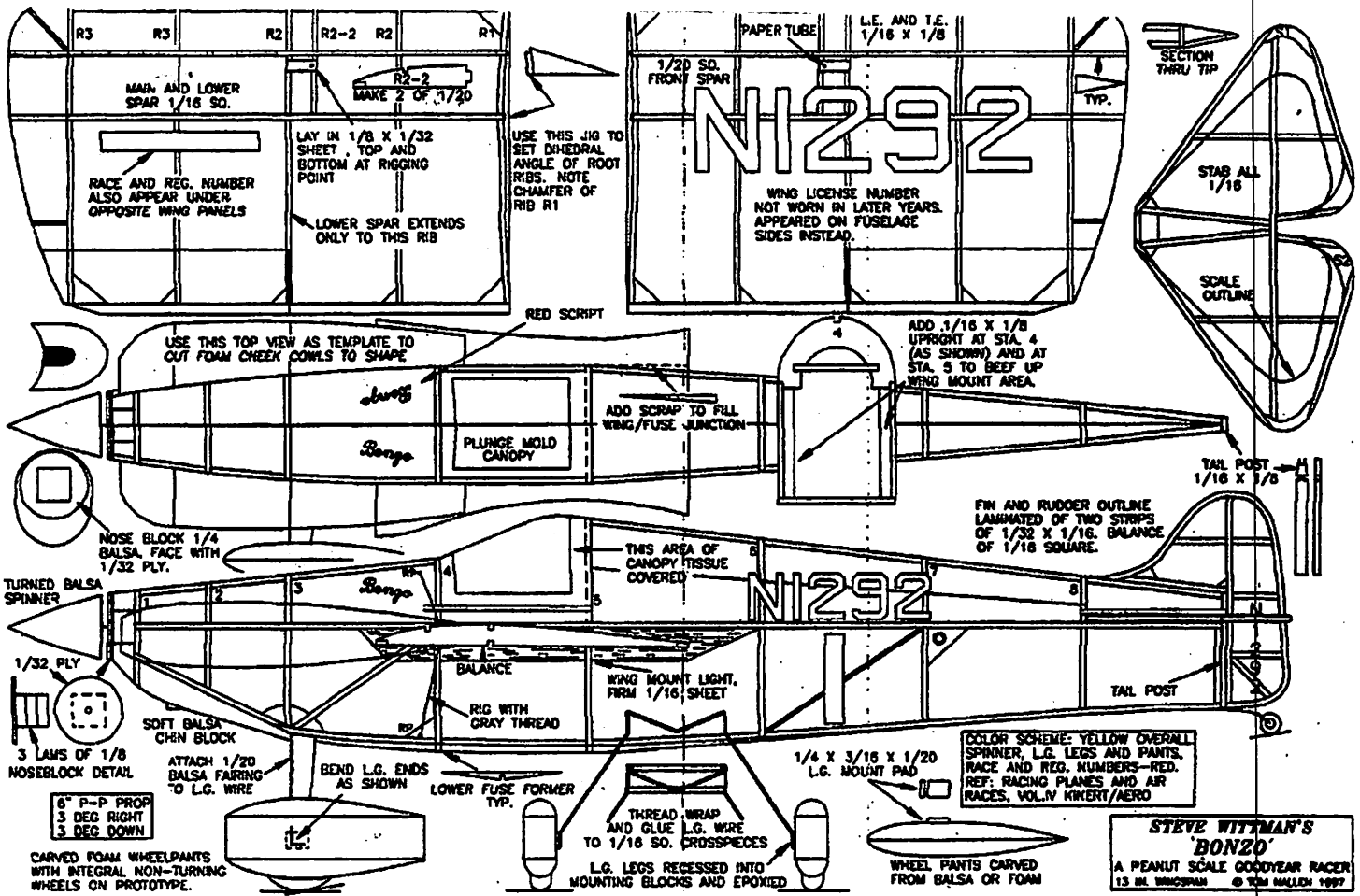
Lest the troops get bored, the MMAC elders introduced Indoor Hand Launch Glider, Land On Water for their April 1 meet. The rules require that the glider must land on its pontoons in the same kiddie pool from which it was launched.

Remember tissue trimmers. if you're into radio and you've got the transmitter in the model and the receiver in your hands, you've got your head screwed on right!

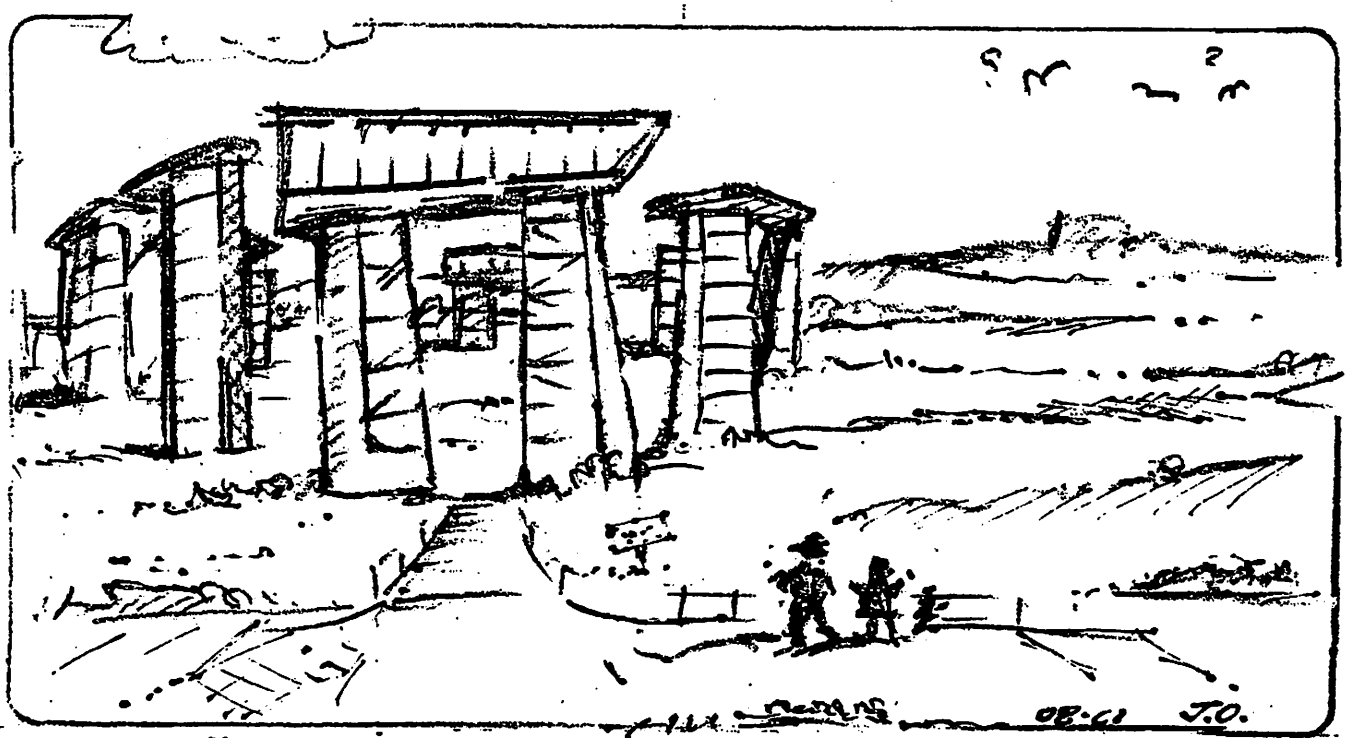
Thoughts while shaving:

Looking over the club point standings, this editor is *impressed with the numbers vying for honors.* I haven't checked the newsletter five or ten years back, but I'm certain that 34 contestants represents a significant increase. The reemergence of Dave Edmonson, after a hiatus, to lead the field is impressive. Tim Johnson has become more active, and is showing in the top five. Family commitments and his flying schedule have impeded Gordon Dona's quest for a repeat championship , but don't count him out. Also noteworthy is the improved performance of Duane McDonnell, flying more events and doing a great job. The National Cup competition has swelled the contestant numbers, getting Chuck Markos and Bill Vanderbeek into the fray.

Hey, things are looking up!!



The Bonzo is one of the plans on disk, in the first issue of The F.A.C. Red Pine Raiders newsletter. Computer savvy clubsters can enlarge this to full Peanut size.



Before Stonehenge, Britain's first free-flight club erected Winghenge, visually compelling but structurally, a total disaster.



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Hardy Harr & T. Hee :

MMAC member & buddy, A. Greville (Tony) Saunderson, *From Seattle sent along this one:*

A couple of Texas hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing. His eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls 911. He gasps to the operator,"My friend is dead! What can I do? The operator,in a calm, soothing voice says,"Just take it easy. I can help. First lets make sure he's dead." There is a silence; then a shot is heard---
The hunter says," OK, now what?"

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An editors plea:

Hey, clubsters, give us a hand. The editor needs your workbench tips, original plans, cartoons, jokes (PG rated, please) , editorial comments, whatever. Lifting stuff from other newsletters is the law of the land, but I like to keep it original and fresh. I'll be whining like this every other issue. Let's have some letters from members in far flung places. Sparks, NV and Seattle come to mind.