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HEADS UP

Welcome to the July issue. It's a hefty one, loaded with contests reports far and wide, so dive right in. You'll find a full report with photos on the PSIC, as well as several outdoor and indoor contest reports, plus a rundown of the fun all of us had at the Muncie Nats. We've been a busy bunch, and there's much to catch up on.

It's time for me to get out of the way. Ciao, y'all!

THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO BE AND PEOPLE TO SEE

Please make note of the contest dates that follow. There's no excuse for idle hands or any mischief around here. We're in the middle of the outdoor season and the indoor season continues, likewise. Be there.

Aug 17 Indoor St Lukes Dohrman Crawford
 Aug 25 Pop Purdy's Contest Sod Farm Graham Selick
 Sep 14 Indoor St Lukes Bill Gowen
 Sep 21 FAC Sod Farm Jim Altenbern
 Sep 22 Summer's Swan Song Sod Farm David Mills
 Oct 6 Last Fling til Spring Sod Farm David Barfield
 Oct 12, 13, 14 Gathering of Turkeys Pensacola George White
 Oct 19 Indoor St Lukes Dohrman Crawford
 Nov 03 Turkey Shoot Sod Farm Gary Baughman
 Nov 16 Indoor St Lukes Bill Gowen
 Dec 14 Indoor St Lukes Dohrman Crawford

THUMBS ON THE MARCH I: 2013 MUNCIE NATS

The 2013 Muncie Nats is in the books, and I'm pleased to report the Thumbs were there in good numbers, and we did more than the usual damage, bringing back more than our fair share of the glory. Your editor, Gary Baughman, Scott Lapraick, young Hayden Ashworth, Dohrman Crawford, Dean McGinnis, Frank Perkins, the Mariers, John Yost, and the Walstons made the trek north, and with one notable exception, a good time was had by all.

The one exception would be Gary, who suffered a serious hand injury the first day of competition. Long story short, his left hand lost an argument with a Super Tiger .35. Fortunately, a real-life emergency medical guy was near at hand and performed expert first-aid immediately, and Dohrman was able to get Gary into the Muncie Hospital in record time. Gary

did his best John Wayne impression and was able to drive himself to the big hospital in Indianapolis the next day to get some expert reconstructive surgery done. Latest word is he can expect a full recovery, but the rehab side will be a lengthy slog. (It's worth noting the irony of Gary being the one who drove Dohrman to the Newnan hospital a few years back when he had his *contretemps* of a similar nature.)

The remaining Thumbs had a good and accident-free time in Muncie. Hannah and Robert Marier had a very big week, doing themselves a lot of good. Robert won firsts in 1/2A Classic Gas and Sr. P-30 and Sr. Mulvihill, seconds in Sr. 1/2A Gas and Small NosRub, and thirds in Dawn Unlimited and Moffett. Hannah won firsts in Jr. 1/2A Gas and Jr. Mulvihill, a second in Jr. HLG, and a fourth in Jr. P-30. Hannah and Robert also helped handout prizes at the NFFS raffle, and it must be admitted, she did a much better job than her brother. (The young lady may have a future in the TV game show trade. Hollywood, get ready!)

Your humble editor had his best Nats ever, winning P-30, Dime Scale and Embryo. What I'm proudest of, though, is my second place in Mulvihill, in my not very humble opinion, the most difficult rubber-powered event in the rule book. I was honored and very happy to fly Sandy Downs's old models that day. Thank you, Sandy, for the gifts that kept on giving. (I, for one, stand foursquare behind the recent AMA/NFFS/SAM rules changes that allow us to fly our late OFB's models. About time, ferchristsakes!) Closing out my brag, I snagged a third in Small NosRub and a fourth in Small Mulvihill.

The individual TTOMA honors continue: Frank Perkins won Small Mulvihill in solid fashion, and did it at his first ever Nats. Not bad for a rookie! Young Hayden Ashworth, no rookie at the Nats, won Jr. E-36 and set a national record in the process. He even made the cover of *NatsNews*; you could almost feel his proud grandparents glow with glee all the way from Watkinville. Ed Hardin flew in a ton of events and placed third in OT Rubber Cabin and fourth in P-30. John Yost earned a hotly contested seventh in HLG against a field of nineteen experts. Scott Lapraick won first in 1/2A NosGas against another big field of experts. Another feather in Scott's cap was the winning of E-36 by his pal Jim Jennings Jr. with his *Mutt* design.

All in all, the Thumbs had a great Nats. We went in large numbers and enjoyed a lot of success. The weather was quite nice, too. The temps were a blessed change from the swelter of previous years. It got into the low nineties only one day for just a few hours. It rained only one afternoon, but it was a duesy. The nighttime temps were almost shocking, getting down to the sixties some nights, giving the campers a taste of fall and deep slumbers. The only negatives were the winds which were a bit brisk at times. They ramped up into the low- to mid-teens most afternoons, making trips into the corn and beans a common occurrence for the fly-off crowd. Thankfully, though, said corn and beans were much shorter than usual, owing to the earlier Nats schedule. I, for one, thought it was the easiest Nats in memory in term of physical exertion. Also, Camp David was a happy place, well-populated by me, Dohrman and the Mariers. Good times. Next year, there'll be room for plenty more!

THUMBS ON THE MARCH II

This just in from Dohrman Crawford: "As promised, here is a report on the Fiesta of Five Flags contest in Pensacola. If you are within driving distance of Pensacola, you should really try to make it down here to one of the contests. Great field, great people, and great seafood. (I will be munching on some shrimp in about 50 minutes.) One of the best fields I have ever seen.

"The first day started out nicely with gentle breezes. By nine a.m., it was time to move to the south boundary. I wondered why they did not set up there at the start, but I knew we would

have to move and didn't bother to unpack. Then the wind came upon us. It blew pretty hard, but abated later in the day. During the howling wind part, some models went far off the field. Doc Avalone's E-36 was GONE. Frank Perkins was gone for hours tracking down his HLG. The Pensacola field remains a very bad place from which to go over the fence. There were many close calls with the woods/swamps/military installations.

“The local media had done a great job promoting the event, and as a result, there were lots of visitors. I gave two boys, Jack and Simon, a catapult glider of mine to fly, and they were getting pretty good with it. Massive excitement, especially when they began working as a team to do the launches. One boy held the stick, and the other one used both hands to haul it back for a screaming launch. We had a lot of fun. They plan on returning tomorrow.

“Local media station had a reporter out there taking video, and perhaps it will show up on the 6 o'clock news. Got great mileage here in Florida out of my red Miami University shirt that proclaims, "Miami was a university when Florida belonged to Spain." Go, Redskins!

“The mass launches were cool. WW1 was won by Herb Koethe, and George White won the Racer mass launch. The Racers managed to launch into a huge thermal, and George lost his Cessna CR3 Racer—OOS!

“My E-36 went to a great height, turned into the wind, and then just hovered there, no movement, until the 2-minute DT kicked in. I have never seen that before.

“I have all results, so if you want them, hit me with an email. The usual suspects won, in most cases.

“At the end of the day, we noticed a Florida State Patrol Tahoe driving up. I hid, fearing they had figured out who was in the red Ford Expedition. Not to worry, the trooper was returning the Doc's E-36, which had come down right onto a maintenance facility way up by the interstate. What a nice thing to do. Tomorrow is another day, so see ya! Boys, got to go get me some shrimp.

“I will only post the ones I figure we are interested in:

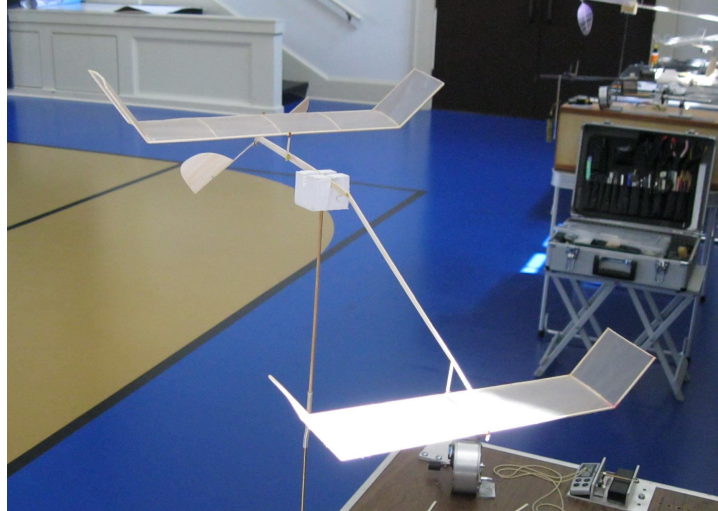
AMA P-30. 1st Gary Morton. D. Crawford blew up his P30 again. Spectacularly
HLG. 1st Dohrman Crawford. I think Bob Thoren was second
E-36. 1st Dohrman Crawford.....only because the Docs airplane flew away
Scat Jet. 1st Paul Grabski
Racer Mass Launch. 1st George White, OOS
WWI Mass Launch. 1st Herb Koethe, then Paul Grabski and George White

“The second day wasn't up to the first and largely curtailed by rain. But, I will guess that Gary Morton won Simplified Scale. I quit flying CLG when I wrecked my last glider, and went home.” Dohrman Crawford, cub reporter, reporting.

THUMBS ON THE MARCH III

Bill Gowen continues his assault on the national category I indoor records at St. Lukes. Such was the case when he blew the A-6 record to smithereens at the PSIC, upping it by over a minute to 7:53. Well done, sir! (Other reportage on the PSIC follows.)

I witnessed the flight, and it was a treat. The model was trimmed to perfection and flew flawlessly. Flights like this one make it look easy, but this is far from the case. With a duration of almost 8 min, a multitude of things can go wrong during a flight, but this time nothing did.



Rounding out the ballyhoo, Hope Finn reset the state Phantom Flash record by a good margin. Further, Bill was kind enough to point out that all of the national, indoor catapult glider, category I glider records were set in the state of Georgia at St. Lukes. Hooray for us!

FYI, the assault on the national category I F1D record at St. Lukes continues by Josh Finn and Nick Ray, but it remains a hard pull. The national mark is set at over 28 min., while the closest so far at St. Lukes is a flight by John Kagan of over 26 min. However, confidence (perhaps arrogance) remains high. *Bon chance, buddreau.*

THUMBS AT WORK

The club has a new webmaster and an updated website, thanks to Stephanie Brown. She stepped in and updated everything, giving it a sleek, new look. I navigated it a bit and everything looks pretty good. Also, she was instrumental in setting up a Facebook page for the club. I'll be the first to admit I don't know squat about Facebook, but I'm told it's pretty good. Many thanks to Stephanie for the work. I'm sure she's open to input and suggestions if you've any.

THE LEAVENINGS, GEMS, DRIBS AND DRABS

Since the last newsletter, the final dispersal of two, large modeling estates have been finalized. Don Peacock's widow asked David Barfield and I to drive down to Pineview and gather up the last of his modeling stuff. Don's local RC buddies had previously gone through everything but left a bit of FF goodies behind, no doubt not appreciating the nuggets at their finger tips.

There was quite a few kits left over, but most were at the humble end of the Comet line and their ilk. Barf and I kept about three each, and the rest will go to the NFFS Nats raffle. There were no tools left to speak of, and Don's being an old fashioned stick-and-tissue man, there was little of value in the way of gadgetry and specialized FF equipment. I kept his Earl Stahl Apache and big Lanzo Cabin as a keepsake and Barf kept his Aeronca and Yellow Bird, likewise. Barf walked out with a couple of a couple of handfuls of balsa sheet and sticks, and I added about a dozen sheets to my Esaki collection. We split a few CO2 engines and some rubber and nitrate. Graham's grandkid Hayden got his old Sparky. That was about it. It was kind of sad when we left, but such is life. Been there, done that, and keeping the T-shirt for sentimental reasons.

Don had it pretty good down in Pineview. He lived “in the country”, several miles outside of Hawkinsville. The land is flat and wide open, with huge plots of cleared and cultivated farm land, interspersed with copse of woods in all directions. In short, one big flying field. I’m of that earth, and it always strikes me how different it is in our convoluted and urban/suburban part of the state. Still, we get by. (Full disclosure: I’ll should mention that six-to-eight months out of the year said open land is covered with crops, all of which grow high and mighty on some of the most fertile conditions on God’s green earth, so there’s some selection of opportunities to be undertaken. Good neighbors mean good flying.)

Don didn’t have to get by. He owned a seventy acre hay field just off his front porch, his side yard pretty much, and not too shabby. I’m going to miss that old man.

I’ll close on the adventures of that day with Mrs. Peacock giving Barf and I three, big bags of pecans (pronounced “pee-cans”, for you transplants and native Southerners north of the Gnat Line), and I fought Barf for the third one. That was a week of good eating, my friends. I’ll take the time to remind everyone that the great state of Georgia is the world’s leading producer of pecans. And you can blame the sharp price increases the last several years of these native treasures to their discovery by the cursed Chi-coms. Class struggle takes many forms, comrade.

On a related front, the outdoor side of Sandy Downs’s modeling estate is now dispersed among his OFB’s.. Glenda called me to get it all out of the basement, and I was happy to oblige. I delivered all the RC stuff to Mickey, and I took all of the FF stuff home. Both caches were large ones, and it would’ve been a lot bigger had Sandy not wisely begun giving stuff away many years previously. He was no packrat, as very little in the way of trashed models, old magazines, and defunct paint and glue was left. Many nuggets and no junk, that’s a good game plan and one to be emulated when all our time comes, my fellow Thumbs.

Among the outdoor treasures remaining, I mentioned to Sandy years ago that his 1997 Nats-winning Moffett belonged in the AMA Museum, and he concurred. That effort is underway. I took his two large Mulvihill’s for my own use, and after some repairs, I flew them at the Nats this year to second place! He had about four pounds of July, 1998 Tan II (not the fabled ten pounds of May, 1999 it was rumored to be) in his basement fridge, and it’s now in mine. I’ve issued a standing order to all that whoever/whatever can have some, but that I’ll be flying the devil out of it at the Nats and couldn’t promise what would be left. He had a few kits left that I chucked onto the NFFS Nats raffle table. His old Wilder torque meter, a rare collectible, was offered at auction at the NFFS Nats raffle, along with two Morrill winders with turn counters. Young Robert Marier got a handful of Cox engines (only one TD, as I recall) and some spare parts, plus a good caliber and micrometer. A few plans were handed out. My nephew Jack got lucky in the form of about a dozen airplane books and military history DVD’s.

The indoor side of Sandy Downs’ estate was disposed of easily enough at the PSIC. All the indoor models, model boxes, a bit of gadgetry and a shoebox full of sized and bagged rubber got scattered into the eager and loving arms of Bill, John, Nick, Josh, Tim, and Wayne. I was also very happy to handle over a lifetime’s supply of good balsa to Tim for him and his kids. Plus, I got a good bit of my living room back, and it no longer looks like an episode from *Hoarders*. Full disclosure: my greasy palms grabbed his rubber stripper, a dandy little digital scale and his lovely, wooden tool box.

There’s a little of Sandy’s estate left. If anybody out there wants a good assortment of good, old-fashioned, analog drafting equipment, there’s a bit of it. If any kid out there needs a good starter FF tool kit, I can gather up a nice assortment of hand tools for him/her. Just give me a call or message—I’d love to close this duty out.

Closing out the largesse, over the last few decades our OFB Mickey Walker has collected many models of our friends past and fallen, including George Perryman, Sandy Downs and David Raymond. It was piling up, and he asked me to organize a giveaway session at his house. It was held June 16 in Mickey's second-to-none FF basement man-cave. Those that attended or sought proxies benefited greatly. Young Robert Marier got Sandy's Lanzo Stick, Kudzu III Mulvihill, Pig's Knuckles Moffett, and a gargantuan, 300-inch ROW rubber job. (His sister Hannah got something of Sandy's, but I forget what.) Dohrman got Sandy's 1/4A NosGas T-Bird, B Gas Galaxie, an OT twin pusher, plus David's old Super Maxer Speckled Bird Mulvihill and B NosGas Southerner. (The Southerner is perhaps the oddest looking design George Perryman ever penned, and that's saying something, brother!) Dean McGinnis got George Perryman's Fat Tub O'Lard, Peg-Legged Speckled Bird Bostonian. My nephew Jack got David's Mini-Maxer. Your editor got one of Sandy's old 1960's era Wakefields and a handful of assorted FF bric-a-brac. A good time was had by all, and Mickey got some of his basement back. Those that didn't attend snoozed and loosed.

A FINAL RESTING PLACE

The enshrinement of the late, great George Perryman's last Dawn Unlimited model, the Gossymer II Speckled Bird is now done. I was able to bring the model to Muncie, along with the rest of my Nats tonnage. It'll now be displayed to the wonder and befuddlement of the AMA Museum visitors. I can only imagine what people will think when assaulted by its visage.

Before I left for Muncie, I was able to swing by the Perryman's house and get some pictures of the model with Mrs. Perryman and their granddaughter Paulette. (You might remember "little" Paulette. If it's been a while, be advised she's now "all grown up" and an attorney with a thriving practice down in Fort Lauderdale.) Enjoy the following shot, and be advised, from now on you'll have to go to Muncie for another look. (And I got a little bit more of living room back.)



A CALL TO ARMS

Considering the discussion immediately preceding, I'd like to request that everybody keeps on living for a while. Specifically, this writer has become way too experienced at the estate dispersal game lately. Ergo, let's call a moratorium on the slipping of the surly bonds for the

next few years. Please, all y'all, stay among the living because we deserve a break. No more dying, OK!?!?

CALL TO ARMS II

Personal soapbox, along with the agreement of several Thumbs: the club really needs to punch up our participation in the Flying Aces Club events. For far too long we've been stuck at the level of having two fliers in a variety of FAC categories, ergo, way short of quality competition and just shy of kanones. We only need a little more effort from the club, and we could have a very spirited scale scene. Whatever the shortcomings of the N GA Turf Farm in terms of the larger AMA, SAM and NFFS categories, it's near ideal for FAC work.

Many of these events require only a minimum of workbench time and scale experience, while offering more than enough FF fun in return for the effort. A few come to mind like Dime Scale, No-Cal Scale, SCat Jet, Two Bit Plus One and Embryo. The broad category of Rubber Scale beckons any scale model with a rubber band on the inside. And who among us hasn't built a Peanut at some time? And come on, y'all, if you don't have the suds to build a Phantom Flash, start collecting stamps or something.

It's time to get out from in front of the TV, get the honey-dos out of the way, and "get tah yer whittlin'". Eyes on you.

MAKING A LIST, CHECKING IT THRICE

Here's where we stand on high points up to the end of July. Prognosticators will find our annual tourney to close to call at this juncture. Also, we've a whopping eighteen Thumbs toeing the line to date. This may be a record, I'll have to check.

Dohrman Crawford	38	David Barfield	9
Jim Altenbern	30	Gary Morton	8
David Mills	28	Hayden Ashworth	3
Karl Hube	27	Robert Marier	2
Frank Perkins	27	Hannah Marier	1
Bob Thoren	17	John Yost	1
Bill Gowen	11	Gary Baughman	1
John Barker	11	Dean McGinnis	1
Frank Hodson	10	Al Pardue	1

NEXT ISSUE

Look for something after the two-day contest in September. Expect some serious pimping of the fall indoor season. As always, these humble offices will continue to beseech the multitudes and welcome anything in the way of articles, yarns, rants, bombast, plans and photos. Don't make me work too hard! Ciao, y'all!

Peach State Indoor Champs Report

The attendance for the 2013 PSIC was down from last year with only nine fliers, but the level of flying wasn't. Also, we had a good number of spectators who popped in during the day. FYI, Tim Lavender wasn't able to bring any of his kids because his club pretty much folds up during the summer. This accounts for some of the drop. Also, both Gary and Richard dropped by to visit but neither flew, and your CD chose not to fly. With these exceptions, we're where we were last year. Still, it wouldn't hurt to beat the bushes next year and get some more members and out-of-towners to come and fly with us. The St. Lukes site provided all we could hope for: still, buoyant air with minimal drift all day. The results follow. David Mills, CD, reporting.

Embryo (best 2 of 3 today)

John Barker 3:40

Josh Finn 2:36

Tim Lavender 0:22

F1L

Bill Gowen 14:18

Hope Finn 9:12

Legal Eagle

Tim Lavendar 3:52

John Barker 3:40

Dime Scale

John Barker Comet R. Speedster 2:50

No-Cal Scale

Tim Lavender Piper J-3 1:17

Comet Phantom Flash

Hope Finn 4:02

Tim Lavender 1:16

Wayne Anderson 0:52

Ltd. Pennyplane

John Barker 6:36

Bill Gowen 6:20

F1D

Josh Finn 24:08

Nick Ray 12:25

Ministick

Nick Ray 6:07

A-6

Bill Gowen 7:53 (new nat'l record!)

IHLG

John Yost 51.3 sec.

Std. Catapult Glider

Bill Gowen 73.9 sec.

Peanut Scale

Josh Finn Pogo 93 pts

Wayne Anderson Jodel 65 pts.





Indoor contest 7/13/2013

With only a week having elapsed since the Kibbie Dome contest I wasn't sure if flying buddy Nick Ray would show up for the monthly indoor contest at St. Lukes. Show up he did and did some pretty high level F1D flying with a time of 24:08. But Joshua Finn was ready for the challenge and put up a 24:20 to edge Nick out.

Hope Finn put up a respectable 6:38 in F1L. Yours truly left his only flyable F1L in a garbage can at Kibbie after it was returned in pieces following a trip into a wall cavity that was accessible only by maintenance workers at the dome.

John Barker was busy all day. He flew his Bostonian to a best flight of 53 seconds. He also matched that time with a very nice flying dime scale model.

With USIC just around the corner I did some quarter motor testing with my LPP. After some rubber tangling problems were sorted out I got a 3:30 no touch flight on a quarter motor. If all goes as planned this could translate into close to 14 minutes at USIC. This was followed with a full motor flight using the same setup that landed at 9:18.

I also managed to frame up a new A6 wing and stab. My current model has giant waves in the condenser paper covering that can't be good for the aerodynamics.

We could use some more fliers at the St. Lukes events. Many of us feel that it is arguably the best Cat 1 indoor site in the world. Many different flying styles work there and you will rarely ever lose a model.

High Points: Josh Finn-2, Nick Ray-1, Hope Finn-1, John Barker-1, Bill Gowen-1

June 2013 FAC Contest Report

The first thing that must be said about the June FAC contest is that the weather could not have been better! A measure of the conditions is shown by the performance of the No-Cal models of Morton and Mills. How many times is it possible to fly No-Cal models outdoors? When you look at these scores, be aware that the event is unusual in that it has no maximum time limit restriction.

David Mills showed a good strategy by using the Lacey M-10 layout in No-Cal, Rubber Scale and Peanut Scale. This is a boxy structure with low aspect ratio, constant chord wings that can be built light and strong. David flew well in every class.

In Scat Jet Gary Morton led the way with his Canberra. This was not a surprise as he had scored a win at October's Turkey contest in Pensacola with the same model. Jim Altenbern moved into second place with a new Baka Bomb model complete with authentic pistachio color scheme and proper Japanese markings. Too bad there are no points for speed as the little model really flashes around the flight path. Jim will tell you to be prepared for repairs if you fly this design because the twin rudders tend to knock the tail off in high-speed landings.

Bad luck came to Dohrman Crawford when his beautiful low wing Druine Turbulent went right and hit the turf. Later, his equally well-turned-out Taylorcraft had a hard landing after two good flights and had to be retired for the day. His day was saved by the faithful Gonzo Embryo that flew as reliably as ever. The only max-out of the day was scored in Embryo by Karl Hube's Voodoo. On the last official flight, the Voodoo was scooped up by a booming thermal and

almost went out of sight straight up. The pop-off wing DT finally brought it down after 4 ½ minutes in the air.

All the small models in Peanut Scale, Dime Scale, and Embryo benefited from the good weather as the scores will show. No models were lost although a few suffered hard landings or motor blow-ups! We had six contestants which made it difficult to put enough people in the events to generate kanones. The record shows kKanones will be awarded in Dime Scale (Mills), Scat Jet (Morton) and Embryo (Hube). The next FAC contest is scheduled for September, so glue some sticks and move up the kanone scale! Karl Hube, CD, reporting. Here's the scores:

Embryo

Karl Hube Voodoo 366
Dohrman Crawford Gonzo 233
Gary Morton Nit 210

SCat Jet

Gary Morton Canberra 111
Jim Altenbern Baka Bomb 70
Karl Hube Hawker Hunter 62
Frank Hodson Saab Viggen 49

No-Cal

Gary Morton Extra 400 453
David Mills Lacey M-10 419

Peanut Scale

David Mills Lacey M-10 234
Frank Hodson Pietenpol 68

Rubber Scale

David Mills Lacey M-10 234

Dime Scale

David Mills Airmaster 149
Karl Hube Bristol Brownie 136
Frank Hodson Farman Stratosphere 31

Earl Stahl – MOY

David Mills F4F Wildcat 86
Dohrman Crawford Taylorcraft O-57
76

Fiction Flyer

Frank Hodson USS Enterprise 5

FAC Old Time Rubber

Jim Altenbern Pacific Ace 57

Two BIT + 1

Dohrman Crawford FA Moth 260
Gary Morton FA Moth 120

June Bug Jamboree Report

We had another wonderful day of flying. The clouds in the morning keeping the temperature down gave way to bright sunny skies and a big warm up. Winds were light and variable, but we stayed put in the same place all day. There was a lot of flights, and I believe everyone went home with everything they brought out. There were seven contestants, even after all the FAC flying the day before, so all in all it was a good day.

Thanks to all, from David Barfield, veteran reporter. Now the scores:

SCat Jet

David Barfield P-59 68
David Mills Yak 15 59
Jim Altenbern Baka Bomb 53

Coupe

Frank Perkins 292

P-30

Jim Altenbern Air Shark 329
Karl Hube Tech Wreck 304
Dohrman Crawford NJAPF 206

Dime Scale

Karl Hube Bristol Brownie 109
David Mills Airmaster 90

Earl Stahl MOY

David Mills Wildcat 75

Old Goat Smack Down (BRS)

Dohrman Crawford 222
David Barfield 147

HLG

Bob Thoren Twirly Bird 161
Frank Perkins Easy 18 142

Catapult Glider

D. Crawford Wee Vee 18 289
Frank Perkins Sidewinder 197
Jim Altenbern Straight Up 134
Bob Thoren Shrodinger's Cat 129
David Mills Straight Up 100
Karl Hube Moon Shot 80

(These are the scores as I received them. If anything is missing, it wasn't on my table at the end of the day. One other thing to note, please pay your entry fee if you fly, even if you don't intend to turn in any flight times.)

Peach State Championships Report: July 21, 2013

CD: Whit Russell

Number of attendance: 13

P-30

Karl Hube Scorpion 360
James Altenbern Air Shark 298
Dohrman Crawford Tail Firster 223

Embryo (Jr.)

Hannah Marier Jabberwock Jr 178

SCat Jet

James Altenbern Baka Bomb 51
Frank Hodson Saab Viggen 36

Blue Ridge Special

Dohrman Crawford 286
Frank Hodson 76
David Barfield 56

HLG

Bob Thoren Twirly Bird 149
James Altenbern Meer 29 74

F1G (Coupe)

Frank Perkins Candy G 360

CLG

Frank Perkins Sidewinder 219
James Altenbern Bo Weevil 16 179
Dohrman Crawford Pathfinder 112
Bob Thoren Schrodinger's Cat 102
Karl Hube Moon Shot 96
Al Pardue Pathfinder 59

CLG (Sr.)

Robert Marier Pathfinder 347
Clairborne Wilson Pathfinder 116





Frank



David & Jim



David with Dimer



OFB Models Resurrected

June 23, 2013



Bob



Modeler of the corn

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

President David Barfield called the June 23 meeting to order at 12:30 pm at the North Georgia Turf Farm. Eight members were present.

Treasurer's Report

Karl Hube presented the treasurer's report which showed an opening balance for the reporting period of \$X,XXX.XX. Since that date, we had deposits from the April outdoor contest (\$60.00), May indoor contest (\$60.00), May outdoor contest (\$60.00), and dues from new member Randy Ficklen (\$20.00) which gave an ending balance of \$X,XXX.XX. Currently, the only outstanding debt is \$35.27 for a new club lock and spare keys for the sod farm. David Mills made a motion to accept the report as read, and Dohrman Crawford gave a second. The motion was carried by the members vote.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Karl Hube presented the minutes from the May meeting. No corrections or additions were recommended. David Mills made a motion to accept the report as read and Bob Thoren gave a second. The motion was accepted by the attendees.

Old Business

David Mills reported that nine fliers took part in the Peach State Indoor Championships at St Luke's gym. The total number of participants was down this year because of the reduced number of young fliers from Rev. Tim Lavender's church program in Smyrna, Tennessee. During the summer, the program is idle whereas in the past we have flown this competition earlier in the year when school is still in session.

During the indoor contest, David Mills was able to give away models built and flown by the late Sandy Downs. Sandy wanted to be sure that the models went to people who would fly them. David Barfield and David Mills reported that they had gone to the south Georgia home of Don Peacock to determine what equipment and models from Don's shop could be passed on to other model fliers. A few things were retained by Barfield and Mills with the rest slated to go to the fund-raising auction table at the Nationals in July.

David Mills reminded the members that the Nationals will be flown earlier than usual this year during the week of July 8 through July 12.

The subject of reviving the TTOMA web site was reintroduced. Frank Perkins reported his experience with the Facebook site for the Texas Cloud Climbers. Frank said that the Facebook site was the only electronic presentation their club used and did not also try to maintain standing web site as well. David Barfield said that Stephanie Brown has stepped forward to offer her skills toward getting a Facebook site going as well as refreshing the old web site. We now will look toward getting instructions as to how fresh items will be posted on the new sites.

New Business

There being no new business to discuss, Dohrman Crawford made a motion to adjourn and Frank Perkins gave a second.

Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm. Respectively submitted, Karl Hube, secretary, reporting.

JULY MEETING MINUTES

President David Barfield called the June TTOMA meeting to order at 12:00 pm at the North Georgia Turf Farm on July 21, 2013. Eleven members and two guests were present.

Treasurer's Report

Karl Hube presented the treasurer's report which showed an opening balance for the reporting period of \$X,XXX.XX. Since that date, we had deposits from the June indoor, outdoor and FAC contests (\$217.00) and the membership renewal of Frank Copeland (\$25.00). The only expense during the reporting period was \$35.27 for a new lock and extra keys for the sod farm, plus USPS shipping to send the lock to the farm. David Mills made a motion to accept the report as read; Dohrman Crawford gave a second; and the motion was carried by the members vote.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Karl Hube presented the minutes from the June meeting. No corrections or additions were recommended. David Mills made a motion to accept the report as read, and Bob Thoren gave a second. The motion was accepted by the attendees.

Old Business

David Mills reported a successful week at the AMA Nats in Muncie, Indiana. He cited an unusually good weather cycle during the week with the exception of one ferocious thunder storm that damaged some tents. Robert and Hannah Marier were recognized for their great results at the contest with several wins and at least one record. Frank Perkins and David Mills both scored important victories in Small Mulvihill and P-30, respectively.

Questions were raised about how to recover some of the old web site content to move it into the new website. It was the understanding of the members that the content still exists and contacting Stephanie Brown will start the process to regain old material. The TTOMA Facebook site is running and is open to the public.

David Barfield and David Mills stated that the club's service award plaque is in need of repair. Mills will check the award when it is returned to determine what needs to be done to the plaque before the next banquet award program.

Dohrman Crawford reminded everyone that the TTOMA Store is operating with new TTOMA shirts available with a choice of two different logos. More than one style of shirt is available, as well as other items, including a beer mug with the logo on it.

New Business

David Mills stated that the next newsletter would be released in the next couple of weeks as family responsibilities and work travel will allow. Anyone who has material for the newsletter should forward it to David as soon as possible.

Frank Hodson reported that he has digitized 7,500 to 8,000 model plans in PDF format. Frank made the generous offer to search his collection for any models that our members may be interested in building.

There being no further business to discuss, Dohrman Crawford made a motion to adjourn, and Frank Hodson gave a second. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm. Respectfully submitted by Karl Hube, secretary, reporting.