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"Summer Contest Sunday, June 26, 2011!"

Monthly Meetings:

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

Upcoming 2011 Events: See your outdoorschedule for contest dates and events!

Friday, June 24, Indoor Session, Bloomington Armory
Sunday, June 26, Summer Contest, North Branch
***Friday, July 1,* club meeting**
***Friday August 5,* club meeting**
***Sunday, August 7,* Silent Meet, North Branch**
Friday, August 26, Indoor Session
***Friday September 2,* club meeting**
***July18-22 ,* Muncie, Free Flight NATS!!**
Plan on it!... or for it!
Any questions, call Gary 651-429-3450
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Spring Contest, May 1, 2011

The weather was forecast to be 20-30 mph winds and cold. The contest was called the day before and the weather lived up to the forecast. Also due to the rains on Friday prior, the field was too wet, so no one objected to the cancellation.

Picnic Contest, June 5, 2011

By Dave Edmonson

The weather was beautiful, light winds and sunny. Don Monson was the CD for the contest, and he arrived with his able assistant, grandaughter Halley. Don brought out some of his models from many years ago, and Halley attempted to fly a towline glider that her mother had built. It was good to see Don flying again, and he took third place in the HLG/CLG event with one out of sight flight on his 5th attempt.

Steve Oakins maxed on his first 2 HLG flights, and only needed one more to win. He ended up with 291 seconds and second place.

It was really a neat day, and Steve watched one of my CLGs circling in a thermal for over 20 minutes. One of my other flights was 4 minutes, and it landed 400 yards from the launch area.

Flying ended at 3:00PM, and Gary Oakins began frying fish while John Watkins did brats. We had another great picnic with many stories being told, and good food being eaten. Several more people showed up to eat, than flew.

Meeting Minutes

Per Dale: March 4, 2011, 11 members present

Prior minutes reviewed. Dave Kruse fell and injured a leg (since recovered and seen about). The idea of checking modeling interest at retirement homes was brought up, no interest from members at the meeting. Jerry Jagerson found a possible alternate flying site by Champlin. Next indoor contest is March 18 at the Bloomington Armory. Mass launch Phantom Flash-last down wins. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Raffle won by Tom Battey, a Berkeley Ramrod 250 kit. Club owned engines will be periodically auctioned via a silent auction, place bids during meeting, high bidder gets to purchase the engine at bid price.

Per Dale: April 1, 2011, 15 members present

Discussion about moving club meeting to afternoons rather than evenings. Meeting to be held at current site pending availability. Gary Oakins to check on this possibility. (Tentative debate on this issue to be at the August 5 meeting.)

Dale Mendenhall will arrange for 4 ignition engines to be priced and offered for silent auction at the May meeting. Engines not sold at the silent auction will be offered to on the MECCA newsletter.

First outdoor contest scheduled for May 1, barring complications. Jack O'Leary will attempt to get access to the Bloomington Armory for flying sessions during summer months. New club roster will be published in the newsletter. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Raffle prize was a Satellite 320 won by Dan Murphy.

Per Dave Edmonson: May 6, 2011, 12 members present
Dave E. to check on a possible Inver Grove indoor site. Picnic contest, June 5, John Watkins to provide sign up sheet at the June 3 meeting for pot luck items to bring. John supplying brats. Don Monson CDing the Picnic Contest and will bring a large jar of pickles. Note to be published in the newsletter about changing the 75 year tradition of meeting at 8PM on the first Friday of the month.
John Watkins showed his new design of radio DT incorporated on a ½ A J Bird, built from a BMJR kit. For $40 he had transmitter, receiver, and servo. Further refinements included an electronic DT, and backup fuse just to make sure (he lost a ½ A model last year, and almost ended up to his eyeballs in muck after trying to leap a drainage ditch. Good incentive for new DT systems!) The RC DT only weighed 7 grams including battery. Parts were purchased from Hobby King.com
Dave Edmonson showed recent HLG/CLG glider production along with a B Nos Gas Calypso Major to replace the one lost in 1958 and a Baby Sailplane powered by an Argo diesel. Bob Woodhouse exceeded all other bidders on the ignition engines, and purchased the Forster 29, and Bantam 19.

Per Dave: June 3, 2011, 13 members present
Since 1937 the meetings have been held on the first Friday of the month. However, the club members being open minded, the issue will be discussed at the August meeting.
Mel Roy had back surgery. Don Berggren finally ran out of the old membership cards, and has printed another batch with an improved design. Four OS motors were brought in for bid. These were not NOS legal, and not really competitive for current gas events, and no bids were received. So they will be placed on the MECCA list. The Picnic Contest was discussed and a pot luck sign up sheet was sent around. Gary Oakins had some concerns about Dave Edmonson listing multiple events on our sanctions. (About the time that we reduced the number of events at contests, we were combining multiple events, so all were listed, and this was done for many years) Gary is to check with the AMA to see if there is a better way of doing this? Gary has some Denny Sussman engines yet, and will add these to the engines to be offered to club members with proceeds to the Sussman family. There was a raffle for a Korda Powerhouse old time gas model, and it was won the Don Patterson, who then sold it to Don Messerly. Dale Mendenhall promised to bring some NOS engines for next engine auction, possibly a Thermal Hopper.

Indoor Flying, Summer 2011 June 24 and August 26

Jack O'Leary has scheduled these dates for a 6:00 to 9:00 PM session at the Bloomington Armory. Please plan on attending to help defray the cost of the armory rental.

Meeting Schedule, time/place/day Review of long time tradition

During the August 5 meeting we will discuss the proposal to change tradition. So if you have an interest in either making a change, or continuing with tradition, come prepared to discuss this issue. Some clubs have their meetings at a restaurant over the noon hour, some in the evenings, some just have annual meetings, so there are a number of variations that work for many clubs.
Some of our members have difficulty with night driving, and can't make the meetings because of this. Another solution is to ask for a ride.
Gary Oakins has checked with the EAA, and they are agreeable to the MMAC doing an afternoon meeting at their facility.

Mel Roy has had a difficult few months

Mel had some complications from his back surgery, but is scheduled to go home on Thursday, June 23.

June 5, 2011: Picnic Contest,
CD: Don Monson

HLG/CLG

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson(CLG)	349
2. Steve Oakins (HLG)	291
3. Don Monson (CLG)	210
4. Steve Oakins (CLG)	103
5. Don Berggren (CLG)	64
6. John Watkins (HLG)	54
7. Dave Edmonson (HLG)	32

Gas Power

	Time
1. John Watkins (1/2 A)	360
2. Dave Edmonson(A NOS)	349
3. Gary Oakins (1/2A)	13

P-30 Rubber

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	347
2. John Watkins	336

SAM OT Gas Power

	Time
1. Dave Edmonson	155

Embryo Rubber

	Time
1. Don Berggren	294
2. John Watkins	247

Large Rubber

	Time
1. Gary Oakins	313

Minneapolis Model Aero Club

2011 contest schedule

Outdoor Free-Flight Contest Schedule

Events: Free Flight Events per AMA, NFFS, 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 1.5 miles, right on 400th Street(continue to one block east of Harder Road stop sign).*

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: dedmonson@comcast.net

Sunday, June 26 "Summer Meet" Dale Mendenhall, CD (763-535-2976)

Events: #1. P-30 #2. Large Rubber #3. Small Gas #4. Large Gas #5. HLG/CLG #6. Emryo-FAC #7. FAC event: Vagabond Scale event per Greg Thomas rules

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Sunday, August 7 "Almost Silent Meet" Gary Oakins CD (651-429-3150)

Events: #1. Gas #2. Large Rubber #3. P-30 #4. HLG/CLG #5. Towline Glider #6. Embryo-FAC

Sunday, September 11 "Fall Mini Model" Dave Edmonson CD (612-220-5239)

Events: #1. Embryo #2. P-30 #3. PeeWee 30 #4. ¼ Nos Gas/.020 Rep #5. HLG/CLG # 6. SAM OT Rubber #7. Gas event

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Sunday, Oktober 9 "Oktoberflug" Dave Braun CD (715-792-5353)

Events: #1. Gas #2. Large Rubber #3. P-30 #4. HLG/CLG #5. Embryo

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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. Gas: Any size gas powered model. 7 sec engine for AMA and Classic, 9 for Nos, 5 for any FAI model..
3. Small Gas: Any model powered by 061 or less, 7 sec engine run for AMA and Classic, 9 for Nos.
4. Large Gas: Any model larger than Small Gas 7 sec engine for AMA and Classic, 9 for NOS, 5 sec for any FAI model
5. Towline Glider: Any A-1, A-2, F1H, F1A, or Classic Towline (50 meter towline length)
6. SAM power event: Any Oldtimer model powered by SAM legal engine. Engine run to be determined