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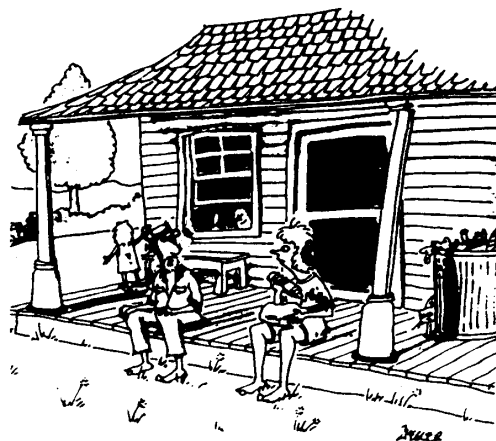
2015-04 (May-July)



PONDERINGS DEP'T

Busy, busy, busy... I feel like a one armed paper hanger... and not Japanese tissue either. Busy at the NATs... opportunity knocked for you folks to go and witness some great indoor flyers at their craft, if nothing but to watch in awe and learn something. Who would have thought of indoor towline? What an odd event. Take your Penny plane and tow it up on line you can't even see. I wasn't an MMM event, but AMA so if you want to see news and results log into modelaircraft.org and look for NATs news.

The outdoor season is in full swing and many of the usual faces haven't been seen! Wipe off that old oil and charge those batteries!



"Ma ... The 14 Rounder is coming up...
kin I borrow 'Ol Bessie to help chase?"

Thermals!, or heat from the lights, or
whatever...

Rick

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NEAR TERM EVENTS:

MMM MTG!	Every Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Dinner at the Castle Cafe in Castle Rock.
Wings Over the Rockies Indoor 7711 E. Academy Blvd. in the former Lowry AFB Denver	Various Sundays of every month from 1-5pm. Admission Required. See: "www.indoorcolo.org" for complete info

HEADS UP: !!!!

Motorcycle Use on the Field Policy:

Follow the roads wherever possible and not to follow the planes cross-country. Take the shortest path possible to the plane in order to retrieve it. Avoid riding through noxious weeds.

MMM Now accepts "PAYPAL" for Dues, Contest Entry Fees, Etc !!

- Simply Log in to paypal.com (or create your own 'PAYPAL' account if you want)
- Click on "Send Money" in the upper menu bar
- In the "To" block, type in mmmffclub@gmail.com, the amount, and click the button "Services"
- In the next form where you confirm payment, in the Lower "Subject" and "Message" boxes state what the money is for... annual dues, entry fees and such.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Mel Gray



Yesterday's Scramble was really great. Great weather, good buddies, free flight planes in the air - wonderful. Then I got a scare. One of my friends was down on the field. Blessedly he is just fine but it really alarmed me. Kinda takes your breath away. So, I need to ask all of you: As a bunch of old farts that are really fond of each other, is it time to take some steps to safeguard each other at the field? We've talked about this before and various things have been suggested. Point is, I would really like to hear your thoughts on this topic. The annual meeting is approximately 5 months off and I want to know if this is a subject we need to discuss there. Let me know.

Mel
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STUMP CLUB DEP'T

This is the place where club members can share their most treasured learning experiences

Herb Kothe dodges a bullet in Lafayette, CO. In this case, a construction site where they had just poured concrete. His plane landed about 25 feet from the edge of the foundation. Muncie was never like this. Landing a few more feet to the North and his plane could have become a permanent part of that building as the construction crew were oblivious to the whole flight and never saw it land.



The YAK-3 landed in this alfalfa field. His "Miss Canada" small rubber cabin model experienced a wind shift towards the construction site and a booming Colorado thermal which lead to a merry chase. At least it didn't get trampled on by a herd of Antelopes at His regular MMM flying site.



Ray Boyd
MMM

About the Indoor NATs

When was the last time you had the opportunity to attend a Nats so close to home? For me it was in the 1960s when the US Navy hosted the Nats at NAS Dallas. Wow that was a blast having the Nats in your home town and being able to meet and fly with the people you read about in the magazines.

Jerry Murphy

Hi All,

I made it home safe and sound. I want to thank the MMM club for stepping up and putting on the Indoor NATS. I thought the contest was well run and it is an excellent low ceiling site. I want to thank Jerry for showing me a much better route to get home, Don and family for the wonderful BQ, Rob for CDing the event and all the other workers that were involved. This club has a lot of excellent modelers who make you feel very welcome. I have a lot of fun. I hope to see you all at the Outdoor NATS, and I will try to make it back to fly with you guys in the future.

Well done, Cheers,

Kurt Krempetz

LES SHAW

Frannie Masterman wrote From NFFS---
As you will recall, earlier this year Dudley [Chelton] contacted us regarding donations to be made in Les Shaw's name to the sport he loved. Dudley and Susan, Les' daughter, wanted to make donations tax deductible so we agreed to have them sent to NFFS and then we would split the funds equally between us and the MMM club.

Very nice touch that his ashes will be scattered with a glider - a nice memorial to Les and recognition for his love of free flight.

All best - Frannie
Frances K. Firestone Masterman
National Free Flight Society
Treasurer

I have to let you guys know about this and I like to promote the other guy:

"Specializing in hard to find items for the FAC and Free Flight modeler - quality balsa strip wood, carved balsa propellers and fine spoked wheels to name a few. Produced by an aeromodeller for aeromodellers."

<http://hobbyspecialties.com>

Radio GPS for Models!

And, I had been keeping an eye on this product and it finally came to market. I was surprised because I had put my name on the notice lit but never got one. Now they are sold out and awaiting more product... It's what this hobby really needed. It's as good as finding a lost dog!

<http://www.optimaltracking.com/en/gps-modelisme>

NEW MEMBER

Hi Guys,

Ivan Williams (mostly scale flyer from CS) joined the Club at the Nats in Colorado Springs.



So, now is our chance to reach out to a new member and make him feel welcome. Maybe we can get him pumped up enough to attend the 14 Rounder.

Ivan's number is 719-392-4021

Contest Report: May 17 Scramble and Kids' Contest

by Pete McQuade, CD

It's been a May of much rain. Just when I was about to search the Internet for plans for an ark, the heavens relented and we had a great day for the Kids' Contest and the May Scramble. The predicted 30% chance of rain never materialized and the winds, though at times a bit sporty, were generally mild mannered. The significant cloud cover and pleasantly cool temperatures made air picking a bit of a challenge, but our fliers were well up to the task!

Early arrivals on the field included John Berryman and Bill Carney, who came out specifically to help with the Kids' Contest. Also on-board were Jeff Pakiz, Duane Hjerleid, and Bob Wilson. Just back from the FAI CIAM meeting in Switzerland, Chuck Etherington, was present to selflessly time, record scores, and help in many other ways.

United Express's Captain Troy King brought along a box of Air Rippers Sky Riders catapult-launch gliders he'd bought at Wal Mart. Any skepticism of the flightworthiness of these foam-winged wonders was ill founded. The little guys really fly! They look like real free-flight airplanes, with polyhedral wings and stab tilt for turn. Right out of the box, they give a nice launch, impressive transition, and a fairly-decent glide.

Troy's 3-year-old son Eli had the Kids Contest to himself and, though recovering from a broken-leg, he didn't waste any time getting into the groove. He gave us a solid demonstration of Air Ripper performance in CLG. Then he quickly fired off all his official flights in Guillow's Glider and Guillow's Rubber. For his winning efforts, he received his choice from out of a box of models donated by Mel Gray. His million-dollar smile and sunny disposition brightened up everyone's day, and we're all looking forward to seeing more of him on the field.

Another very welcome new face was U.S. Army Sgt. Neil McRae, a former Black Hawk crew chief with two year-long tours of combat duty under his belt. Neil is an accomplished R/C and control-line flier who moved back to Colorado after leaving the Army. He wanted to check out free flight, so he contacted Rick Pangell via the club website and Rick forwarded his e-mail to me, the CD. Marilyn could almost hear the sound of my dropping jaw hitting the floor when I read it. (As I write this, I'm looking out across our cul-de-sac, at the home where Neil grew up. We had some great times building a Lil Satan ½ A control-line model in my workshop.) We put an Air Ripper in Neil's hands and it didn't take long for him to master the launches and begin to get the hang of air-picking. He had several flights that were clearly in lift, including one that clocked off 52 seconds. (Alas, a test flight!) So, in his first foray into the world of free flight, Neil was already competitive in the Scramble. Since the contest, he's gotten offers of help from Don DeLoach, Mark Covington, and Todd Reynolds—the A-Team in glider flying. One look at Neil's athletic build, and a person can't help but scratch their chin at the thought of what he'll do with a tip-launch glider.

The Scramble got underway right on schedule at 11:30 am. Mark, Don and Jace Pivonka got off to a racehorse start in HLG with maxes on their first flights, despite the trickiness of the air. Jace then switched over to F1B for the rest of the day, leaving Don and Mark in an exciting neck-and-neck HLG battle, with Mark making it 2-for-2 maxes and Don raking in another 120 on his fourth flight to keep him in the fight. Mark pulled off a hat-trick, with a perfect 3 maxes in 3 flights.

Meanwhile, Bill Carney had carted out his beautiful blue-and-yellow Gollywock for the three-minute event. His D/T timer was

limited to 2 minutes, and that was the only thing keeping his first flight from a nice max in beautiful air. He went on to put up two more nice flights.

Also out on the flight line, of course, was Jace, who had a gallery this time. In addition to his dad, Lee, there were his aunts and uncles: Marlin and Nancy Seeman; and Denny and Janice Dethlefs. But it was a pink-hatted, 4-year-old young lady named Sylvie Gibson who stole the show. She's Jace's second cousin. Reluctant at first, once she got hold of a Guillow's glider, there was no stopping her. She lives in the Denver area, so we hope to see her back on the field soon!

Notwithstanding the pressure of performing before his familial entourage, Jace steadily put up max upon max, until he was clean with four. And this with a model which had undergone major repairs to wing and pylon back in the fall and had the benefit of only very limited test flying before this contest.

In the powered-flying events, Don put in some nice flights in E-36 and A-Electric, including one with a sky-high climb and gentle transition that evinced plentiful "ooohs and ahhs from the crowd. All the while, Rick Pangell was putting in test

flights with his yellow-and-red ½ A model and discussing some of the finer points of free flight with Neil McRae.

Near the end of the contest, the dark clouds that had been lurking in the distance made their run for Lowry. Things got much cooler and the wind picked up. The stage was set for the final drama of the day as Don, Mark and Jace took up their positions and waited for the elusive hint of lift. Don was on his sixth flight, hoping for a third max to pull even with Mark. Mark wanted to make it four to catch up with Jace. Jace, of course, wanted to make it five. Finally, they were off! Don looked good, and came up a mere 6 seconds short in the tough conditions. Mark was down in 49, his first drop of the day, but his edge over Don was now unassailable.

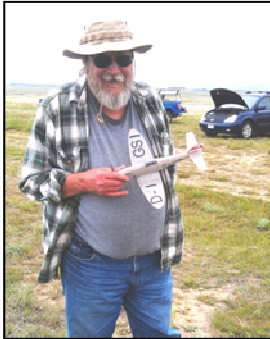
All eyes were on Jace. He made the max, to garner a clean sweep of five maxes and the May Scramble title. Mark was second place and Don third. Check out the table of results for the rest of the story.

It was a great day, with expert fliers on their game and a crop of eager young faces bringing new energy and excitement to the hill. As if to remind us that this special day was a gift, the rains returned two days later.

May Scramble results

ENTRANT	CLASS	SCRAMBLE TIME	FACTORED SCORE	SCRAMBLE POINTS
Jace Pivonka	F1B	900	5.00	100
Mark Covington	HLG	409	3.41	68
Don DeLoach	HLG	354	2.95	59
Bill Carney	Gollywock	334	1.86	37
Don DeLoach	A-Electric	216	1.80	36
Jace Pivonka	HLG	120	1.00	20
Neil McRae	CLG	107	0.89	18
Don DeLoach	E-36	90	0.75	15

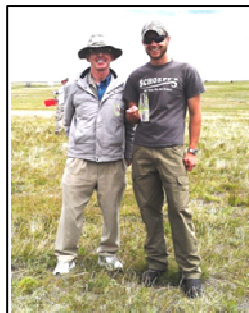
Photos from the May 17 Kids' Contest and Scramble



Left: John Berryman with his Peanut rubber-scale Heinkel He 112 fighter. Right: Bill Carney and his nice-flying Gollywock.



Surrounded by admirers, Kids' Contest champ, Eli King proudly displays the model he won—donated by Mel Gray. A broken leg hardly fazed the 3-year old flier.



Left: Happy reunion! After a 10-year hiatus, Pete McQuade and Sgt. Neil McRae meet again. Neil holds the Air Rippers CLG that impressed all. Right: Our MaxOut editor, Rick Pangell with ½ A gas model.



Don DeLoach pauses (a rare occurrence) to show his electric model. His excellent kits have been a major force in popularizing the event worldwide.



“By Jove, I think she’s got it!” Pink-hatted, 4-year-old Sylvie Gibson lofts her Guillow’s glider. She’s Jace Pivonka’s second cousin.



Jace Pivonka, about to heave his F1B into an angry sky. The air had chilled and the wind freshened before this, his fifth and last flight. Made the max.

Contest Report, June 14, 2015 MMM Scramble

Arrived at the field about 9 am to find 3 other vehicles on the field and 2 people flying. The wind was light and stayed below 10 mph (est) all day. One of the best weather days for a June contest in several years.

We had many vehicles gathered at Sam Hill, so many I forgot to count.

Todd Reynold brought his son Quinn (a Junior) to the field and Quinn had a great time flying some HLGs and catapults and was a great help as a timer. Jace Pivonka had his friend Branden Nerarez, (a Senior) with him, handed him a P-30 and a few flying tips and promptly created a new free flyer. Branden and Jace will be building Branden some new airplanes and we look forward to seeing them both back at the field. One of the P-30's flew away and has not been seen since, even with Chuck spending several hours searching.

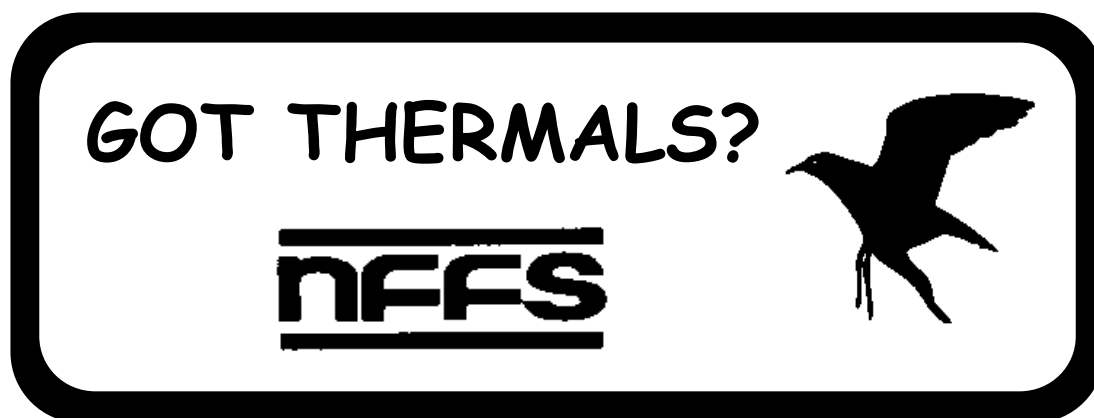
Don DeLoach put in a spectacular exhibition on E-36 flying. He posted at least 13 consecutive maxes. I get tired just thinking of chasing that many flights.

All in all a great day at the field. Good weather and better friends. What more could you ask for. See you at the 14 rounder.

Darold Jones

June Scramble results:

ENTRANT	CLASS	# MAXES	MAX TIME	TOTAL AMA	SCRAMBLE TIME	FACTORED SCORE	SCRAMBLE POINTS
Don DeLoach	E-36	13	120	1560	1560	13.00	100
Randy Reynolds	Electric A	6	120	720	720	6.00	46
Jace Pivonka	F1B	3	180	667	667	3.71	29
Todd Reynolds	E-36	4	120	592	592	4.93	38
Darold Jones	Mulvihill	3	180	540	540	3.00	23
Mark Covington	HLG	1	120	498	498	4.15	32
Mel Gray	1/2A Gas	1	180	376	376	2.09	16
Jerry Murphy	E-36	2	120	320	320	2.67	21
Todd Reynolds	HLG	1	120	315	315	2.63	20
Mark Covington	CLG	0	120	305	305	2.54	20
Quint Reynolds	E-36	1	120	294	294	2.45	19
Don DeLoach	HLG	0	120	257	257	2.14	16
Brendon Newell ?	P-30	1	120	184	184	1.53	12
Quinn R (J) ?	HLG	0	120	27	27	0.23	2



Contest Report, June 28th Scramble - Mel Gray

Not much to say about the Scramble. Great weather, good buddies, some wonderful flying (mostly electric - grrrrrrr !), Don got only six maxes I think (It was 5 per the line score). He said something about me intimidating him into ONLY six (that would be a first). The biggest highlight of last Sunday was Shawn Hillis flying over the hill repeatedly in his restored J-3 Cub. He was waving and wagging the old Piper's wings at an altitude of a couple hundred feet. Too Cool !

ENTRANT	CLASS	# MAXES	MAX TIME	TOTAL AMA	SCRAMBLE TIME	FACTORED SCORE	SCRAMBLE POINTS
Don DeLoach	E-36	5	120	684	684	5.70	100
Jerry Murphy	E-36	2	120	339	339	2.83	50
Jace Pivonka	Mulvihill	1	180	331	331	1.84	32
Jace Pivonka	F1B	1	180	286	286	1.59	28
Mark Covington	HLG	1	120	286	286	2.38	42
Bill Carney	Sm. OT Stick	1	180	255	255	1.42	25
Ray Boyd	FAC Commercial	1	120	234	234	1.95	34
Don DeLoach	B Electric	1	120	230	230	1.92	34
Mark Covington	F1A	0	180	89	89	0.49	9
Mark Covington	CLG	0	120	80	80	0.67	12
Mel Gray	CLG	0	120	62	62	0.52	9
Mark Covington	Classic Tow	0	180	33	33	0.18	3
Don DeLoach	HLG	0	120	29	29	0.24	4

E 36 Summary to date:

Note... the rules say you must have two flyers to make a scramble

ENTRANT	Total Pts	4/26/15	5/17/09	6/14/09	6/28/15
Don DeLoach	200		N/A	100	100
Jerry Murphy	71			21	50
Todd Reynolds	38			38	
Quint Reynolds (Jr)	19			19	

SCRAMBLE Summary to Date:

ENTRANT	Total Pts	4/26/15	5/17/09	6/14/09	6/28/15
Don DeLoach	259		59	100	100
Darold Jones	233			233	
Jace Pivonka	161		100	29	32
Mark Covington	142		68	32	42
Jerry Murphy	71			21	50
Bill Carney	62		37		25
Randy Reynolds	46			46	
Todd Reynolds	38			38	
Ray Boyd	34				34
Neil McRae	18		18		
Brandon Newell	12			12	
Mel Gray	9				9
Quint Reynolds (Jr)	2			2	



FREE FLIGHT WITH AN ALTITUDE! UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>FEATURE EVENT</i>
<i>10 July</i>	<i>FAI</i>	<i>F1E (2) 5 Rnds</i>
<i>11 July</i>	<i>Centennial Cup FAI w/ FAI, AMA, NFFS, SAM</i>	<i>7 Rounds FAI</i>
<i>12 July</i>	<i>Tut Cup FAI w/ FAI, AMA, NFFS, SAM</i>	<i>7 Rounds FAI</i>

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