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Final Outdoor Contest October 9th, Oktoberflug!

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***

Upcoming 2016 Events:

Friday October 7, Monthly meeting at the EAA. More Dick Bloomquist engines to be sold by auction.

Sunday, October 9, Oktoberflug at North Branch, events: HLG, CLG, HoSoFo, P-30, Large Rubber, Gas, Embryo, Towline Glider, and Scale Rubber.

Friday November 4 Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Friday December 2, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

December, next newsletter

Indoor Schedule: To be determined, events to be determined. Site to be determined. Otherwise, everything determined!

"Sweet and Sour"

Well, it's been a rough year so far weather-wise for the members of the ol' MMAC and except for the awesome conditions (sweet) for the August contest the rest have been blowouts (sour). Actually, the August weather might have been a little too sweet as several members lost models to the thermal gods. Some models were retrieved, others not. I lost a P-30 in the corn to the south and was unable to find it. I had a good line but once I got into the 7' high corn I might as well have been in Oz. I looked again in September without success. Oh well, P-30s come and go so the weeks before the September meet were spent cobbling a new one together only to be stymied by the high winds on contest day. I also lost my Thomas Designs "Vagabond" to a massive thermal at the August meet. The last I saw, it was at extreme altitude headed south south-east, VFR for Kansas City. Like I said, P-30s come and go, but the loss of the Vag stings a bit. Dave Edmonson lost his P-30 which was recovered via use of a retrieval system (Walston?) but also lost several HLGs which were not recovered. Bill Kuhl, the "Science Guy" was in attendance and took some nice videos of the action capturing a long flight by Gary Oakin's power ship and a launch of my embryo.

I believe that they were sent via e-mail to most, if not all, of the members. Check them out if you haven't done so!

Kudos:

Speaking of Thomas Designs, Greg Thomas attended the FAC Nats in Geneseo, NY and was awarded the very prestigious Earl Stahl Award. This award is generally given to the most outstanding model and Greg was cited for both his Bleriot and his Vagabond PA-17. Also taken into account was Greg's excellence as a designer and kit producer. Good stuff, Maynard, and many attaboys to Greg.

Wrap-up:

One more outdoor meet to go in October. Let's cross our collective fingers and hope for some nice weather! Then it's time to think indoor action. I've made an initial contact with New Life Academy regarding the rental of their gym as our relationship with the Bloomington armory remains unclear.

See ya downwind! , Dave Braun



Greg Thomas pretty Vagabond at the FAC Nationals. Hope he did not bust this in the high winds! Congratulations on Earl Stahl achievement!!

Meeting Minutes

Per Dave: July 1, 2016, 9 present

Gary Oakins presiding. 2017 possible Spring Party at Oakins, "ribs". September auction of Dick Bloomquist models. Del Marchant visited mid June. Hank Liljequist at nursing home. Jack O'Leary turned 89. Prizes discussed. HoSoFo prize remains $25 for each contest with 4 entries. Indoor prizes handed out by Bob Woodhouse. Woodhouse and Berggren won the raffle.

Per Dave: August 5, 2016, 11 present

Prizes, 4 people required to fly in HoSoFo for $25 prize. Don Berggren suggested catering in lunch for kick off to Indoor Season, possibly November meeting. Garry Peterson showed Souper 30 for P-30, nicely done and talked about graphics. Edmonson brought in his old Baby Sailplane favorite, and some narration about the 2016 NATS. Garry Peterson and Tom Battey were raffle winners.

Per Dave: September 2, 2016, 16 members present

Started silent auction before the meeting and continued during the meeting for Dick Bloomquist fine collection of models. Luncheon scheduled for November meeting, free lunch, more members show! Dave Braun to check out indoor sites, reduce sessions to 4 or 5 depending on cost. Hank Liljequist passed away in August, he donated model supplies to the club prior. Don Monson showed a flying ball, $5 at Menards or he will sell you one for a discount at $11? Silent meet prizes handed out by Bob Woodhouse, .

2016 Club high point scores:

The following point totals are for 2016. Includes January , Feb, March, April, indoor and all outdoor points up to the Oktoberflug. The points are accumulated through the contests for the year. 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!

2016 Club Points		
2016 Points	**L-NAME**	**F-NAME**
43	Braun	Dave
15	Ringlien	Andy
6	Oakins	Gary
2	Ringlien	Jeff
4	Dona	Gordon
18	Thomas	Greg
10	Gustafson	Tom
12	Berggren	Don
0	Oakins	Steve
88	Edmonson	Dave
94	Jorgenson	Jim
4	Mendenhall	Dale
8	Taylor	Terry
5	Decker	Matt
9	Ringlien	Larson
6	Kuhl	Bill

Club has a Bob Oppegard rubber stripper for sale. The price is $175. First $175 takes it. Contact Don Berggren, 1-651-451-5851 These rubber strippers have worked for everyone who has used them!

However, if Bob Woodhouse does not find the MMAC club rubber stripper that he has in his possession for loaning out, he needs to replace it with this one, and it should be part of the club library handled by Don Berggren. Dig through that hoard Bob and find it!

Summer Meet, July 10, 2016, Dale Mendenhall, CD

It was nice early, but turned windy again , with only a few brave club members making a showing, and even fewer brave enough to fly! Jim Jorgensen and Dave Edmonson showed up early and began flying. When we stopped flying early, Dale was given a reprieve, and did not wait for anyone else to show up. Jim and Dave only overlapped in one event, so an event entry of one was the norm, and they were both the designated winners! It would have been disappointing as far as a competition with the exception that they both had fun flying their models.

Entrant	class	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place	Points	ContestPoints	Club Points	Total Club Points
Jim Jorgensen	HoSoFo	43	41	61	145	1	1		3	
Jim Jorgensen	Embryo	56	42	42	140	1	1		3	
Jim Jorgensen	P-30	59	65	120	244	1	1		3	
Jim Jorgensen	Large Rubber	47	37	43	127	1	1		3	
Jim Jorgensen	Jimmy Allen	23			23	1	1		3	
Jim Jorgensen	CLG	21	21	20	62	2	1	6	2	17
Dave Edmonson	CLG	32	55	37	124	1	2		3	
Dave Edmonson	Small Gas	101	104	120	167	1	1		3	
Dave Edmonson	Large Gas	53	79	92	224	1	1	4	3	9





The FAC Nationals where held July 13 through the 16 of 2016 at the National Warplane Museum Field. Every two years the FAC Nat's are held at the same location in Geneseo NY.

Valerie and I have made the trip every other year since 1993 and it's always a great time making new friends and reacquainting ourselves with old friends.

This year was particularly memorable for me as I was awarded the Earl Stahl Award. Never in my life would I have expected such a prestigious award being given to me. Very proud to have this on my trophy wall. I competed in a number of events and won a fourth in Peanut Scale and crashing every airplane I took with me – winds gusting to 28 MPH at times with a constant 15-20 MPH wind all days of the contest. I didn't do any verification but word was 125 entries in most of the FAC events.

Silent Meet, August 14, 2016, Gary Oakins, CD

Excellent day, light winds from west/NW, high temp 76, perfect. 14 members attended and many finding some of those big model eating thermals. Dave Braun lost his P-30 and lovely Vagabond scale model, Jim Jorgensen his P-30, and Edmonson parked 2 HLGs and one CLG far down the valley. Gary Oakins kept the meet well organized. Dean Hansen was pleased to get Jorge Triana's A-2 in the air again, and it was flying nicely.

HLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	41	120	120	281	1
Andy Ringlien	28	110	36	174	2
Larson Ringlien	39	40	35	114	3
Bill Kuhl	42	35	26	103	4
Dave Braun	16	29	26	71	5
Tom Gustafson	25	24	21	70	6

HoSoFo	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	Mulvi	111	120	120	351	1
Dave Edmonson	D gas	120	102	104	326	2
Gary Oakins	½ A	120	65	89	274	3
Jim Jorgensen	P-30	65			65	4
Tom Gustafson	A-1	24			24	5

Large Rubber	class				FO		
Entrant		#1	#2	#3		Total	Place
Dave Braun	Mulvi	120	120	120	180	540	1
Dave Edmonson	Mulvi	120	120	120	112	472	2
Jim Jorgensen	Mulvi	53	32			85	3

P-30					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	120	120	120	360	1
Don Berggren	92	111	93	295	2
Jim Jorgensen	96	98	83	277	3
Terry Taylor	39	81	96	216	4
Bill Kuhl	30	54	92	176	5
Dave Braun	120			120	6

Towline Glider	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Tom Gustafson	Classic	120	120	45	285	1
Andy Ringlien	Classic	37	85	120	242	2
Dave Edmonson	Classic	104	67	63	234	3
Larson Ringlien	Classic	22	62	88	172	4
Dean Hansen	Classic	65			65	5

Embryo	Bonus					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Don Berggren	9	114	53	62	238	1
Dave Braun	6	49	110	70	235	2
Jim Jorgensen	9	50	52	48	159	3
Jeff Ringlien	9	45	37	48	139	4
Terry Taylor	9	1			10	5

Small Gas	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Gary Oakins	½ A	120	71	91	282	1

CLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Andy Ringlien	120	68	76	264	1
Dave Edmonson	120	71	36	227	2
Dave Braun	102	27	30	159	3
Larson Ringlien	43	46	42	131	4
Don Berggren	46	31	26	103	5
Jim Jorgensen	22	16	29	67	6

Large Gas	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	D gas	75			75	1

2016 Silent Meet Continued:

Scale Rubber	Model					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	Vagabond	52	23	120	195	1
Jim Jorgensen	Cougar	24	22	24	70	2
Bill Kuhl	Porter	33			33	3

Entrant	Contest Points	Club Points
Dave Edmonson	14	29
Dave Braun	12	22
Andy Ringlien	7	15
Don Berggren	5	12
Jim Jorgensen	5	13
Tom Gustafson	3	7
Bill Kuhl	1	6
Larson Ringlien	1	9
Gary Oakins	2	6
Terry Taylor	0	4
Jeff Ringlien	0	2



2016 NATS: Last day is Classic Towline Glider day, model is only allowed to be straight towed. Friday was very calm, the flight line was set up in error even though I gave them advice, at the SW corner of the field. After an hour and a half with zero wind and models either settling into trees or corn, they decided to move to the center of the field. First flight in the glider event a beautiful thermal flight! OK, two more to go. Flights are scored, two minute, three minute, and four minute flights. This is normal for the NATS, we fly all 2 minute flights at North Branch.. So I wait for 20 minutes for each of the next 2 flights hoping to get some good air, but there was NOTHING, I could not run long enough to pick up some thermal air, and finished well down in the results. I have won the event in the past, better luck next time! I hope.
Trusty Hugh Langevin "Osprey" design. Has been repaired many times, and still flies nice.



John Seymour helps his son Zach get ready to launch his old time cabin ignition powered cabin model. John is a friend from Ohio, and it is neat to see his son taking an interest also. Model flew nicely and he was the only senior flyer in the event. Model is a Buzzard Bombshell I believe. Zach also set a new senior record in ½ A Classic gas. Bud Romack won both the Old Time Cabin and pylon events, Bud is 88 and has a lot of fun flying the Old Timers.



Hank Liljequist, above right, passed away this past month. Hank was club historian in the 1990s, and he along with others collected a nice pile of club memorabilia which was later published. In the late 1940s, he had a hobby shop near 50th and Penn. In the winter, we used to have hand launch glider contests on Medicine Lake, and retire to his home nearby to have a wonderful time in his rec room eating chili. Hank donated his modeling supplies to the club, and many have been handed out as prizes recently. Hank always asked me about my boys who he got a kick out of at the contests. We will miss Hank, as he was always a pleasure to talk to. Other old timer pictured on the left is Bob Griffith. Sorry Hank, I did not have another picture. Picture from 2011 indoor session. RIP

Mini-Model Meet, September 11, 2016, Dave Edmonson CD

The forecast was not too bad, but light winds early changed to 10-15 mph shortly after Dave Braun put up the first flight of the contest. Maxes were 90 seconds, and we did not have much field with the south winds. Five of us showed up, with Tom Gustafson taking early leave, and Gary Oakins arrived late to say hello. We were all packed up by 12:15 after another day of "Sourness". Before leaving, I drove by Dave Brauns' car as he was searching for his P-30 in the cornfield, and he was nowhere in sight, and having also spent plenty of time searching for my P-30 at the last contest in the corn, yelled a "good luck on that one, not to be heard above the breeze". Dave Braun lost the P-30 at the Silent Meet.

One more contest this year for a good day of flying!! Call me if you want to go out on a nice day, I need to do some more power flying!.

HLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	66	60	41	167	1

Overall Point Totals for the contest	Points	Club Points
Dave Edmonson	6	9
Jim Jorgensen	4	9
Dave Braun	3	5

SAM OT Rubber						
Entrant	Model	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	Korda	75	67	68	210	1
Jim Jorgensen		38	31		69	2

CLG					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	35	37	79	151	1
Dave Braun	20	28	37	85	2
Jim Jorgensen	18	17	18	53	3

HoSoFo	class					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Dave Braun	Mulvihill	90	90	90	270	1

Jimmy Allen						
Entrant	Model	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Jim Jorgensen	J.A. Special	13	13	37	71	1

Embryo, FAC	Points					
Entrant		#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Jim Jorgensen	9	21	36	46	112	1

Here are some links to NATS pictures, most of them provided by Bill Kuhl from Winona: (Note, you can click on these links on electronic format, email copy, and it will bring you right to the website)

https://www.flickr.com/photos/modelaircraft/albums/72157670469647670

http://scienceguyorg.blogspot.com/2016/08/minnesota-free-flight-contest-near.html



Bill Kuhl on the left got help with trimming his E-36 model from center Jim Jennings from Tennessee, and Dohrman Crawford from Georgia. Bill took over as the "NATS News" photographer and publisher on his first trip to the NATS, and everyone complemented him on an awesome job. We learned that the planned photographer could not make it when we arrived on Saturday evening, and luckily Bill had his camera and equipment with. Bill only had a few events to fly and really enjoyed going around to meet everyone. Bill traveled to the NATS and shared room expenses with me, and provided frequent much needed help with timing flights. Thanks so much Bill!

This is the link to the Bill Kuhl, the "Science Guy" website:
http://scienceguyorg.blogspot.com/2016/08/competitor-and-writer-at-free-flight.html