


The THUMB PRINT
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HEADS UP

Welcome to the jumbo July issue. You'll find this a dense one and filled with lots of information. Quite a few contests are reported upon in detail, as well as individual successes of a few Thumbs on the road. A ton of photos follow, and we can thank David Barfield, Frank Perkins, and others for all this visual bounty. And then, there's the latest (and sad) news of our OFB Jim Walston and portends thereupon. All this, plus a few items of general interest *reportage* wraps it up. Time for me to get out of the way. Ciao, y'all!

RENEWAL NAG

Please note the following mid-year, one-half off membership renewal form for our blessed laggards, recalcitrants, and ne'er-do-wells. You know who you are. Better to be late to toe the line than never. Send Karl that check to the amount and address indicated. Eyes on you!

Also, be advised: gird your loins and note the first of the sign-up/renewal nags about joining the National Free Flight Society. For those living under a rock, NFFS is the major organization representing the USA's Free Flight interests to the AMA and the world at-large. TTOMA stands out nationally in the very high percentage that belongs to NFFS, but we can use a few more. The advantages of belonging are real and numerous. First of all, you get the best Free Flight magazine in the world, edited by our *buddreau* Don DeLoach. (If you want a look at it, let me know. I'll shoot you a digital copy.) Upholding Free Flight's interests nationally and globally is an effort requiring constant vigilance, and NFFS does a pretty good job. I'll let my nag end as it sits now. First timers and lapsed types get it one-half off, for ferchristsakes! Eyes on you!

COOL STUFF FOR SALE

Speaking of the grandeur of NFFS, the 2016 Symposium is for sale, and in my not-too-humble-opinion, it's the best ever, logging in at 236 pages with nary a touch of fluff and filler to be seen. (Your trusty editor was part of the team that produced it, so don't expect any objectivity here!) It's a bargain at thirty-nine dollars, American, plus shipping.

Also, the 50th NFFS anniversary T-shirts debuted at the Nats to rave reviews and sales at fifteen dollars, American, each. Get yours today! The NFFS website has all the details at <freeflight.org>.

THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO BE, AND PEOPLE TO SEE

Please find the contests remaining on our schedule below. As you can see, there're still a lot left. You can't say TTOMA doesn't provide opportunities for flying. Ergo, glue some sticks together and show up with a model airplane somewhere, sometime, ferchristsakes! The game's afoot. Please note the December date has been changed.

Sept. 10: Indoor. St Lukes. CD-Josh Finn

Sept. 25: Outdoor. N GA Turf Farm. Summer's Swan Song. CD-Gary Morton

Sept. 26-30: SAM Champs @ Muncie, IN
Oct. 2: Outdoor. N GA Turf Farm. Last Fling til Spring. CD-David Mills.
Oct. 15: Indoor. St Lukes. CD-Bill Gowen
Nov. 6: Outdoor. N GA Turf Farm. Turkey Shoot. CD-Gary Baughman
Nov. 19: Indoor. St Lukes. CD-Nick Ray
Dec. 3: Indoor. St Lukes. CD-Josh Finn
Jan. 14: Indoor. St Lukes. CD-Bill Gowen

THUMBS ON THE MARCH I

Gary Morton attended the spring Kudzu contest in NC and had some success. His mahogany includes: firsts in Embryo and E-36; seconds in Jet Catapult and Two Bits Plus One; and thirds in No Cal Scale and Dime Scale. Well done, sir!

THUMBS ON THE MARCH II

Richard Schneider, the club's premier circle-burner, was the first Thumb to attend this year's Nats, where he made his mark in Control Line Scale. He won two events, Sport and 1/2A, and scored second in Profile. He scored first in static judging in all three, though. He says he had a great time, too. Well done, sir!

THUMBS ON THE MARCH III, INDOOR FREE FLIGHT NATS

It's sad to say that any review of our club's fanfare at the 2016 Rantoul Nats, or anybody else's, will be found wanting. Something happened, and the usual top-notch daily reports via *NatsNews* aren't in evidence this year. Hence, the following brief review will have to suffice. Attendance was up from Moscow and Colorado Springs, but down from the hazy pasts of Johnson City. About 45 indoorists attended and flew. The flying site was generally considered OK, if a little too short in height, and there a great deal of grouching about the heat and humidity, not the buildings fault. The contest organization was widely praised, and no reasonable complaints were heard there in this regard. As anticipated, quite a few fliers took advantage of the proximity of Rantoul to Muncie and made it a double-dipper.

Bill Gowen and the Finns attended. Bill's high point was placing second in Standard Catapult Glider, only a few hundreds of a second behind the winner and ahead of several of the USA's best. Josh did fine in a number of events: setting national records in F1R and autogiro and winning Hand Launch Stick. Such is the limit of the facts at a reader's disposal via *NatsNews* this year.

THUMBS ON THE MARCH IV, OUTDOOR FREE FLIGHT NATS

Quite a few Thumbs attended the recent USOC Nats in Muncie, and a good time was had by all. The weather was one of the best in recent memory, offering mild winds all days except for some windy spells occasionally a few days. Temperatures were hot but not too worrisome, and at night it cooled down nicely, and the campers slept under blankets some nights. It only drizzled a few times during the daytime and didn't affect anything. The highly regarded Hot Dog Man is retired, but he's been replaced by the Hamburger Dudes, a gastronomic upgrade. Some, but thankfully, not as many missteps were evident in *NatsNews* results, namely hiccups here and there, and unfortunately, Friday's results are nowhere to be found. Reasons for Friday's absence aren't given.

Hayden Asworth had a good week, being ably assisted by Grandpa Graham Selick and Dohrman Crawford. His highpoint was scoring second in Electric B, no mean feat for a kid. Frank Perkins got second in Small Mulvihill. Ed Hardin scored fourth in Moffett, and he, your editor and Jim O'Reilly grabbed first in Team Moffett. Jim Jennings won thirds in Electric B and E-36. Your editor scored firsts in Dime Scale and Jimmie Allen and a second in Embryo. Frankly, the Thumbs on the field flew a ton, but had mostly middle-of-the-pack performances to show for it. We'll give it another go next year. Regardless, we had a ball.

We had quite a few epic treks into the beans outside the cozy confines of the field, and several models were lost including my "Skokie" and "Last Resort". Hayden lost an electric model due to massive pilot error, and you might say Graham's patience was tested. Dohrman lost one, too. However, our ardor isn't diminished, and it'll be "Wagons-ho!" again next year.

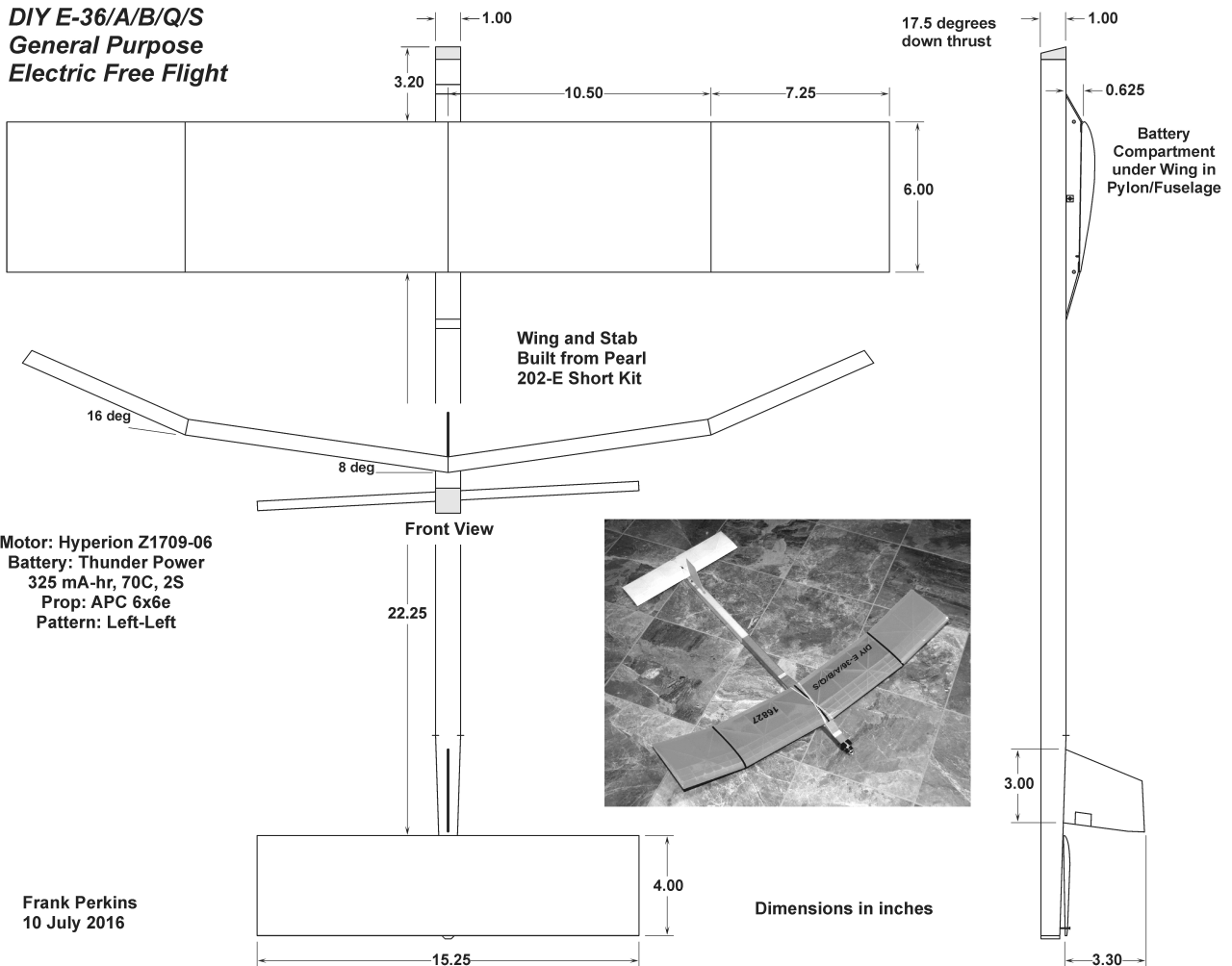
THUMBS AT THE READY

A recent issue of *Flying Aces News* has the current Kanone Report, and once again, a number of Thumbs are listed. Air Marshall Dave Niedzielski leads the way with 74. Major General Josh Finn sits with 32, and Brigadier General Gary Morton with a tad less brass with 25. Lt. Colonel David Mills is listed with 15 (since adding two more!). Major David Barfield sits on the verge of promotion with 14. Captains Dohrman Crawford, Jim Conery, Gary Baughman and Karl Hube Conery have 9, 8, 7 and 7, respectively. Lieutenants Brook Dixon, Sr., Jim Jennings, Jim Altenbern, and Ed Hardin have 3, 3, 2, and 2, respectively. Lieutenant Hope Finn makes her first toeing of the line with 1. (Frankly, if there was a third Phantom Flash flyer at St. Luke's, she'd be much more advanced. Heavy would be the crown.)

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT

The most recent offering from the fertile mind of Frank Perkins follows. It's his latest E-36. I saw it fly in Muncie and timed it a few times. It climbs like a crazy monkey. One is tempted to ask why. A lot of the No. 3 Ticonderoga types in my acquaintance say it has something to do with its low pylon, extreme downthrust, and general air-worthiness. Their explanations give me a headache, so there must be something to it.

DIY E-36/A/B/Q/S General Purpose Electric Free Flight



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

As most of you know, I'm NFFS South Region Vice President and member of its Board of Directors. My second term is ending this year, and I've decided not to run for re-election. This means there's a leadership opportunity for someone in the South to serve, and NFFS is looking for candidates to stand for election.

My time on the Board has been a largely enjoyable and a sometimes aggravating but always rewarding experience. You can actually get a lot of good things done and occasionally get to torpedo some idiocy, both

equally satisfying as it turns out. To a great degree, the Board is pretty light on its feet and rarely laggardly or bureaucratic in addressing our organization's needs. Usually, problems are identified and moved upon swiftly. However, nobody's perfect, and neither is the Board. Occasionally, we drop the ball, and we get the grouching we deserve. Looking back, I've found it easy and productive to bring up subjects of concern and have them acted upon. You can actually get important things done.

What does the job entail? The entire financial and social health of NFFS is your bailiwick. First, there's much fretting over the budget, and the Board drills down into this terrain regularly and in detail. The second big item is getting volunteers to handle things like the symposium editorship, running the indoor and outdoor Nats, manning the various and far-flung rules committees, operating the NFFS merchandising operation, making sure the scholarships go to the right youths, and more. NFFS has two salaried positions, digest editor and webmaster, and there's oversight of these, as required (not much). NFFS also has to circulate within a universe occupied by the AMA, FAC, SAM, FAI community, and both the indoor and outdoor Free Flight worlds, and getting everyone pulling on the same rope is a lot more interesting than you'd first expect. And finally, there's facing the constant, unrelenting background noise of our gradually declining membership ranks.

What are the qualifications? First of all, you have to believe in and belong to NFFS. Some real world executive experience is helpful. Most communication is digital, so facility in this is vital. You need reasonable blocks of time to devote to your duties, but nothing crazy or likely to get your divorced or fired. Personally, I believe a keen interest in competition helps, as we're an organization built around it.

Sound interesting? If so, contact me at davidmillsatl@gmail.com and/or 404-509-4209. I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have. You need to move with some dispatch because the deadline for submittal of candidate blurbs to the digest editor will be October 1. The digest with the ballots will be published shortly thereafter. Quoting Ted Turner: "Lead, follow, or get out of the way."

ILL RUMORS CONFIRMED

Wanda Walston and your intrepid editor have had a number of conversations of late about our OFB Jim. Yes, the rumors of Jim's having Alzheimer's are true, and he's is currently in its late stages and residing in a local assisted living facility. She reports he's doing well, being happy and active most days, the best that can be expected under the circumstances.

Wanda has begun the process of clearing out Jim's vast horde of stuff and has asked TTOMA's help. I spoke up for the club and said, "Yes, no problem, glad to help." She's speaking with Jim's family and a final, detailed resolution of what to do with his aeromodeling and other estate items is due shortly.

I've viewed the bulk of it, and let me say this: the late Frank Hodson no longer wears the crown of having the greatest Free Flight man cave. Imagine Frank's horde times five (I guess), plus maybe triple that for the amount of pointless accumulation. It turns out the earliest sign of something being wrong with Jim was his becoming a bit of a hoarder. Ergo, the first step is getting rid of the debris, separating the wheat from the chaff. Wanda's already filled one, thirty-foot dumpster, and there's probably one more to fill. Bottom line: it's not possible at this juncture to accurately assess what's there in any real detail.

Anywho, keep your eyes peeled for news in these humble pages and via the club's rat line bulletin. It'll be our responsibility/opportunity to help Wanda this aspect of Jim's affairs. We've done it before, and we're up to doing it again.

MAKING A LIST, CHECKING IT TWICE

Here's where we stand in the club's annual high point tourney up through the end of July. If you don't like where you sit, there's plenty of time to up your totals. Eyes on you!

Joshua Finn	42	Jim Altenbern	11	Bill Gowen	3
Karl Hube	38	Nick Ray	9	Dana Russell	2
Hope Finn	26	David Barfield	8	Gary Baughman	2
David Mills	16	Lee Russell	6	Jim Conery	1
Richard Schneider	11	Dohrman Crawford	6	Scott Lapraik	1
Frank Perkins	11	Gary Morton	5	Joe Ryan	1

NEXT ISSUE

Look for something in October. Hopefully, we'll have Gary Baughman's flyer for the Turkey Shoot. You can count on all the contest reports that make it over my transom. As always, I beseech the multitudes to submit anything in the way of articles, photos, rants and raves to these humble offices. Don't make me work too hard! Ciao, y'all!

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Address _____

State and Zip Code _____

Other Family Members and AMA # _____

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Summer Swan Song

Sept. 25, 2016

Gary Morton, CD

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Come and celebrate the end of summer with a mini-contest and good TTOMA fellowship at the North GA Turf Farm. There will be a prize for 1st place in each of three events along with the usual bragging rights. Flying starts at 9:00 AM and ends at 4:00PM with the awarding of awards. Ten dollars and an AMA membership lets you fly all day. Juniors fly free, but must sign up for an AMA membership if they do not have one. Retrieval on the sod surface must be on foot. There is no Porta-Potty on the field (although we've been able to use shop shed facilities on the field in the past).

Special Events:

Embryo

Models will be flown per FAC rules and must be judged for compliance and bonus points by the CD. The models will be flown either ROG or ROT determined before the contest begins. "G" is a plywood runway on the sod, and "T" is a runway on a table. If a fly-off is required, it will be a mass launch at 3:45 PM.

Dime Scale

Models will be flown per FAC rules and must have documentation (plan only) for a compliance check by the CD.

P-30

Models will be flown per AMA rules AMA, which does not have the Builder of the Model rule (BOM). You can build, buy, or borrow the model you fly. Winners will choose a prize from the ones offered in the order determined by the CD. Normally, the weather allows 2-minute maxes. The CD will announce the specific max for the day at the start of the contest, based on conditions.

Club High Point Events:

TTOMA offers year-end high point trophies for club members in a number of categories. Any Free Flight model can be flown using the rules for at least one category. (For example, this year's Month of the Year is the "Comet Phantom Flash". Other categories include scale and SAM Old Timer.) Times turned in will count towards the overall winner at the end of the flying season, and awards will be given out at the annual banquet. Contact David Mills (davidmillsat1@gmail.com) for details about club awards and Karl Hube (fhube@bellsouth.net) for details about the Club Scramble scoring.

May Indoor Contest

The May indoor contest ran smoothly, and Joshua Finn set a new Cat I FIR national record of 26:34. Attendance was a bit light due the contest coinciding with Memorial Day weekend. Nevertheless, the conditions inside were great, and the scores posted were impressive all around. Nick Ray, CD, reporting.

Std. Catapult Glider

Joshua Finn 22.4 + 24.6 = 47.0

Bill Gowen 44.8 + 44.0 = 88.8

Helicopter

Joshua Finn 6:27

Ministick

Nick Ray 9:46

F1R

Joshua Finn 24:42 + 26:34* = 51:16

Intermediate Stick

Joshua Finn 26:34

Back Porch Pusher

Richard Schneider 0:44+1:10+0:59=173

No-Cal Scale

Richard Schneider 1:43+1:43+1:03=269

*new national record, pending

June Indoor Contest

This was my first time ever acting as a CD. A good time was had for all for the June indoor event. Not shown in the results are the usual visits by David Mills and Dohrman Crawford plus a couple spectators. All parties present flew up a storm. Not obvious in the results is the epic battle between Karl and Lee in LPP. Both were testing out new setups which worked nicely. Hope ran away with the win in Hangar Rat. Yours truly raised the club's best Helicopter time despite some technical problems and finally got everything together to make an official flight with my AMA Cabin; I didn't think it was ever going to land! This is probably the first ever official flight of an AMA Cabin in Georgia history. I put up a single full motor flight with my brand new autogiro to break the national record set almost 20 years ago with a similar design. Watch out for Karl's absolutely lethal Nocal. He was trying a new prop; looks like that one's a keeper! See y'all next month. CD Josh Finn, reporting

F1R

Nick Ray 24:00+22:39=46:39

Hope Finn 15:00+14:32=29:32

Limited Pennyplane

Karl Hube 6:13

Lee Russell 6:04

MOY—Phantom Flash

Hope Finn 119+125+127=371

Josh Finn 122+106+122=350

No-Cal Scale

Karl Hube Chambermaid 437

Richard Schneider Boeing XP-9 261

ROG Cabin

Josh Finn 8:00

Autogiro

Josh Finn 12:44

Helicopter

Josh Finn 8:25

Ministick

Nick Ray 2:00

Hangar Rat

Hope Finn 214

Richard Schneider 163

Josh Finn 149

Karl Hube 139

June Bug FAC Contest, Saturday

We had a good time at the big, annual FAC contest and even had some new flyers from out of state. It didn't rain this year, but the temperature was around 100 degrees, and the Atlanta weather people said it was the hottest day in 4 years. Fortunately, the humidity was down, and the breeze was up, so it wasn't too bad on

the contestants. We welcomed Roy Courtney from Charlotte, NC, Jimmy Jordan and his granddaughter Savannah Canady from Wilmington, NC and Mike Fedor all the way from Arlington, Texas. We had some great flights, especially in Embryo and Phantom Flash, but the turnout in scale models was a little light. Three kanones will be awarded, and all we needed was one more flyer in several events for more kanones to be earned. You have a whole year to glue those scale sticks together and bring something to fly next year. Here are the scores, Jim Altenbern, reporting:

Embryo

Mike Fedor Original 310
 Jimmy Jordan Nit 182
 Roy Courtney Gonzo 80
 Savannah Canady Prairie Bird 125

Phantom Flash

David Mills 315
 Savannah Canady 202
 Jimmy Jordan 188
 Jim Conery 125

Peanut Scale

David Mills Lacey M-10 135.5 pts
 Mike Fedor Volksplane 117 pts

Jimmie Allen

Mike Fedor JA Special 153

Dime Scale

Roy Courtney Cessna C-34 203
 Mike Fedor Boeing Mono 187
 David Mills Cessna C-34 153

No-Cal Scale

Mike Fedor F4U Corsair 204

Jet Cat Scale

Mike Fedor Pinto 72

June Bug Jamboree Contest—Part Deux, Sunday

Sunday, June 26 began as a perfect flying day. Wind was down the length of the field, lightly carrying many thermals. Everyone got busy sending up a plethora of models, many garnering a max which for safety's sake was held to 90 seconds. The flying was fun, and all was right with the world.

But, an evil lurked just over the horizon. About lunch and meeting time the field began to see a few raindrops, so we elected to hold our usual proceedings and wait it out. Such was not to be, however, as the rain turned to a downpour with fierce bolts of lightning. Waiting seemed to make no difference in seeing the end of the storm. So, the decision was made to pack it in and hope for better in July.

The following are the results of our abbreviated day, as far as we got before the rain. CD David Barfield, reporting.

Phantom Flash

Jimmie Jordan 202
 Savannah Canady 188

E-20

Frank Perkins 270

Embryo

Jimmie Jordan Nit 173
 Savannah Canady Prairie Bird 116

Jimmie Allen

Mike Fedor J.A. Special 153

SCat Jet

Mike Fedor TT-1 Pinto 57

Dime Scale

Mike Fedor Boeing Monomail 177

Peanut Scale

Mike Fedor Volksplane 138

P-30

Mike Fedor Original 180
 Savannah Canady One Nite 28 89

Peach State Champs Contest

Whit Russell, CD

Blue Ridge Special

Todd Russell 350
Jim Altenbern 164
Dana Russell 125
David Barfield 99

P-30

Frank Perkins ePirate 480
Jim Altenbern Square Eagle 360
Karl Hube Scorpion 354

E-20

Gary Morton First Toy 188

HLG

Dohrman Crawford Who Dat? 125

Catapult Glider

David Barfield Horns and Fins 105

Jimmie Allen

David Barfield Sky Chief 25

Contest report

TTOMA Indoor Contest

St. Lukes

July 9, 2016

The July 9 indoor contest got off to a rough start when we found the church locked up with no one in sight to remedy the situation. Eventually Robbie (the building engineer) was contacted and came to let us in. Then around 3:30 the air conditioning came on which ended the flying for the day.

During the time that flying was possible Josh unofficially beat his national record in FIR but didn't record the flight. Hope and Karl beat up the air all day with a variety of ships. Nick flew Ministick most of the day but didn't record any official flights. I spent the day doing sink rate testing of my two much modified standard class gliders built for the indoor Nats at Rantoul. Some of the world's top glider fliers will be at Rantoul so the competition will be fierce. Results will be known by the time this report gets published.

Here are the complete recorded flight times:

Phantom Flash

Hope Finn 109, 111, 110 (5:30 total)
Joshua Finn 113, 115 (3:48 total)

Hangar Rat

Hope Finn 124, 119 (4:03 total best 2)
Karl Hube 76, 85, 92, 93, 96 (3:09 total best 2)

No-Cal

Karl Hube 2:16, 2:03, 2:13 (6:32 total)

Limited Pennyplane

Karl Hube 3:57, 5:58, 4:25

August Indoor Contest Report

The August indoor contest was warm, with afternoon temperatures into the 90s. Bill Gowen spent the majority of the contest repairing gliders that had warped at the Nats. By the end of the day he had four planes back in working order. Josh Finn was well on his way to breaking 30 minutes with his Hand Launched Stick, when a damaged high-pitch step on his VP hub thwarted his efforts. Karl Hube and Richard Schneider both showed a great deal of consistency in their events. Hopefully, the building will be a little cooler for the September contest.

Standard Catapult Glider

Bill Gowen 36.0+38.0=74.0

Helicopter

Joshua Finn 4:27

F1D

Joshua Finn 16:38+18:20=34:58

No-Cal Scale

Richard Schneider 1:31+1:33+1:32=4:36

Phantom Flash

Karl Hube 63+63+64=190

Pop Purdy's Contest Report

Ten flyers and a few lookers took a chance on the weather and made the trip to the sod farm. The weather was good all morning with some variable drift and spotty thermal activity. The wind picked up from the west after noon and made the river a bit more of a possibility. Increasing wind and some rain brought things to a natural conclusion at about 3:30. Everyone left the field except Jim Altenbern and David Barfield who were looking for Jim's model on the East side of the field. Karl put up a booming BRS flight OOS which was the only other model that didn't make it home...you gotta love that great flying little airplane.

There were quite a few official flights made and a good bit of test flying. The scores as turned in are as follows, Graham Selick, CD, reporting:

Catapult Glider

Jim Altenbern 151

David Barfield 82

Karl Hube 39

Lee Russell 16

Dime Scale

David Mills (Cessna Airmaster) 156

Gary Baughman (Cessna Airmaster) 99

E-36

Scott Lapraik 360

MOY—Phantom Flash

Karl Hube 45+48+54=147

E-20

Frank Perkins 270

BRS/Old Goat Smackdown

Karl Hube 90 (OOS)

Jimmie Allen

David Barfield Sky Chief 32

SCat Jet

Gary Morton unknown 82

Karl Hube (Hawker Hunter) 49

David Barfield unknown 48

Rubber Scale

David Mills (Lacey M-10) 86

Gary Baughman (SE-5) 52

Dohrman Crawford (DeHavilland Comet) 28

June Meeting Minutes

The June 26 TTOMA meeting was called to order by President David Barfield at 12:45 pm. There were 8 members present. The club secretary/treasurer was not present at the meeting. The May meeting minutes were discussed as written in the last newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and voted to approve the minutes. No treasurer's report was given.

Old Business

David Mills reported that's the Nat's contestants will have lots of beans to contend with at this year's Nat's. David also reported that the Indoor Nats will be held at Rantoul Illinois and will be held in a hangar at the old Chanute AFB. The indoor Nats are only about 3 hours away from the outdoor Nats and people who are interested can attend both without a lot of driving. David also said that the AMA in interested in purchasing the hangar and some property around it for a permanent flying facility for indoor FF and RC.

New Business

David Barfield told the club members that the club by-laws will be rewritten this year and should be presented to the club members for a vote by years end.

Jim Altenbern gave a report on the new club in North Carolina, the Blue Ridge Free Flight Society. He reported on the club members that make up the club and the description of the club field.

No other business was presented, and at 1:00 pm, David Barfield made a motion to close the club meeting. This was seconded and approved by the club members. Respectfully submitted by Jim Altenbern, Treasurer and Acting Secretary.

July Meeting Minutes

The July 17 TTOMA meeting was called to order by David Barfield at 12:00 Noon at the North Georgia Turf Farm with fourteen members present.

Treasurer's Report

Karl Hube reported that the current club balance was \$X,XXX.XX. There are no outstanding debts. The only expense since the June meeting was \$50.96 paid to Doster for hosting our club web site. This payment covers two years of service. Gary Morton made a motion to accept the report as presented and Frank Perkins gave a second. The motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the June meeting were read. No discussion followed, and the minutes were accepted.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Dohrman Crawford asked everyone to consider attending the next banquet which will be held at the end of January on the Saturday night one week prior to the Super Bowl. Our banquet attendance has dropped off over the last few years, and the restaurant we have used, Petite Auberge, may no longer accept a banquet request for a smaller group. The establishment has always had a good record of food quality and pleasant surroundings.

Karl Hube put forth the idea of a Competition Board to structure our monthly contests so members and visitors would know what to expect for each month's activity. This was not proposed to replace any current club flying, but this Board could designate special events each month. No action was taken, and this concept is an open issue.

Gary Morton asked why the June minutes mentioned rewriting our club By Laws. The primary reason given was to convert our poling, nomination process, and voting procedures to an electronic effort as opposed to our long stated method of face-to-face meetings. Our membership is very geographically scattered and a personal meeting is no longer practical.

There being no further business, Dana Russell made a motion to adjourn, and Frank Perkins gave a second. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM. Respectfully submitted by Karl Hube, Secretary.

August Meeting Minutes

The August 21 meeting of TTOMA was called to order by President David Barfield at 12:15PM at the North Georgia Turf Farm. Eleven members were present.

Treasurer's & Secretary's Reports

Secretary/Treasurer Karl Hube did not have current reports available, but it was stated that no outstanding debts exist for the club, and overall funds balance is on track for the year. Both reports have been or will be published in the club newsletter.

Old Business

Frank Perkins reminded us of the objective to replace the sod farm wind sock for the owner as a gift. Karl Hube is still responsible for this effort.

David Mills reported that the Nationals weather was favorable, and our club was well represented in the competition.

Dohrman Crawford repeated his request for more people to consider attending the club banquet in January. For the last several years, we have met at Petite Auberge for the dinner gathering. However, our attendance has dropped to the point that the restaurant may not accept our request for a banquet room. The banquet is scheduled on the Saturday night of the weekend before the Super Bowl.

New Business

David Mills reported that the new NFFS Symposium is available and that it is a large, fact-filled document of value. He also said that new NFFS T-shirts are in circulation, so check the NFFS web site for this product. He also reported on the health condition of our club mate Jim Walston. David's report to the NFFS can be found in the next newsletter, NFFS digest and NFFS website. Basically, Jim is in the late stages of Alzheimer's and in a local assisted living facility. Wanda asked the club's help in disposing of Jim's vast modeling estate, other collectibles and a very large amount of junk. David said he volunteered us straight away.

Karl Hube reported that a new information button has been added to the club website that presents contest information. Currently, the button brings up the details of the September contest CDed by Gary Morton.

We are proud to announce that David Mills has achieved the Blue Max in the Flying Aces Club (FAC). Well done, David.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40. Respectfully submitted by Karl Hube, Secretary

JUNE CONTEST SCENES—Barfield



