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"June 2nd MMAC meeting at the Anoka Airport"

Monthly Meetings: May-September

Remember that the meeting site changes in the summer to the north side at the Experimental Aircraft Building at the Anoka County/Blaine Airport.

Please also note that the August meeting will be the second Friday, August 11th. This is due to conflicts with the NATS!

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, 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 meeting starts at 7:30 with the business meeting at 8:00 PM.

Upcoming Events: See your schedule for meet dates and events!

Mini-FAI and Almost Summer Meet , June 3 and 4!!!

This is our big meet of the season. Saturday, June 3rd finds us flying our 5 round Mini-FAI events with a nice picnic afterwards. First round starts at 9:00 AM, flying through 3 rd round which ends at 12:00, and resumes at 1:00 PM, and concluding for awards and picnic at 3:00 PM. Remember that Dennis Sussman always comes up with very nice plaques for first place in these events.

This years "Mini" includes P-30, combined HLG/CLG, F1G(Coupe), F1H(A-1), F1J(1/2A), and Junior event. Normally we have flown HLG as a Mini-FAI event, but it has been combined with CLG so the HLG/CLG will be flown in rounds. Junior event is not held in rounds. HLG/CLG will no longer be held from a launch "PEN".

A "Junior Event" will also be part of the Min-FAI, but it will be not restricted to rounds. Put up 3 official flights anytime, with any model. Merchandise for Junior prizes.

Sunday finds us flying our ***"COMBO"*** events with Embryo, Mulivhill, 1/2A Gas, CD Gas, 1/2A NOS gas, A/BC NOS gas, 1/4Nos/020Replica, and Junior Event.
Note that on Sunday, one may also put up FAI program qualifying times, that is if you have signed up for the FAI program.

Please remember when entering the contests to specify which event is your contest event for that Class!

OAKIE'S ORACLES

Hi! For the summer months we'll meet at the EAA building located at the south end of the Anoka Co. Airport. The Air National Guard Museum has too many security restrictions to make it feasible to meet there. I trust one and all have been busy all winter building new models for the summer contests. Bring them to the meeting before you fly-crash the plane. New models are appreciated. Denny Sussman and Dave Edmonson have shown models all winter. We need new blood.

Hope to see more members attending and competing at our summer contests. We have events for all interests. We have a GREAT field, please try to use it more. I'll put the club sign at the corner of Jeffery and HWY 95 for each contest.

I finally got Bill Vanderbeek out ice fishing this past winter. It was Bill's first time fishing through the ice. We had a good time. Best of all, Bill caught fish. We must do it again. I'm planning a fish fry at the '06 Nats and will share our Minn. Blue Gills with the Calf. gang.

I reported a rumor in the last newsletter about a new motor home Bill and Bud Romack were building, a converted Labatts beer truck. False report. A fellow modeler started the story and it went nationwide.

The '06 Nats are the first week of Aug. Jim Juhl Sr. is the CD. Those attending should give some thought to help Jim run the Nats. Give him a call. Jim assures us the weather will be better than '05. Last year was almost perfect.

Many club members are going to the Nats including Denny, Dave Edmonson, Herm and Gary Fessler, Warren and Jeff Ringlien, Dick Bloomquist, Tony Saunderson, and Don Berggren. Sorry if I missed anyone. All attending will place! Every morning we'll have a club flag raising ceremony at about 8:00, plan to attend.

Got to run! Hot bite at Sturgeon Lake. See you at the meeting. Have some videos to share. Bring a model.

Gary

April 8, 2006: Jorge Triana Memorial Indoor Results, Burnsville H.S.

Butterfly

	Time
1. Calli Olson	2:18
2. Dave Edmonson	2:03
3. Jeff Welliver	1:58
4. Joshua Brown	1:49
5. Dan Dorsch	1:33
6. Jeff Ringlien	1:30
7. Bob Griffiths	1:24

Junior Rubber -
More than 6 grams

	Time
1. Calli Olson	3:52
2. Joshua Brown	1:57
3. Scott Gleason	1:16

ButterflyMass Launch: Nooner! (no Club Points) 8 flyers

	Time
1. Calli Olson	2:08
2. Bob Griffiths	2:03
3. Dave Edmonson	1:50
4. Joshua Brown	1:40
Jack O'Leary & Warren	Ringlien
Jeff Ringlien and Jeff	Welliver

Bostonian -

	Time
1. Dennis Mills	:67
2. Bob Griffiths	:51
3. Jim Anderson	:38
4. Calli Olson	:27

ARF/RTF..non BOMrule

	Time
1. Dale Mendenhall	3:59
2. Dennis Mills	3:05
3. Dave Edmonson	2:05
4. Mel Roy	1:27
5. Jeff Welliver	1:18

Penny Plane

	Time
1. Gordon Dona	6:21
2. Dave Edmonson	4:48

HLG best 2 of 9

	Time
1. Gordon Dona	1:01.5
2. Dave Edmonson	45.9

CLG best 2 of 9

	Time
1. Gordon Dona	:54.5
2. Dave Edmonson	:48.1

Mini-Stick

	Time
1. Gordon Dona	4:58
2. Dennis Mills	1:03

Easy B

	Time
1. Gordon Dona	12:41
2. Dennis Mills	2:33

Phantom Flash

	Time
1. Warren Ringlien	1:47
2. Dennis Mills	:40

FAC No-Cal 3 flights

	Time
1. Gordon Dona	10:50
2. Jim Ladwig	7:16
3. Greg Thomas	6:54
4. Jim Anderson	3:15
5. Warren Ringlien	2:40
6. Jeff Ringlien	:03

FAC Peanut Scale

	Score
1. Jim Anderson	96
2. Warren Ringlien	74
3. Jeff Ringlien	59

FAC Scale

	Score
1. Greg Thomas	111.5
2. Jeff Ringlien	19

Results of the Spring Meet, May 7, 2006, by our outstanding CD: Jim Ladwig

Thought you might be interested in what went on last Sunday, May 7.

Weather started out clear and relatively calm at 8AM. Winds, which were from the south all day, increased steadily (up to 15 to 20 mph) and clouds gathered as the day went on. There was no rain where we were at North Branch, but storms could be seen in the distance.

Eleven contestants entered and 10 flew, far fewer than a few years back.

Because of the forecast of higher wind later in the day, maximum flight times were set at 90 seconds, reduced from the normal 120 seconds. This was to encourage the planes to land on the 160-acre (1/2-mile square) sod field from which they were launched. Mulvihill Rubber maximum times were set at 120 seconds for all flights, rather than increasing with each consecutive flight per the rule book, for the same reason. More on this later.

Here are the contest results.

P-30 Rubber (4 entered)

1 Edmonson, Dave 262
2 Petersen, Aaron 175
3 Jorgensen, Jim 172
4 Mills, Dennis 39

Mulvihill Rubber (6 entered)

1 Petersen, Aaron 480
2 Ringlien, Warren 360
3 Edmonson, Dave 335
4 Oakins, Gary 98
5 Mills, Dennis 37
Jorgensen, Jim DNF

Embryo Rubber (3 entered)

1 Fessler, Herman 189
2 Mills, Dennis 118
3 Olson, Calli 26

HLG/CLG Combined (5 entered)

1 Edmonson, Dave (HLG) 105
Edmonson, Dave (CLG) 205
2 Ringlien, Warren(CLG) 92
3 Mills, Dennis (CLG) 71
4 Spehn, Don (CLG) 53
Fessler, Herman DNF

1/2A Gas (5 entered)

1 Spehn, Don 207
2 Edmonson, Dave 150
3 Oakins, Gary 7
Sussman, Dennis & Messerly, Don DNF

AB Gas (4 entered)

1 Edmonson, Dave 270
2 Oakins, Gary 257
3 Sussman, Dennis 226
Spehn, Don DNF

1/2A Nos Gas (3 entered)

Oakins, Gary DNF
Spehn, Don DNF
Sussman, Dennis DNF

ABC Nos Gas (1 entered)

Sussman, Dennis DNF

Junior Event (1 entered) 1 Olson, Calli 43

Towline Event (1 entered) 1 Edmonson, Dave 253

Prizes, through 3rd place, were procured and distributed by Dennis Sussman at the 5:00 close of the contest. The wind sent everyone home immediately afterward.

Setting the Mulvihill maximum times at 120 seconds for all flights made it an entirely different event. I believe only Gary Oakins flew a model designed as a Mulvihill model. This happens even with the times per the rulebook. However, as the max times increase, the smaller models are unable to be competitive. With a maximum time within the capability of Gollywocks and Old Time Rubber models and even P-30s, the larger, more powerful model will not necessarily win the event.

On the other hand, with Mulvihill max times increasing 1 minute for each successive flight (starting at 2 minutes) flights are almost certain to go beyond the boundaries of the field, and trespass on another property. AMA has directed the Contest Directors to do all in their power to keep such trespass from occurring.(Ed. Note: Aaron,

Gary, and Warren flew old time rubber models, I flew a P-30 because my unlimited model was not cooperating, I don't know what Dennis Mills flew.)

It will be interesting to see what comes of this conflict.

Sorry you all could not be there, and thanks to those who did come and entertain those of us who did not fly. -jiml

MMAC Club Point Total, May2006

06 Points	L-NAME	F-NAME
34	Edmonson	Dave
19	Mills	Dennis
18	Dona	Gordon
15	Olson	Calli
14	Ringlien	Warren
8	Anderson	Jim
8	Petersen	Aaron
7	Thomas	Greg
6	Brown	Joshua
6	Welliver	Jeff
6	Ringlien	Jeff
5	Ladwig	Jim
5	Mendenhall	Dale
5	Oakins	Gary
4	Griffiths	Bob
4	Spehn	Don
3	Dorsch	Dan
3	Fessler	Herman
2	Jorgenson	Jim
2	Roy	Mel
1	Gleason	Scott
1	Sussman	Dennis

Club point totals: The above totals will be given in each newsletter. Points are calculated by 3 points for a first place, 2 for second, and 1 for third, but if there are more than 3 entries, you start at the bottom and work up. This seems fair in that you get more points for a contended event. The scoring is quite simple, and if you find any errors in the tabulation, just let me know, sometimes I can't add correctly!
"Ye editor and point totaller"

The 2006 Jorge Triana Memorial Indoor Meet:

The top 3 entered events this year were 1. Butterfly ready to fly, 2. FAC No-Cal event 3. ARF: SuperDogs.

Actually an impromptu Butterfly mass launch at 12 noon brought out 8 contestants, with 2 more not making the launch gathering. I would say that the most fun of the day was watching the 8 carefully trimmed Butterflys circling overhead with **Calli Olson** winning the $5 prize award for her superior flight. The mass launch Butterfly event was not included in the club point totals.

The club retrieval pole saw use about 6 times to release models from the ceiling. It is stored in my van, so it will be available at any event that I attend. We should talk about eliminating the $5 penalty use, and just use it whenever needed.

Gordon Dona continued his domination of our indoor events. (ed note: I am determined to give him some competition the next time around!)

Several of us would like to see more indoor contests, and the motion was passed at the last meeting to make some of our fun flys at the Bloomington Reserve Armory semi-contests.

Many thanks to our club president **Gary Oakins** for CDing this contest, and to **Dennis Sussman** for the awards. It was sad that our club **"professional official observer"** showed up late, and did not bring his Butterfly model with. Rather unprofessional, but then there was the conflict of becoming a non-observer!

Congratulations to **Dennis Mills** for breaking Bob Griffith's domination of the Bostonian event. (perhaps I gave Bob too many choices for rubber size to use, and he never found the best size!) Also congratulations goes to **Dale Mendenhall** for winning the ARF event with an almost over 4 minute flight. Way to go Dale....not bad for a U-baller! But Dale used to compete in our indoor HLG events, maybe he will get the urge again. I think Dale usually had higher times than me, but as Gordon would say, so what!
"Ye editor"
(note next time bring some of Gorge's models to the contest for display.)

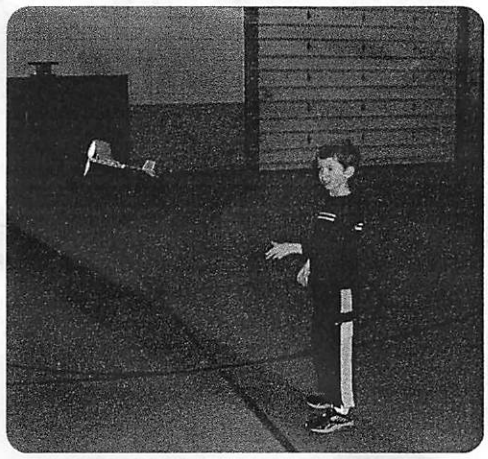
Meeting Minutes:

May 4, 2006, Anoka Airport, 13 in attendance
Gary Oakins presided. Treasury still good. Discussion about 4 minute flights in events such as Mulvihill and Classic Towline. Rules proposal at AMA level to give CDs more clout in overriding unruly Mulvihill flyers. Motion passed to do additional indoor contests at the Bloomington Armory, count towards club points. Pick a couple events each time.
Club shirts: Give Dennis Sussman your order for a nice club shirt with MMAC on back, your name and a pocket on the front. $20 for normal sizes, $21.50 for XXL, and $23 for XXXL. Dennis has ordered the first batch, but will make another order if you were not on the ball the first time around. Don Spehn won the door prize. Gary Oakins showed a nice Ramrod 750, and I showed a bunch of Ukrainian models during the newly coined "Show and Sell" time slot. During a closing technical discussion, Don Monson confused everyone with a Warren truss structure reinvented. Prior to the meeting, Gary Oakins brought in a video tape from 1989 made by our second in line "observer". Quoting from the video tape:
Mr. Saunderson: "And what brings you out here Mr. Woodhouse?"
Bob: "I am here as a **"professional observer"**. I came to observe. I am going to get my observing glasses on shortly, and observe everyone on the field, and I can assure you that it will be a professional job. Everyone will be proud of the work I do. And why are you out here Mr. Saunderson?"
Tony: "I am observing also."
Bob: "But this field is not big enough for 2 observers. And since I am the chief observer, I suggest that you leave!"

April 7, 2006, 11 in attendance at Burnsville H.S.
Oakins presiding. Treasurer still in town with funds.
Dennis did mailing for prizes with good results. Also purchased 3 Dremel tools for prizes. New MMAC shirts being ordered, club emblem on back, name and pocket on front. Mooney rules being used at indoor contest for scale events. Don someone won the door prize.

March 3, 2006, 12 in attendance at Burnsville H.S.
Oakins presiding, Treasure still solvent.
34 paid members as of this date. Agreed to hold Butterfly and Bulldog events at indoor contest, previously just Bulldog, and Dave Edmonson to provide prize for Butterfly event. Had a drawing for a Smith Wakefield, oldtimer. Show and Sell, Dave Edmonson had balsa stripper, Cyclon engines and single bladed prop. Gary Oakins showed Slides from the 1960s taken by Dell Marchant.

February Meeting good attendance with short business meeting and adjourning to another successful auction with our able and swift minded auctioneer, Aaron Peterson…who keeps his mind going on windy contest days by setting up a Chess match.



Joshua Brown launching his Butterfly at the Bloomington Armory for a 1:45 personal record flight.



The Butterfly champ, Calli Olson. Calli beat all comers at our 8 entry mass launch. She posted 2:08.



Dennis Sussman keeping granddaughter supplied w repaired models.

Minneapolis Model Aero Club

2006 Outdoor Free-Flight Contest Schedule

All Contests and Fun Flys are held at Harley's Sod Farm, North Branch, Minnesota:

40 miles North of the Twin Cities on US 35, 3 miles east on MN 95, left on Jeffery Ave.

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

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: david@edmonson.ws

June 3 "Mini-FAI Contest"

Gary Oakins, CD

(Five 1 hour rounds starting at 9:00 AM to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 PM, picnic following)

Events: #1. F1G #2. F1H #3. F1J 4. HLG/CLG 5. P-30 #6. Junior Event (no rounds)

June 4 "Almost Summer Contest" *Dennis Sussman CD*

Events: #1. Mulvi #2. Embryo #3. 1/2A Gas #4. CD Gas #5. 1/2A Nos #6. ABC Nos #7. 1/4Nos/020 Rep #8. Junior Event [2007 FAI for F1A, B, C]

July 9 "Summer Meet"

Don Monson, CD

Events: #1. Mulvi #2. P-30 #3. 1/2A Gas #4. AB Gas #5. 1/2A Nos #6. ABC Nos #7. HLG/CLG #8. PeeWee 30 #9. Junior Event #10. 1/4Nos/020REP [2007 FAI Qualifications for F1A, B, C]

August 20 "Almost Silent Meet" *Gary Oakins CD*

Events: #1. Embryo #2. Mulvi #3. P-30 #4. F1G #5. HLG/CLG combined #6. 1/2A Gas #7. CD Gas #8.NFFS Towline #9. Junior Event #10. 1/4Nos/02REP [2007 FAI Qualifications for F1A, B, C]

September 10 "Fall Mini Model" *Dale Mendenhall CD*

Events: #1. Embryo #2. P-30 #3. PeeWee 30 #4. ¼ Nos Gas/.020 Rep #5. HLG/CLG 6. Old Time Rubber 7. ABCD Gas #8. Junior Event

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Dave Braun CD

Events: #1. Mulvi #2. P-30 #3. 1/2A Gas #4. ABCD Gas #5. 1/2A Nos #6. AB/CD Nos #7. HLG/CLG #8. Embryo #9. Junior Event #10. NFFS

October 29 "Turkey Shoot"

Longest string of Maxes wins the Turkey...good weather scheduled this time!