

May-Aug., 2021

HEADS UP

This issue is as late as can be, and your tardy editor won't beat around the bush. Frankly, a lot of things on the home front went south (as in Savannah), and after taking several trips down there and spending a lot of time dealing with it, I just didn't have the whatever-it-takes to put the old shoulder to the grindstone. Hopefully, most of this mess is remedied or soon will be, and I can spend more of my time on things directly involving what I actually WANT to do. (I missed the Muncie Nats because of this nonsense, and my backside is still chapped over it.) Happily looking forward, I'm planning to put out another issue by year's end. All this points to the importance of our Bulletin in filling in the past gaps—thanks go to Karl Hube. Well done, sir!

So, welcome to the current issue. Much of interest is continued herein. We've been busy at the sod farm and elsewhere, and those reports follow. Really, the outdoor season has gone much like years before, more or less, for which we're all grateful. The indoor season so far has been much like last year. A few gatherings at Christ Church in Macon, but St. Lukes and its lovely Great Hall remained closed to outside groups. We were hoping otherwise for 2021, but it's safe to wager we can blame the cursed Delta variant. Hope brings eternal for the fall, certainly for 2022. Don't forget about the October contest and November's Turkey Shoot.

Time for me to get out of the way. Ciao, y'all!

RENEWAL NAG

Well, if you've still putting off joining our merry band, you're in luck, although not excused or forgiven. We're in the last half of the year, and you're due our traditional half-off deal, good until the end of the year. So, if you've been coasting on your recalcitrant laurels, you can assuage your shameless guilt by stroking that check on the line that is dotted and mailing it Karl Hube to the address indicated on the membership form that follows. You know who you are. Eyes on you!

THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO AND PEOPLE TO SEE

We're looking at the last of the outdoor season in the coming few months, so get baddself out to the sod farm at the dates indicated for some fun and fresh air. We're still shut out of St. Lukes. We were seeing some burbles of hope this spring, but the ongoing Covid rampage put a lusty stomp to that. Stay tuned for any news about that. And, you never know when an opportunity might pop up at Christ Church in Macon.

Oct. 3: N G Farm, Last Fling Til Spring Contest, CD-Jim Conery Oct. 23: AtlantaCon 2021, ipms-atlanta.org, IAM Lockheed Union Hall, S Marietta Pkwy, Marietta . Nov. 7: N G Turf, Turkey Shoot Contest, CD-Gary Baughman Jan. 15, 2022: Atlanta Model Train Show. Gas South Convention Center. Sugarloaf Pkwy, Duluth.

THUMBS ON THE MARCH: 2021 USIC PONTIAC AND USOC MUNCIE NATS

Josh Finn sent in a commentary on the Finn's trip to both the indoor Pontiac Nats and the outdoor Muncie Nats. It follows, but note I took the liberty of paraphrasing in order to include other reports on the Pontiac Nats. His report was both incomplete and overly modest in regards to what the "Flying Finns" did there. This warrants some sort of spotlight, as you will see. I kept the quotes, although they over-arch in the original text:

"Caleb came away with Junior High Point at USIC, and I got Rubber and Grand Champ, including firsts in Pennyplane, F1M, Manhattan, Intermediate Stick, A-ROG and Jet Scale Catapult, a fourth in Easy B and thirds in F1N and UCLG, the latter two classes I've always struggled with. Indoor Helicopter was a family affair with me winning and Hope scoring second; likewise with ROG Cabin, Hand Launch Stick and FAC Embryo. (My Hourglass III (HLS) won with a 38-minute flight!) Hope Finn won FAC Phantom Flash Master, plus Ornithopter going away. Attendance was up with 69 fliers, plus lots of kids including a dozen or more Science Olympiad flyers from across the country.

"The flying site was excellent with nearly zero drift for literally the entire week. Many thanks to the Cloudbusters for running a smooth contest and welcoming my family."

This just in from Dohrman Crawford: "We finally got back to the best field we get to fly on all year! 2021 saw it in great shape, with plenty of long grass for trimming, and excellent weather. It was the usual slog getting up there on I- 75, with it taking me over 10 hours of driving thanks to construction near Knoxville. It was long enough a delay that I drove right by the Red State BBQ just north of Lexington. Frank Perkins, Jim Conery, Josh and Hope Finn and the boys and I made up the initial cadre, with Graham Selick showing up later in the week. Only Jim and I occupied Camp David, fortified by at least a metric ton of cheese puffs, Peanut M&Ms and Yuengling Lager. I had a mediocre Nats flying-wise, with my efforts consistently crashing, or wrecking me out of events. Jim, Frank and Josh did much better, IMHO! Here are our best results:

Sunday

Josh Finn won second in Moffett and OT HLG. Frank Perkins got third in Small Mulvihill Monday

Caleb Finn won Jr Mulvihill. Josh Finn scored seventh in Mulvihill and E20. Frank Perkins tied for sixth in OT Catapult. Scott Lapraik got second in C Gas and fifth in A NosGas.

Tuesday

Josh Finn got second in E-36. Caleb Finn scored fifth in Jr HLG and third in Jr E-36. Scott Lapraik scored second in B NosGas.

Wednesday

Josh Finn won firsts in Dawn Unlimited and 1/2E Nos. Caleb Finn scored fourth in Jr HLG. Scott Lapraik won One Design 1/2A and got second in Electric A. Ed Hardin got second in FAC OT Fuselage. <u>Thursday</u>

Frank Perkins placed second in P-30, Dohrman sixth and Hope Finn seventh. Caleb Finn won first in P-30. Josh Finn scored second in PeeWee 30. Scott Lapraik got third in CD Classic Gas.

"All in all, an excellent time flying with your friends! If you have not been to the Nats, you should make an effort to do so!"

This just in from Jim Conery: "Hi David, here's my thoughts. As a kid, I saw photo coverage in the occasional model magazines that I could find of the Navy Nats back in the 1960s and 1970s and dreamed about attending. Needless to say, such opportunities did not come along for boys in Northern New England who could barely get a model airplane to fly downhill for 100 feet. Fifty plus years later in 2021 I attended my second AMA Nationals. I arrived in Muncie early with the intention of trimming some of my models only to find out that the field was shut down for individual flying while some R/C guys were pattern flying. It even got to be a real tussle when some guys tried to do some trimming, and AMA people got rather militant

and threatening. NFFS President Dave Lindley has come out strongly in favor of the Free Flight organization having more time ahead of official flying to test fly and trim. NFFS working for us! While no flying was allowed, many attendees used the time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. After a year long hiatus there were plenty of new stories and some old ones to rehash!

"I signed up to fly F1G Coupe with my new Winterhawk II, not realizing exactly how the event was flown. Five one-hour rounds kept me busy all one day and caused me to miss a couple FAC events that I had wanted to fly. I did learn a lot, got some help from great flyers and would try the event again next year. Flew P-30 on a rather breezy day. No great flights but managed to stay out of the corn fields. I didn't fly my .020 Replica due to cut-off timer malfunction. It worked good at home!

"High points of the 2021 Nats for me was seeing all the modelers that I haven't seen for two years. Seeing Bud Romak celebrate his 93rd birthday was great. Watching Josh Finn's Dawn Unlimited model flying out in the rising sun and ground fog was beautiful to see. Breakfast every morning at the 12th Street Cafe was tasty and filling for the whole day. Presenting Dohrm Crawford with his own jug of New England Maple Syrup made his eyes bug out, and he drooled uncontrollably! Other memorable events were the wonderful weather all week, no lost or seriously damaged models, sitting around the campfire (Coleman lantern) eating Cheeseballs and peanut M&M's. Also, seeing Dohrm's face when the mustard dispenser at the Oasis exploded in his hand and covered his burger and fries with at least a cup and a half of yellow mustard, and later seeing Dohrm's face when another modeler asked to see the wing of one of his models and when he handed it over, an anonymous modeler crushed a water bottle out of sight near his ear, causing a look of near panic on Dorhm's face. I saw it coming as did several others, and everyone got a huge laugh!

"The banquet was quite adequate, and the barbecue and raffle night were fun. I think Dohrm and I had one hundred tickets between us and went home empty handed. We made up for our losses by digging heavily into the huge pile of cookies supplied by Patti Lorbiecki.

"After packing up all the models and gear, another long ride home, made better by an audio book and a lunch stop at the Red State Barbecue for brisket sandwiches. Although I don't consider myself a serious competition flyer, I do enjoy being in Muncie for the Nats. And yes, I do plan on being there again next year!

"Hope this adds to your report on the Nats. And it sucked that you couldn't be there with us. Probably made the peanut M&M's last longer!" (Got that right!—DM!)



THUMBS ON THE MARCH: GUILLOW SKYBATTLE POSTAL

The local fliers pretty much dominated the much anticipated Guillow Skybattle Postal. Not to toot our own horns, but the top three podium spots were usurped by your editor and his Javelin-210 seconds, Dohrman Crawford and his Lancer-117 seconds and Josh Finn with his Lancer-80 second. Dohrman and I had a pretty good day at the sod farm. Josh got his at the Muncie Nats.

It was great to fly these old models of our youth. A Guillow Lancer was the first model I build and actually got to fly. It was 1964 or thereabouts. Many others have similar stories. After a handful of test flights and a few tweaks, my Javelin flew on rails. Likewise, the others, I'm sure.

THUMBS ON THE MARCH: 2021 SAM CHAMPS

This just in from Jim Conery: "Hi David! I thought the club might be interested in my trip up to Muncie for the SAM Champs for the newsletter. I drove up on Saturday and got into some sprinkles just before arriving on the field. Got my tent set up in record time and partially tied down just as the skies opened up. Made for a nice night's sleep with the rain on the tent. Sunday morning after a hearty breakfast at the 12th Street Café, I want back to the Claude McCullough room at the AMA Museum for the Model Engine Collectors Association Collecto and engine raffle. Only bought one engine, an Arden .099 glow and won two more in the raffle, a Veco .19 and an Anderson Royal Spitfire, both in like new condition. Sunday afternoon was the SAM registration, and the free beer tap was open!

"I'm not sure what the total attendance was, but there were not many SAM Free Flight contestants around, pretty good participation in the NFFS events and a fair group at the SAM RC events. I had models to fly in A, B and C Ignition, but the winds kicked up Tuesday and blew hard through Thursday, so I was reluctant to fly them. I saw too many other models damaged/destroyed to risk it. Did do some test flying in the late evenings when it calmed down a little and managed to get my Super Snooper trimmed pretty well.

"Tuesday night was the traditional Bean Feed at the museum with lots of chat and making up for the lost year due to Covid, plus more free beer. Flying was marginally better on Wednesday but still quite windy. Wednesday night was the pizza and more free beer night at the museum and yet another raffle where I scored three more very nice ignition engines. Also, the Concourse D'Elegance was on, and there were some really beautiful models to see. Each model is required to make at least one official flight to enter, so you know they flew as good as they look! By this time of the week there were some FAC flyers arriving, and their models added a lot to the event.

'The sad and depressing part of the week for me was that, from the time I arrived, I was hearing rumors that this would be the last SAM Champs in Muncie, a rumor that's been around for awhile. Later in the week the rumor had expanded to say that this was going probably to be the last SAM Champs. Still later the talk was about trying to get NFFS to adopt the SAM Free Flight events, much like nostalgia and vintage events. Not sure where that would leave the RC flyers, but they would have to fend for themselves. With all that being said, I'm glad that I was able to go and fly at least some and be a part of it all. I would certainly do it all again!

"The other bummer was being up the alone. It's a lot more fun with a group, hopefully, the next year will be better, and we can all get up for the Nats! Regards, Jim."

THUMBS GETTING PROMOTIONS

Among the many things Dohrman Crawford got done in Muncie was getting awarded the FAC's coveted Blue Max for his 16 hard fought kanones. It took a few years, but persistence pays. Congrats, Dohrman!



THUMBS IN PRINT AND ON THE INTERWEBS

The May-June issue of the NFFS digest arrived and brought news that Josh Finn is the new indoor rubber editor. Well experienced in this aspect of things, including a spot on a past USA F1D team, he'll do a good job. While we're on this subject, be sure to check out him and Hope's YouTube channel. You'll find dozens

of videos featuring those two, their sons and plenty of his catalog on the workbench and in the air with building and trimming content. Their website is jhaerospace.com . (The things they're doing with electricity these days.)

The current July-Aug. issue brings a bounty of coverage by Josh Finn and many others and much mentions of the Thumbs from both the indoor Pontiac and outdoor Muncie Nats, too many to address here in detail. All are encouraged to read it. It won't disappoint. Don't have a copy? Well, you must not be a member, and shame on you.

NEW LAMPS FOR OLD

We're all looking forward to having an annual banquet early next year. Hopefully, the Fates will be kind and allow it. Regardless, bring your 2019 mahogany to either of the next two contests, so David Barfield and I can fix them up for the festivities. Don't make us come and get 'em! Eyes on you!

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

If you can, attend the Atlanta IPMS Model Show at the Lockheed Union Hall in Marietta on October 23 and the Atlanta Model Railroad Show on January 15 at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. I enjoy both, and everyone missed them in 2021. Ergo, give the Fates the finger and show up this go-around. We all deserved better and got robbed of a whole year of our personal lives. Get back in it. Both events are easy Googles. See y'all there.

MAKING A LIST, CHECKING IT TWICE

You'll find many changes in the high point tallies since last time, and if any of you want to up your chances, you'd better show up at the sod farm in October. You snooze, you lose.

David Mills 44	Ed Hardin 14
Dohrman Crawford 33	Jim Conery 10
James Martin 31	Jimmy Jordan 9
Doug Demasie 29	Jim Altenbern 8
Frank Perkins 18	David Barfield 5
Gary Baughman 15	Gary Morton 5

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NEXT ISSUE

Look for the next issue around Thanksgiving. We'll have two more contest reports and maybe word on the next banquet. As always, I beseech the multitudes for contributions in the way of articles, op-eds, photos, raves and/or rants. Don't make me work too hard! Ciao, y'all!

2021 TTOMA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name	AMA#
Address	State and Zip Code
Other Family Members and AMA #	
TelephoneEmail	

\$10.00/year for adults and other adult family members in same household. No charge all aged 18 yrs. or younger. Send check, payable to TTOMA, to Karl Hube/104 Smith Forest Lane/ Alpharetta, GA 30004/770-886-0604. Note half rate only lasts until 12/31/2021.

Tenth Annual TTOMA Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

10AM-<u>3:45</u>EST, November 7, 2021 North Georgia Turf Farm, Whitesburg, GA

Gate opens at 9AM EST Note the time change to Eastern "Standard" Time!

Schedule of Events

- 10-3 The famous target time event* (rec. time of every flight)
- 10 FAC Scale Mass Launch (Any FAC Scale model, top 3 F/O)
- 10-3 Cat Jet, Best 3 of 6, highest total time wins
- 11 Embryo Mass Launch, H/L, last down wins
- 10-3 Any SAM Rubber Model, 120 sec max, best 3 flight total
- 10-3 P-30, 120 sec max, best 3 flight total wins
- 1:30 Catapult/Hand launch glider mass launch, top 3 fly off
- 2:30 Blue Ridge Special, Mass Launch, Last down wins
- 3:30 or earlier Awards Ceremony (Drive home in daylight)
- **Target time** will be sealed in an envelope to be opened at the conclusion of flying. Make sure you record time on every flight. Flight time closest to target takes the prize. Fly-off if tied.

Winners in each event will be awarded a \$25 Publix Gift Certificate to help enrich the family's Thanksgiving dinner offerings.

Events/Rules may be amended to fit weather conditions or for other considerations. These changes will be announced by the Head Gobbler in Charge (HGIC) prior to the start of any scheduled event.

HGIC: CD Gary Baughman gjbman@bellsouth.net 770-313-4921

2021 CHATTAHOOCHEE CHALLENGE REPORT

After skipping a year due to Covid-19, TTOMA held our fourth annual Chattahoochee Challenge on June 26th and 27th. The weather cooperated with bright sun, temps in the eighties and a few strong breezes and sprinkles on Sunday. Due to Georgia's lower vaccination rate, we weren't sure how many people would show up but were pleased to see 21 contestants show up on Saturday morning. The usual flyers included Wally and Julie Farrell, Dohrman Crawford, David Mills and many other club members. We also had two new flyers, Mark Fineman, who moved to Wake Forest last year, and F.S. Gilbert who came down to visit his OFB Jim Conery. The competition was terrific with 5 or 6 people in most classes including the mass launches. We had some impressive scores in a few classes including 400 seconds in No-Cal by Mark Fineman, 289 seconds by David Mills in Phantom Flash and 233 seconds in GHQ Peanut by Wally Farrell. Wally Farrell was again grand champion but he didn't win everything and the other flyers made him work for what he did win. In the combined racers mass launch Wally's Goon only beat David Mill's Mr. Smoothie by 5 seconds, and in Jet Catapult Scale and No-Cal, Wally was second to Josh Finn and Mark Fineman. We all had a great deal of fun and there were only 3 lost models to Hung and the Mighty Hooch this year. The contest concluded Sunday about 3:30pm, and all the awards were handed out. Gary Morton and myself, Jim Altenbern, are already planning next years Chattahoochee Challenge. The contest should be in June, and if you are interested in attending, we can give you some suggestions on avoiding the infamous Atlanta traffic. Y'all come and join us! Co-CD Jim Altenbern, reporting.

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July Outdoor Contest Report

The weather forecast offered much promise for our Country Fried Contest, but Mother Nature had had a few tricks up her sleeve. The Thumbs gathered on the field met overcast skies and threats of drizzle. Both were gone in a few hours as skies cleared and the sun came out. Most of the mid-day had temps in the low eighties and OK winds out of the SW with no drift worries. However, winds kicked up considerably after lunch and got a little gusty. Altogether, not a great flying day, but the right side of the sod and all that.

The featured event of the day was Embryo, and that that turned out to be a real contest. The rest of the day, most of us flew old models and trimmed new ones as Nats and other plans dictated. See everybody in August! CD David Mills, reporting.

FAC Embryo (all w/9 pts.)	
James Martin Bad Ax 315	
D. Crawford Bad Ax 231	FAC Dime Scale
Jim Conery Max Out 217	James Martin Caudron 192
Catapult Glider (new rules)	<u>Bostonian</u>
Frank Perkins Sidewinder 284	James Martin DeH. Beaver 131
Doug DeMasie b His Own 239	
	<u>E20</u>
Commercial Rubber	James Martin Heat Stroke 48
David Mills Miss Canada Sr. 55	

August Outdoor Contest Report

We had a rather large turnout for the August outdoor contest, considering the threatening weather conditions. Eleven members signed in for the event. The main contest was the FAC Scat Jet. Jim Conery won the event with his DeHavilland Vampire. The afternoon turned warm and had some occasional wind bursts. But, all in all it was a nice day of flying. Everyone seemed to have a good time. A special thanks to Doug DeMasie's wife for bringing those excellent Peanut Butter bars. It was worth the trip just to get those. CD Lee Russell, reporting.

FAC Scat Jet	No-Cal Scale
Jim Conery DeHav. Vampire 66	James Martin Chambermaid 122
Doug DeMasie Canberra 40	Dohrm Crawford Cessna Turbo 59
Dohrm Crawford Phantom F4 37	
James Martin Heinkel 23	FAC 2-Bit Plus 1
David Barfield 16	James Martin Flying Cloud Jr 138
<u>E-20</u>	FAC 1/2 Wakefield
Frank Perkins DIY E-20 270	James Martin 171
James Martin Heat Stroke 82	
	<u>Small Mulvihill</u>
Coupe	David Mills Smulvi DeVille 83
David Mills Coupe de Brie 110	
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<u>P-30</u>	David Mills Mof-It Mk 2bis 24
David Mills wwt.30.max 230	

FAC Blue Ridge Special Doug DeMasie Dohrm Crawford <u>Catapult Glider</u> Jim Altenbern Cata Piglet 173 Dohrm Crawford No Name 66 Doug DeMasie Misfit 61

September Outdoor Contest Report

Hi there, Smackdown Lovers! Yes, the eagerly awaited chance for Fame and Glory, the Old Goat Smackdown arrived on Sept 5th. A pretty day, with a little wind in the afternoon greeted the 13 fliers who showed up to battle their pals, and wolf down Debbie DeMasie's homemade cookies! Since I am watching my weight, I only ate a dozen. Thank you, Debbie! A highlight of the day! We were happy to have Charles Frederico, Emily and Jake Tedder present as fliers. Thanks for coming out! Here are the scores. Acting CD Dohrman Crawford, reporting.

Old Goat Smackdown Doug DeMasie 281 Gary Baughman 245 David Fletcher 163 Jake Tedder 131 Emily Tedder 127 Dohrman Crawford 70 Charles Frederico 65

<u>P-30</u> Frank Perkins. DIY P30 1.4 346 David Mills wwt.30 max 81

<u>FAC Embryo</u> John Frederico Gonzo 27

<u>HLG</u>

David Mills Sting 30 65

<u>Cloud Tramp</u> John Frederico 22

<u>Small Mulvihill</u> David Mills Smulvi De Ville 120

FAC No-Cal Scale James Martin Chambermaid 59

<u>FAC 2 Bit Plus 1</u> James Martin Flying Cloud Jr 218

<u>FAC 1/2 Wake</u> James Martin Miss Philly 162

Guillows Lancer James Martin 91

