



# THE MAX-OUT

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## PONDERINGS DEP'T

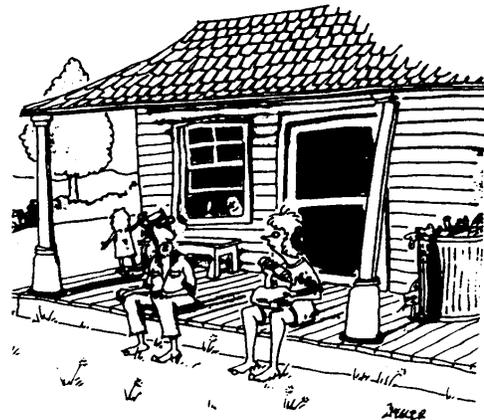
Just about the time you think you can take a deep breath and just float, that big shark creeps out of the depths. Have you ever noticed that things go haywire when you are the busiest and least able to respond?

Wildfires and web site hackers come to mind.

Our club benefits from some very wonderful people in the FF community. Noticeably, Don DeLoach's effort in the latest issue of Model Aviation. Don did the lion's share but gave credit elsewhere.

*"Jay Smith, Model Aviation editor deserves all of the credit Jay Smith, Model Aviation editor deserves all of the credit."*

*Don may be humble, but he's all we got.  
...anon*



"Ma ...  
Awww....never mind. The club really covers you in times of need.

*Sad News...Jim Whelan, airplane enthusiast and club member lost his fight with cancer in the night of June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will miss his stories. Bye buddy...Rick*

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**NEAR TERM EVENTS:**

<b>MMM MTG!</b>	<b>Every Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Dinner at the Castle Cafe in Castle Rock.</b>
<b>Wings Over the Rockies Indoor</b> 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
<i>July 13-15</i>	<i>FAI WC 14 ROUNDER !</i>

**HEADS UP: !!!!**

*Going to the field Monday-Friday! Don't forget to call the Corps of Engineers trailer on Quincy Rd, The number is (303) 690-3816*

**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](mailto: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



**From the Bench....  
Marc Sisk**

Just a short blast from me this time. Events over the past week in Colorado Springs have caused everyone who lives here, and I dare say the nation, to pause and reflect on what is important in their lives, just how devastating a wildfire can be and how a community and the nation can come together to overcome almost anything. I am so proud of our city, community leaders and first responders. I heard a story about one of the firefighters who was in the fight to save the homes in the Shadow Mountain subdivision where 346 homes were destroyed in minutes Tuesday evening. His wife said that he slept on the pavement right there in the subdivision for two hours and then went right back at it! Thanks to all!

The 33rd Annual MMM 14 Rounder FAI contest is upon us. As you may recall, it has a World Cup designation. From the pre-entries, it appears that we will again have new folks on the field and many returning friends. Jerry has posted the duty roster a couple times and asked for volunteers. I see only a few names from the club on it so far. We need to do better than that folks. I certainly appreciate and thank those of you who have stepped up to help, but a contest of this size and importance for the Club requires everyone to pitch in and volunteer their time over the

weekend. So if your name is not on the roster yet, contact Jerry ASAP to see where and how you can help. Now is the time to take action!

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Carol and I hosted a dinner to honor and celebrate our MMM NFFS Hall of Fame members. It was our pleasure to open our house for this event and hopefully everyone had a great time. Please see the article and pictures in this edition of the MaxOut.

Pete McQuade is coordinating a MMM outreach event at the Air Force Academy on July 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing a presentation and flying demonstration to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) educators. This is a great opportunity to show them who we are, what we do and how we can assist them in their mission of educating young folks. If you are available on the 17<sup>th</sup>, please let Pete know.

On a very sad note, our good friend and fellow MMM member Jim Whelan passed away from cancer. Jim was the kind of guy who loved life and his friends. Little things meant a lot to him. Jim, you meant a lot to us!



That's all for now. Please be extremely mindful of fire safety when you are at the field. We cannot afford any accidents in this area. See you on the field at the 14 Rounder!

## Magnificent Mountain Men NFFS Hall of Fame (HOF) Dinner Celebration

On Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Carol and I hosted a dinner celebration for current and new MMM NFFS HOF members. Current members include Annie Gieskieng (1986), Bill Gieskieng (1991), Lee Hines (2006) and Herb Kothe (2008). Jerry Murphy has been selected for induction this year. Twenty two folks showed up for the event. Bill, Herb and Jerry were in attendance. Lee was not able to attend as I am sure he was probably putting up maxes somewhere in the country. We missed you Lee! Annie will always be in our hearts and memories.

The social hour began at five with drinks and hors d'œuvres. It didn't take long for the room (and shop) to be filled with stories and reminiscing of all sorts. Dinner was served at six thirty with an Italian theme. Carol prepared lasagna, chicken cannelloni, crab cakes, rice, salads and breads. I tried to play waiter and kept swapping out empty pans for full ones as folks filed through our dining room.



After everyone was about done with dinner and before dessert, I talked a little about the HOF and the process to become a HOF member. I pointed out that since the inception of the HOF in 1978, 151 folks have been inducted, an average of four per year (17 were inducted in the first class). Based on HOF bios, I spoke to several key accomplishments for each current member. I spoke of Jerry's accomplishments based on his nomination letters. Each person was given a chance to speak and relate their memories and stories to one or more of their accomplishments. A hearty round of applause was given to all of our current and "to be inducted" HOF members. After the introductions, Ken Phair presented each gentleman with a bottle of very nice Champagne.



This was a great and very fitting gesture. Thanks again Ken! There is a story behind where Jerry's bottle came from. You will have to ask Jerry or Ken.

Carol baked a HOF cake and another chocolate cake for dessert. We took a picture of her and the HOF gentlemen. She tipped the cake up for the picture and it almost slid off the table onto the carpet. That would have been bad! She caught it with no undesired consequences.



I want to thank all the folks who took the time out of their weekend to attend and make this evening special. A special thanks to Mel Gray for helping to organize this event, to Don DeLoach for providing the critical information that I used for each member and to my wife Carol who did all the work to satisfy your hungry appetites!

*Editor's Note: The food was EXCELLENT !!!*

*Most hosts would hit Costco or SAM's Club for food, but Carol Sisk made all of it...the crabcakes were wonderful and from a woman who has never had one!*

## STUMP CLUB DEP'T

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

Some not so “Treasured” though

### MMM WEB SITE HACKED AND DESTROYED !!!!

Colorado has been hit with some disasters this year. If you even have television you would know that there have been many fires in the state. Fortunately, they haven't impacted the club activities, but it they did affect a few of the members.

Jerry Murphy and Darold Jones were both evacuated from their homes in Manitou Springs from the Waldo Canyn fire and Dave Wineland and Cass Pangell were on a pre-evacuation alert from the fire in Boulder.

But the biggest disaster affecting the club was the total hacking and destruction of our web site. I was out of town for about 2 weeks in early June and when I got back there was this note that the MMM web site was acting up. I logged into it and all sorts of nasty note appeared.

I immediately called my son, who is our gracious web hoster and he said he would look into it right away.

We had been hacked into before but that was from what they call a “bot” hacker, which is like an auto program that searches for loopholes in emails or any other thing 24/7. Many of us have had this type of hacking on our email systems. For those episodes, changing passwords solves the problem.

But, this intrusion was BIG time. It was hacked by a group that spends ALL of their free time scanning the web looking for thins to hack and destroy. They are internationally known and for whatever reason, found a lead into our site. The original entry came from this outfit and was in Greece. The sad part is then their “competition” finds out and then they start tearing down the site telling the first hacker how much better they are at hacking and so it goes. Some of their notes were rude and vulgar and we had to shut it down.

Repeated attempts to start up the site and reboot it from backup files didn't work. Apparently the entry point glitch was on their constant vigilance and it just got worse.

We had no other choice but to shut down the site. This was a problem in that the FAI World Cup Contest is imminent and information regarding the contest was available on the site. A recovery lan is we created a temporary one page site with directions to contact “themaxout” for contest information. Patience gladly appreciated.

So...we are in the process of creating a totally new site for the MMM Club. The content fortunately was saved and the recreation of the site should not be a big issue, but it does take a bit of time.

### From Murph:

I attended a recent meeting of the Pikes Peak Soaring Society and the program was presented by Frank Miller who operates a company that sells a kit of supplies for making dry transfer decals. His company is PulsarProFX and a demo of his product offering is available at :

[http://www.pulsarprofx.com/decalpro/Vertical/1MENU/1b\\_Overview/Overview.html](http://www.pulsarprofx.com/decalpro/Vertical/1MENU/1b_Overview/Overview.html).

The system requires an image from a color laser printer, but that isn't a problem as any copy shop cam produce that image for you.

This looks like a better trick than the water slide decals we have been using for our scale models.

Check it out.



## MAY SCRAMBLE ADDENDUM !

Roland Solomon Our May scramble CD went out of his way to promote getting kids from his church involved. It was mentioned in Issue 2012-03 but the photos did not get into the Max-Out. So, here is a repeat of Roland's report, better done with photos that were taken at the contest.

### Cont'd

I was thinking how our contests seem to take on a life of their own. Some are hotly contested events that go down to the wire. Some are too hot, too cold, too windy, too whatever. Our May scramble was just fun. One of our goals for this season was to get kids involved in building and flying. Our church has organized activities for grade school aged kids on Sunday evenings, so I volunteered to have the youngsters build Delta Darts and Catapult Gliders with the intention of flying them in a real contest in May.



We had done this several years ago, and it was a success. I had over twenty participants in the building phase. The Delta Darts, although airworthy, did not stand up to the rigors of pre-teens, dogs and sibling rivalry. I saved the catapult gliders for the contest and they flew great!



Participation was limited due to a conflict over use of the Church vans for Sunday services or airplane flying. We have resolved this by scheduling our next kids contest on a Saturday. We will have a van available to us then. We have tentatively set the date at August the 18<sup>th</sup>. The boys that did make it to the field were thrilled to see their gliders floating around for over a minute.



It was great to see fliers from 8 to 89 at the contest. Jack Warkins and Norm Frawley celebrated 89 years with birthday cakes and out off key singing.



It was good to see Mindy Gottsegen (upper right, taking pictures) and her husband John in time for some Birthday cake.

The Colorado Springs contingent keeps winning the scramble, only this time with E36.

There were a lot of thermals Sunday. We even had dust devils trying to destroy shelters, gliders, etc. The planes didn't drift far, but got plenty high. All in all, it was a splendid day of flying. Lets do it again.

## Contest report, June 10, 2012 MMM Scramble

The day started windy and cold and jackets were the dress of choice until noon. The winds were slowing almost all day, but never were near calm. HLG was flown by Mark Covington and Don DeLoach with much trash talk and gamesmanship occurring between them. Darold Jones was flying CLG, very poorly.

Mark Covington came out on top in HLG with 3 maxes and a 108 second flight. Don had one max and a couple of near misses. Darold with four flights did not total a max. I should have flown the other two and claimed at least one max total.

Jace Pivonka, a junior, was looking like a pro with his P-30. His first test flight was a max and he added a max plus 182 seconds in his official flights. He then entered his P-30 in Mulvihill and had one max in his 375 total. Great flying Jace!

We had 7 entries, 6 open and one junior. Several other people were on the field at different times, but the wind discouraged most from flying. Ray Boyd and his daughter Kathy were there testing Ray's new chase bike, a Honda Trail 90. Kathy was putting Father to shame with her riding skills. She should have shown more respect with Father's Day only a week away.

We had some very good discussion and hangar flying and everyone who came had a good time. See you all at the 14 rounder.

Darold Jones

<b>MMM MONTHLY SCRAMBLE</b>										
							<b>ENTER</b>	<b>Best Factored Score =</b>		<b>3.78</b>
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ENTRANT</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b># MAXES</b>	<b>MAX TIME</b>	<b>TOTAL AMA</b>	<b>SCRAMBLE TIME</b>	<b>FACTORED SCORE</b>	<b>SCRAMBLE POINTS</b>
1	6/10/12	SG	Covington, Mark	HLG	3	120	454	454	3.78	100
2	6/10/12	2 Min	Pivonka, Jace	P-30	1	120	302	302	2.52	67
3	6/10/12	SG	DeLoach, Don	HLG	1	120	265	265	2.21	58
4	6/10/12	3 Min	Pivonka, Jace	Mulvi	1	180	375	375	2.08	55
5	6/10/12	SG	Jones, Darold	CLG	0	120	70	70	0.58	15

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The MMM Cub is supporting the Air Force Academy July 17<sup>th</sup>. The function is "The 3rd Annual Air Force Academy K-12 STEM Educators' Boot Camp." We'll be giving a 15-minute presentation.

The purpose of our presentation is to show the teachers how we can be a resource to help them, in their school, to support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) subjects. That help ranges from helping individual kids 1-on-1, to inviting kids to our contests, to giving one-time model building/flying classes like we've done for the COS School, to holding after-school workshops for a few evenings.

We're looking forward to becoming a part of the **Colorado Consortium for Earth and Space Science Education** (at the Challenger Learning Center in COS). This is our gateway to the larger K-12 programs. Billy says he and the Consortium have some money to support our activities, such as buying Delta Darts.

Of course, the Indoor flying demo will be the highlight of our presentation. Our club's primary purpose is competition free flight. Supporting education is an important side activity and byproduct.



**FREE FLIGHT WITH AN ALTITUDE!  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>FEATURE EVENT</i>
<i>July 13-15</i>	<i>FAI 14 Rounder</i>	<i>WORLD CUP !!!</i>
<i>July 17</i>	<i>MMM at the Air Force Academy</i>	<i>MMM Educational Support Event</i>
<i>July 29<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>MMM Scrambl e</i>	

FIRST CLASS



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