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"July 3 meeting, July 11 Summer Meet"
"August 15, Almost Silent Meet"

Upcoming Events:

1. *July 3, SAM and MMAC Club Meeting Anoka County Airport*
2. *July 11, Summer Meet ..Picnic reschedule!*
3. *August 1, SAM and MMAC Club Meeting Anoka County Airport*
4. *August 15, Silent Meet…almost*
5. *September 12, Fall Mini Model contest*

Good weather permits obtained for all of the above! (per Oracle)

Summer Meet: Encourage your friends to join us for our Summer Meet. There is an event for everyone, even including the FAC club "Vagabond Scale Event".

Meeting Minutes: March 6 per Dale Mendenhall: 10 in attendance. Treasurers report given, $529 brought in by Auction. Problem with Armory cancelled all plans for Indoor flying this winter (needs to be addressed for 2010!)

Gene Loudon purchased silk from a source in California at a very good price, $6 per yard including shipping. First outdoor contest scheduled for May 2. Paul Baer brought an old Comet kit from the 30s for show and tell, along with a speed model for a McCoy 19. Paul also showed the Comet model that is underway with nice workmanship, Vengencer A-35.

Tom Battey showed several new free flight models that he is building. Jeff Ringlien showed his new Peck Polymer Convertible rubber model, with viscous timer, and Warren Ringlien free-wheeling device. Jeff also won the raffled P-30 kit.

April 4, per Dale: 18 in attendance

Treasurers report given. Secretary is enroute from Florida. Motion passed to define small gas for 2009 as including up to and including 061 engines. (Don't want Edmonson flying those 061 models in Big Gas) Fun fly scheduled for April 18 at North Branch. Flying starts when you get there. Gene Loudon gave a demonstration of applying dope to silk. Used toilet paper wetted in dope to apply the dope. Does not pool on underside like brush application frequently does. Tissue is used by applying dope to back edge of flat tissue strip, and tissue is dragged over surface of silk with more dope applied to tissue as it is transferred from tissue to silk. Gary Oakins showed videos from Christmas party from years gone by, and also from Dell Marchants going away party.

June 6, per Dale: 13 in attendance

It was reported that former MMAC club member Daryl Monson passed away last week. Both Daryl and older brother Don have been talented model builders and designers. There was a discussion about newsletter costs in this economy. Hank Liljequist is checking out the possibility of leading a senior citizens model building class for this Fall. The contest on June 6, 2009 will also have a picnic afterwards. (The picnic was postponed until the July contest). Jeff Welliver won the raffle prize, a Fairchild F24 by Herr Engineering. Paul Baer brought in an old RC model, Brooklyn Dodger, with an O&R 23 for power. It had an old rubber band escapement. Paul also showed his canopy making tool for his scale rubber models. A video of Santos Dumont was shown after the business meeting.

OAKIE'S ORACLES

Hi! I trust your summer is going well. I must take some time to explain " Oakie's Oracles". I was under the impression that I was influenced by one definition of oracle, i.e., a divine communication or revelation. I was wrong. I have been influenced by another definition, an utterance often ambiguous or obscure. The Pres. predicated great weather for both the May and June contests. The actual proved the oracle to be an ambiguous utterance. Seems most of my oracles have been ambiguous.

The June picnic contest was a wash out. We'll have a picnic following the July contest. The picnic will be PotLuck. Bring your favorite to share. The pres. will do a fish fry.

The members of the club extend their condolences to Don Monson. His brother Daryl passed away on May 23, 2009. Daryl was 70 years old. He, as Don, was an avid free flight builder. I attended the '58 NATS at the Glenview Navel Air Station with Daryl.

While Hank Liljequist was doing some volunteer work at a public school an employee discovered Hank was a model airplane buff as was he. A long story short, they and the club plan to start classes this fall for seniors. We will try to get an article in the various senior newsletters. There are enough of us retired to give Hank all the support needed.

The '09 NATS are the last week of July. Dave Edmonson, Jack O'Leary, Jeff Ringlien, Bob Woodhouse, and yours truly will attend. Jack and I will compete in the now famous "Gin-U-Win" unofficial event. The results will be in the next newsletter. Bob Woodhouse and I plan to share 3 or 4 sacks of White Castles while in Muncie. They are the best! I'll give Tony Saunderson your regards at Muncie.

One last thought! If we get a nice day, expect a phone call and we'll go flying at the sod farm. Thermals, Gary

Spring Events per Dave Edmonson

We started out the season early with a fun fly on April 18. 10 of us showed up to experience a very nice day of flying. This turned out to be our largest gathering so far with the Spring and Picnic contests finding only 6 hardy flyers making their way up to North Branch for each of them. At the fun fly Dave Braun showed us how to put a tip launch glider into an early season thermal as he waved good by to it after 10 minutes OOS.

Despite the poor turn outs and poor weather forecast leading to a poor turn out, the weather was at least good for most of these two days. Since then, there have been many very nice days for flying, and hopefully, the weather will continue into July with some good contest days.

I hope to see more of you at the July contest which features the FAC Vagabond event sponsored by Greg Thomas. You better get your Vagabond kits built soon, or be ready to cough up another $20 for the special deal that Greg gave you on his neat kit. Plan to be there for our rescheduled Summer meet with picnic. I can assure you that Gary Oakins will cook up some fine sunfish and hopefully Don Berggren will bring a new cake.

I was lucky to spend a pleasant 6 weeks in Florida in February and March, and built several HLG and CLGs along with flying my electric sailplanes almost daily. So far this year, that is all of the building that I have done. Once back in Minnesota, I have been bogged down with yard work, and refinishing the basement after a defective washing machine flooded the lower level. Last year it was the hail storm that caused damage to roof, windows, and siding along with shredding everything in the yard. I thought that I had retired in June to do some fun things!

I am looking forward to going to the NATS again this year, missed last year after attending 4 years in a row. I have plenty of stuff to fly, and will hopefully get out to test fly a couple of new models before loading up for the NATS. It looks like they pushed the FF events into the last week of July because of an International RC Helicopter event during our normal week in August.

For those of you who have not paid for membership this year, or for the newsletter, please remit to: Don Berggren, MMAC treasurer, 7503 Irish Ave. So., Cottage Grove, MN, 55016-2064

May 2, 2009: Spring Meet Gone West, CD: Jim Ladwig

By Jim Ladwig:

Our Spring Meet was held on Saturday, May 2 on the sod field at North Branch in honor of those members who have passed on.

Temperature was in the 50s and the sky was partly cloudy. The weather was quite flyable up until about 1:00 pm, when the wind started blowing. Flying ended at 2:00 PM when no one wanted to continue. Jim Jorgenson and Gary Oakins duked it out in small gas. As the wind picked up, Jim went to put up his last flight, and the wing and pylon blew right off while he was getting ready to launch. Jim CA'd it back together to put up his last flight, and came up one second short of the win.

Steve Oakins and Dave E. gave the HLG/CLG events a workout, with Dave losing one of each of his new Florida gliders for the win. Rick Pangell, Denver MMM newsletter editor was there to monitor Dave Es Ramrod 750 perched at 70 foot up in a 80 foot tree. (The model came down in pieces a few days later. A tree climber with bucket rig lives in Wyoming, MN. Contact the CD for his telephone number)

HLG/CLG

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson(CLG)	271
2. Dave Edmonson (HLG)	211
3. Steve Oakins (HLG)	124
4. Steve Oakins (CLG)	124

Small Gas

	Time
1. Gary Oakins	293
2. Jim Jorgenson	292

Large Gas

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson (C Nosgas)	349

Large Rubber

	Time
1. Jim Jorgenson	200

June 6, 2009: Picnic Contest (NOT), CD: Don Monson

Weather conditions: Threatening rain held off until 11:30, then light rain until everyone stopped flying at 12:30. Sat around under the canopy and ate cheese, peanuts, chips, drank some beer, and agreed to hold the picnic at the July contest. Gary was going to do a fish fry, but it was not worth starting up the kettle of oil to fry the fish for the remaining die-hards. Don Berggren showed up with some cake, and went home before giving us a taste, thanks Don! The winds were light and the flying was good until the rain began.

HLG/CLG

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson (CLG)	120
2. Dave Edmonson (HLG)	101

Small Rubber Time, seconds

1. Aaron Petersen	266

Towline Glider

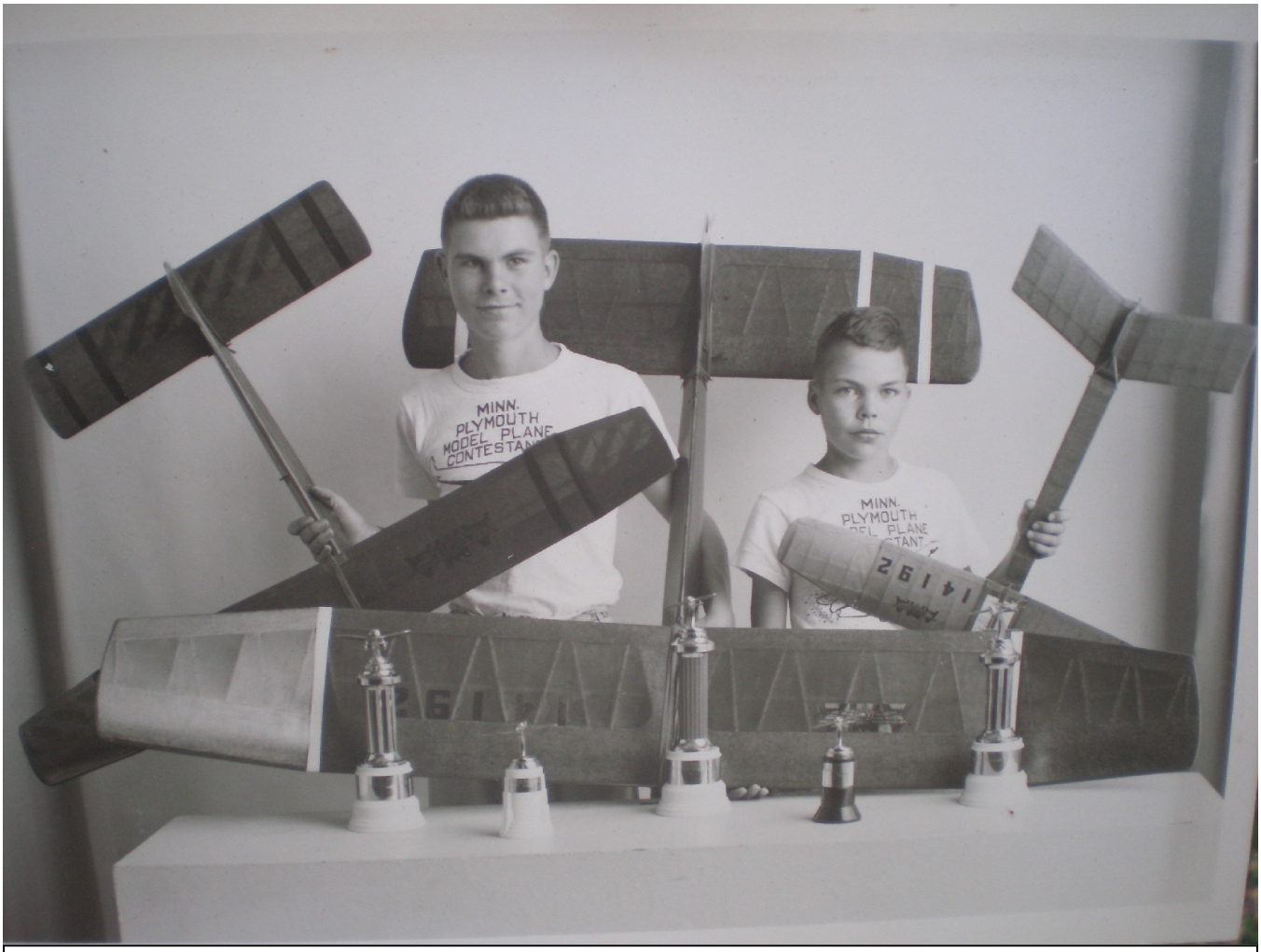
	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	340

Gas

	Time
1. Gary Oakins (B gas)	261
2. Dave Edmonson (A gas)	252

2009 MMAC Club Trophy June Status

09 Points	L-NAME	F-NAME
20	Edmonson	Dave
6	Oakins	Gary
5	Jorgenson	Jim
3	Petersen	Aaron
3	Oakins	Steve



Don Monson leads little brother Daryl into an aeronautical engineering career. Picture taken about 1950. Don will tell us more about Daryl's model airplane projects in the next issue.

I remember driving to the King Orange International contest in 1958 with Don and Daryl. Daryl's 1000, or was it 1400 square inch Clipper Cargo model traveled to Miami strapped to the inside ceiling of the car on the way down, and I think the pieces never made the return trip. It was an awesome wing, and I am still disappointed not seeing it make the maiden flight (crash?) It featured a cavity in the trailing edge where the Thermal Hopper was sucking air into it to reduce drag. It was a pusher model, and I also got sucked into making a couple of pusher model designs that I spent an equal amount of time building and crashing in 1959. Now I remember why I did not have any new models to take to the 1959 NATS. Editor

Neat picture supplied by Don Monson.