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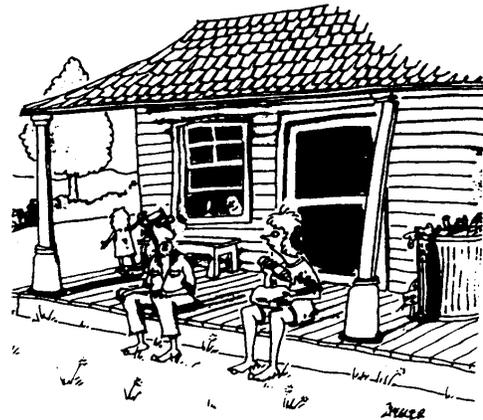
"Once there were few, now there are many..."

Covid has taken its toll on free flight schedules but we FFr's have adapted with increasing events being held and developing some good rules and guidelines for social distancing and necessary personal interactions.

The FAI contest was proof of that. I have to give Pete and John kudos for their running of the event.

Also, the Casino Cup was well run but sadly attendance was hampered by travel and other concerns albeit a great event to attend.

Adaptations to concerns, especially in a casino town were evident. Darold and I shared a room and it offered no daily maid service. If we wanted it, the motel basically had us change rooms! Whatever it takes, right?



"Ma ... The RMC's are coming so I need to fly at the Scrambles to get back in the groove.

"Ochroma lagopus in perpetuum"

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

Rick

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*Follow the roads wherever possible
Take the shortest path possible to the plane in order to retrieve it. Avoid riding through noxious weeds.*

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS



John McGrath

The Elephant in the Room

Say what you want about this Covid thing-- there's no ignoring it. By now people have gone through just about every emotion possible with this thing, from disbelief to concern to big concern to boredom and even dismissal. I keep hearing people ask the question, "do you feel safe" pertaining to this or that setting. Not sure my feelings have much to do with it, but let's just say I'll feel a whole lot safer once one or two safe and effective vaccines are out there and administered to lots and lots of people. In the meantime I'll be hosting COVID parties of about 15 in size. The AP Physics COVID party starts at 0740 on the 24th. We'll all be wearing masks with desks at six-foot spacing. It'll be like Halloween, minus the humor. Welcome to the petri dish.

One of the places at which I do actually feel pretty safe is at the field. Bright sun, a breeze, and excellent spacing opportunities. I think the virus would have a hard time making a living out there as long as we keep our guard up. That's not a trivial requirement. The 14-Rounder gave us a chance to try out a few moves along those lines, and I want to thank Pete McQuade especially for being a CD of true vision when it comes to safety, the biggest element of which was his thinking behind the CD Tent layout and operations, and even more than that, his work conveying an overarching COVID-aware atmosphere during the contest.

You'll see his writeup elsewhere in this issue. It was absolutely fantastic having the extended Menanno family on hand for the 14-Rounder. If you didn't make it out to the field, you didn't have a chance to see Camp Menanno up to the north a couple of hundred yards. I never did count the RV's, but it was impressive! I, for one, am very happy to have met so many of this wonderful free flight family, and I want to issue a heartfelt MMM thank you to them for picking our field as a place to convene for their 2020 get-together. Please come back--repeatedly!

Our post-contest discussions reveal a few areas of opportunity for us. Pete and I are aware, for instance that the post-contest processing took a lot longer than we anticipated, due not only to some cascading effects of some COVID-related decisions we made with regard to scoreboard management, but also to the fact that the 14-Rounder is complex machine to operate in any case. We'll work on that. Another opportunity is the business of social distancing. It was very interesting to see how the diameter of any circle of people sitting around in chairs shrank and shrank. Maybe we'll include 6-foot diameter MMM sombreros in next year's goody bag. Oh well!

Where are we with the season? The rules change, the policies change, our expectations change, our understanding of this virus evolves, and there are people out there who struggle to distinguish between politics and civics. At the moment I believe we can continue to conduct our outdoor contests with a strong, visible, vocal emphasis on safety--viral and otherwise. Is that the final word? I hope so, but as a boss once told me, anyone who uses Final in a filename is a fool. Coming up in quick succession we have the August Scramble (the 9th), the Rocky Mountain Champs on 5-7 September, and then our September Scramble/AKA our Late Day Contests on the September 20th. Be safe, and I'll see you at the field.

John

MMMr's at work for YOU !!!

Here's a photo of Chuck building the chair corral at the field, on a hot, dry Tuesday, June 23. As usual, Chuck's initiative, sacrifice, and hard work go far above and beyond the call of duty and make things so much better for everyone. Thanks, Chuck! ... Pete



MMM Scramble June 28, 2020 - !st COVID Contest of the Year !!!

All the others have been blown out or cancelled. Absolutely a good free flight day with mild breezes and a few gusts, but a great day. Sunny and a lot good fying. There were 21 folks that paid their entry fee. The scoring sheet may not reflect it but there is plenty of support is out there ... Thanks guys!

Darold Jones CD									
21 Paid Entries									
Contestant	Event	Flt 1	Flt 2	Flt 3	Flt 4	Flt 5	Sum	Pts	
HLG/CLG									
Mark Covington	CLG	51	120	120	120	60	420	3.50	
Neil Myers	CLG	85	87	86	65	61	258	2.15	
Don DeLoach	CLG	6					6	0.05	
2 Minute Events									
Ray Boyd	Lanzo	120	78				198	1.65	
David Aronstein	Super Flyer	98					98	0.82	
Don DeLoach	E36	117					117	0.98	
Don DeLoach	A Elect	120	120	120			360	3.00	
3 Minute Events									
Ray Boyd	Gollywock	180	180	180	4		544	3.02	

2020 Casino Cup Wrap Up – Jack Murphy CD

The Second Annual Casino Cup contest was held on the new vast Bureau of Land Management site 9 miles south of West Wendover NV.

14 hearty souls braved the trip and contest conscientiously observing the safety measures our times require. Favorable weather prevailed revealing a wide open landscape in all directions. The contest allows for any and all classes and events within the FAI/AMA/NFFS strictures. Single entrants also vie for an award in a Scramble format.

Special Events include the “Big Daddy”, a nod in remembrance to the Great John Oldenkamp, who was a renown Free Flight innovator. The events combine F1S and E36 competition as well as a P-30 event with the contestants paying \$10 into a pot to be taken by the winners.

The Casino Cup trophy celebrates the competitor with the longest string of maxes in an event, this year awarded to Mike McKeever for a max-out in F1A.

Monday’s F1E competition was epic. No snoozer here, this year’s Cojones Cup had plenty of excitement and unfortunately, a fly-away. It took a great deal of bravery on behalf of the contestants to tease this challenging landscape with their large, graceful gliders.

Bureau of Land Management Ranger Lea Garcia was on hand and was favorably impressed with our Free Flight activities. We shall pursue a permit annually renewable for the next 10 years going forward. We thank Lea and the BLM for their enthusiastic support!

The West Wendover NV/Wendover UT community features hospitality options in dining and room accommodations that are unrivaled. In a town of maybe 6000 people there are 5 casino hotels and as many motels. Each casino has a fine dining restaurant and cafe as well. All of this is just 10 minutes from the field. And, camping is allowed on the field.



2020 Casino Cup Winner- Mike McKeever

2020 CASINO CUP RESULTS			
FAI		AMA/NFFS	
EVENT	TIME	EVENT	TIME
F1A		A Electric	
Mike McKeever	1260	Jack Murphy	558
Brian Van Nest	1104	Jerry Murphy	240
Risto Puhakka	973	AllanMecham	205
F1B		B Electric	
Mike Richardson	453	Jack Murphy	425
		Allan Mecham	240
F1Q		Rick Pangell	
Ben Tarcher	1260		17
Mike Richardson	1270	A Nostalgia Gas	
Jack Murphy	716	Jim Rhoades	180
F1J		1/2 A Nostalgia Gas.	
Mike McKeever	22	Forrest Mennano	170
		Rick Pangell	144
F1G.		Sara Mennano	
Mike Richardson	462		118
Darold Jones	171	HLG	
		Forrest Mennano	65
F1S		Sara Mennano	
Jack Murphy	586		64
Jerry Murphy	527	CLG	
Allan Mecham	85	Allan Mecham	128
Ben Tarcher	79	Rick Pangell	47
F1E		Jet Cat	
Mike McKeever	360	Rick Pangell	48
Mike Richardson	271		
Jack Greening	202		

Forrest and Sara Menanno with 1/2A NOS



*Jack Greening launching his F1E off the
"Rock" Clear blue skies !!*

54th RMFFC + Ruckus in the Rockies 2020

The 2020 RMFFC in Denver will be here in only about 4 more weeks! - September 5-7

RMFFC weekend the MMM Club's grand annual celebration of Free Flight in the Rocky Mountain West...it's three days of flying in our prime late-summer weather. The flyer is attached with pre-entry information.

We've decided to make this a Category III contest this year. We polled a number of flyers (mostly gas flyers) and the consensus was it'd be a little safer to fly shorter maxes.

Note the cash awards:

\$300 for the Ruckus in the Rockies HLG event (thanks Tim Batiuk)

\$100 Dave's Gas Attack (thanks Dave Wineland)

\$100 Open Sweepstakes Champ

\$50 Junior/Senior Sweepstakes Champ

Obviously this is a special year for our country and for the RMFFC. Well-informed precautions will be in place due to Covid. Mainly, there will be a few scorekeeping changes to increase the safety margin. Details forthcoming.

Please get your pre-entries in the mail. Or, scan and email your entry form and paypal your fees.

Thermals !!,
Don DeLoach, co-CD
719-964-7117

Contest Report: the 41st Annual MMM 14-Round Contest John McGrath, Pete McQuade, and Jace Pivonka, co-CD

2020: No, not perfect eyesight, but rather a year of sharp focus—on the great pandemic. With model airplane contests (including the FF Nats) being cancelled as fast as concerts, conventions, and Caribbean cruises, the prospects for holding the 14-Round Contest were anything but certain. But then in May, the MMM Leadership Council decided to go ahead, carefully and with the understanding that we would develop and adopt appropriate safety measures. (See our COVID-19 Procedures, elsewhere in this issue of the MaxOut.) We looked at other clubs' approaches to COVID and then did a good deal of role- playing and exploring what-if scenarios. In the end, we felt we could reasonably-well ensure that all contestants, helpers, and families would have a safe and enjoyable experience. And so, when the weekend of July 11-12 arrived, we were ready.

Winds were fairly strong at the 8:00 start time, but by 9:30, they had abated and our 25 contestants were filling the air with models in strong but tricky thermals. Jace Pivonka observed, "If a thermal is strong, it's narrow. If it's wide, it's weak." Nevertheless, maxes began to appear on the socially-distanced scoreboard.

One of the highlights of the 2020 14-Rounder was the presence of the famous and delightful Menanno family of free-fighters. They had come from around the USA—from Seattle, Tennessee, California, and Colorado—to hold a family reunion right on the field. They set up their campers, tents, and RVs in a quadrangle a hundred yards from the rest of the contestants, ensuring their own privacy as well as a considerate social distancing. It's safe to say that no group does free flight with a happier sense of camaraderie, and that happiness proved far more contagious to everyone than the coronavirus.

We were also fortunate to have the Donnelly family of Arizona join us this year. Skylar, a junior-level F1B, F1S, and E-36 flier was present, along with her mother, Jennifer, and her father Robert, who also flew F1S and E-36.

They flew very well and were great company. We look forward to seeing them again soon in Denver.

Other very welcome out-of-towners included Bob Hanford of Oklahoma and Mike Fedor from Texas. Of course, we were pleased to have a sizeable turnout of our own stout-hearted local MMM fliers—the real core of the 14-Rounder.

Sunday morning, the weatherman woke up on the wrong side of the bed. Unexpected strong winds delayed the start of flying by two hours, until 10:00 am. But then, as if on schedule, the winds dropped to gentler breezes. The temperature began its climb to the high 90s. We changed the FAI round format from four 90- minute rounds and three 60-minute rounds to seven one-hour rounds. As the vagaries of weather would have it, we were able to complete five rounds.

Early on Sunday, Don DeLoach came to us CDs with a wind-alert forecast on his cell phone. It showed moderate, flyable winds until 3:00, at which time it prognosticated a sudden and dangerously high wind for a short period of time. The trusty National Weather Service forecast didn't mention this meteorological curiosity, so we went about flying, never quite forgetting Don's warning. Sure enough, at 2:45, our cell phones chimed with a "rain alert." We notified all the contestants to watch out. Minutes later, just as Don's forecast had scripted it, a monstrous blast of north wind bowled into us for about thirty minutes.

There were many outstanding performances—the complete listing of results is on the following pages. At the very end is the list of perpetual trophy winners in the 14-

Round FAI and 8- Round mini-FAI competition. Congratulations to all!

Of particular note were some of the junior performances. Skylar Donnelly topped a tough field of both juniors and adults in E-36, with a max-out and a further max in the flyoff. This was in addition to her excellent flying in F1B and F1S. In P-30, Skilly DeLoach achieved a max-out, to lead the entire field of adult and junior fliers. She also placed third in CLG, as the highest-scoring junior in that event. Joe Menanno was the second-place junior in CLG, followed by Charlie Major. Joe was also the second-place junior in P-30.

Eventually, we CDs hunkered down for the task of tabulating and cross-checking the results from the contestants' "quarantined" time cards and preparing for the socially-distanced awards ceremony. As might be expected, these activities took longer than for a normal 14-Rounder.

Many thanks to those who helped set up the contest facilities, including Chuck Etherington and Don DeLoach. Thanks also to those who

helped with running the event, especially Mark Covington who ran the well-attended CLG/HLG glider pen again this year, over the course of two very hot days in the sun. Also, thanks to those who stayed afterward to clean up. When sunset finally arrived and the last cars had left the field, it was so clean, it was hard to tell that 50 people had gathered there for a fabulous weekend of free flight in the midst of the great 2020 pandemic.

P.S. As this is being written (eleven days after the contest), we're not aware of any participants or family members showing any signs of COVID. We hope it stays that way!



Partial view of flight line on Saturday.



View of Contest HQ.

Note the social distancing enforced by the placement of the scoreboard and the two "viewing lanes" in the foreground, on the right and left of the area X'd off with yellow caution tape.



Menanno family encampment.

It was a delight to have this amazing free-flight family on the field.

2020 - 41st Annual 14 Round FAI Contest Results

FAI Events Flown to a 7 round format

Event	Competitor	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Total	Place
F1A Centennial Cup (Saturday)	Max 180									
	Pete McQuade	85	180	180	180	180	123	180	1108	1
	Mike Fedor	59	138	180	180	180	180	78	995	2
F1A Columbine Cup (Sunday)	Max 180									
	Pete McQuade	173	141	180					494	1
F1B Centennial Cup (Saturday)	Max 180									
	Jace Pivonka	180	180	180	180	140	180	177	1217	1
	Skylar Donnelly	56	180	180	118				534	2
F1B Columbine Cup (Sunday)	Max 180									
	Jace Pivonka	180	180	180	180	180			900	1
	Skylar Donnelly	180	95	104	180	180			739	2
F1C/P Centennial Cup (Saturday)	Max 180									
	Bob Hanford	180	44	93	75				392	1
F1C/P Columbine Cup (Sunday)	Max 180									
	Mike Fedor		53		165				218	1
F1Q Centennial Cup (Saturday)	Max 180									
	Jack Murphy	104	180	180	180	104	180	180	1108	1
F1Q Columbine Cup (Sunday)	Max 180									
	Jack Murphy	180	180	180	180				720	1
F1ABC Centennial Cup (Saturday) (Legacy)	Max 180									
	Mike Fedor	165	180	43					388	1
F1ABC Columbine Cup (Sunday) (Legacy)	Max 180									
	Not Flown									

FAI Mini Events Flown to a 4 round format

Event	Competitor	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	FO 1	FO 2	Total	Place
F1G Centennial Cup (Saturday)	Max 120								
	Don DeLoach	120	120	77				317	1
	Jerry Murphy	44	54					98	2
	Darold Jones	24	2					26	3
F1G Columbine Cup (Sunday)	Max 120								
	Not Flown								
F1H Centennial Cup (Saturday)	Max 120								
	Not Flown								
F1H Columbine Cup (Sunday)	Max 120								
	Not Flown								
F1J Centennial Cup (Saturday)	Max 120								
	Bob Hanford	33	120	54				207	1
F1J Columbine Cup (Sunday)	Max 120								
	Mike Fedor		43		88			131	1
F1S Centennial Cup (Saturday)	Max 120					120	180		
	Jack Murphy	120	120	120	120	120	180	780	1
	Don DeLoach	120	120	120	120	120	88	688	2
	Skylar Donnelly	120		120	120			360	3
	Robert Donnelly	120		120				240	4
	Jerry Murphy			91				91	5
F1S Columbine Cup (Sunday)	Max 120					120	180		
	Jack Murphy	120	120	120	120	70		550	1
	Don DeLoach	120	120	120	120			480	2
	Jerry Murphy	103	120	75	82			380	3
	Rick Pangell	120	52					172	4
	Robert Donnelly	120						120	5
F1ABC Centennial Cup (Saturday) (Legacy)	Max 120								
	Not Flown								
F1ABC Columbine Cup (Sunday) (Legacy)	Max 120								
	Mike Fedor		120		118			238	1

Saturday Events : AMA, NFFS, and SAM

Catapult Glider			
Max: 120			
Contestant	Age Group	TOTAL	Place
Mark Covington	Adult	358	1
Don DeLoach	Adult	346	2
Skilly DeLoach	Jr	126	3
Frank Menanno	Adult	117	4
Sara Menanno	Adult	91	5
Forrest Menanno	Adult	84	6
Joe Menanno	Jr	81	7
Sean McEntee	Adult	70	8
Rick Pangell	Adult	50	9
Charlie Major	Jr	22	10
E-36			
Max: 120			
Contestant	Age Group	Total	Place
Skylar Donnelly	Junior	588	1
Rick Pangell	Adult	448	2
Jack Murphy	Adult	323	3
Skilly DeLoach	Junior	280	4
Robert Donnelly	Adult	120	5
Don DeLoach	Adult	100	6
Jerry Murphy	Adult		
Fast Gas Combo			
Max: 120			
Contestant	Class of Model	Total	Place
Bob Hanford	A/B Classic	293	1
Forrest Menanno	1/2A Classic	250	2
Bob Hanford	1/2A Classic	245	3
Rick Pangell	1/2A Classic	195	4
OT Rubber Combo			
Max: 120			
Contestant	Class of Model	Total	Place
Ray Boyd		540	1
Don DeLoach	Dynamo	180	2
P-30			
Max: 120			
Contestant	Age Group	Total	Place
Skilly DeLoach	Jr	360	1
John McGrath	Adult	220	2
Darold Jones	Adult	158	3
Joe Menanno	Jr.	95	4

Sunday Events: AMA, NFFS, and SAM

Hand Launched Glider			
Max: 120			
Contestant	Age Group	TOTAL	Place
Don DeLoach	Adult	453	1
Sean McEntee	Adult	291	2
Jace Pivonka	Adult	275	3
Mark Covington	Adult	259	4
Frank Menanno	Adult	115	5
Sara Menanno	Adult	47	6
Forrest Menanno	Adult	18	7
A/B Electric Combo			
Max: 120			
Contestant	Class of Model	Total	Place
Jack Murphy	B	480	1
Don DeLoach	B	366	2
Rick Pangell	A	175	3
Jack Murphy	A	360	N/A
Don DeLoach	A	200	N/A
Moffett/Mulvihill			
Max: 120			
Contestant	Class of Model	Total	Place
Ray Boyd	Mulvihill	540	1
Frank Menanno	Mulvihill	194	2
John McGrath	Mulvihill	160	3
Slow Gas Combo			
Max: 120			
Contestant	Class of Model	Total	Place
Bob Hanford	1/2A NOS	318	1
Bob Hanford	Early 1/2A	196	2
Rick Pangell	1/2A NOS	156	3



Perpetual Silver Cups/Trophies

F1A	Pete McQuade
F1B	Jace Pivonka
F1C/P	Bob Hanford
F1Q	Jack Murphy
F1G	Don DeLoach
F1H	Not Flown
F1J	Bob Hanford
F1S	Jack Murphy

Here's some photos of three grandsons who helped out at the recent FAI 14 Rounder contest at Lowery Field, CO. Charlie got to fly catapult glider in his very first contest.



Stephen Boyd assists in preparing a GollyWock, (GW), for flight. The Lanzo and GW flew 6 Max's in two events.



William and Charlie Major holding a Lanzo 33 and BA Cabin respectively.

USA 2020 Finals are Postponed

It probably does not come as a great surprise that the Free Flight Team Selection Committee has decided to postpone the 2020 Finals. Free Flight by its very nature is pretty well geared to social distancing and the logistics of running the meet were not a big factor. Certainly some participants would prefer not to travel, but that too was not a major factor in the decision. The concerns focussed mainly on uncertainty. We had hoped to see positive trends, but the pandemic is not slowing significantly. I have been watching for quite some time and it seems to spike with new records every few weeks in California. Kern County is on the Governor's watch list for possible greater restrictions & closures. Kern County has the second highest number of cases per capita of all California counties and reported 442 new cases today. Considering the time we would all spend in an area where Covid 19 cases are still high, spikes are alarming, motels, restaurants & gas stations are exposed to literally thousands of people who pass through every day and healthcare is both an hour away and openly expressing their concerns about being able to keep up with demand, there really is no choice that does not include too many "ifs" and "maybes".

So what do we do next? We don't have an answer for that, but we do have some time. It is time to start discussing this in detail. For now, we are moving forward assuming we will need a Team and the World Champs will be held as scheduled and that we will actually be able to get there. More "ifs". Please contact your District representative and discuss options that have already been raised or perhaps offer a new suggestion. Most of us can give you pros and cons of the most logical suggestions we have heard so far.

We are very sorry it has come to this, but I think we could all see it coming for a while. We will figure this out in the next couple of months and hopefully select another great team for the 2021 World Championships in France. We will get through this.

Bill Booth Chairperson USA Free Flight Team
Selection Committee

HOW DID FLYING ON THE OLD LOWRY BOMBING RANGE COME ABOUT

George Batiuk

At the World Champs last summer, Chuck Etherington asked me if I could give an accounting of how the MMM club ended up flying at their present location. It all happened over 40 years ago, and I've done a few things since then, so I don't remember some of the details. The present club members can probably fill in the blanks better than I.

I think it was 1978, or there about, that the club was flying on Grimm Ranch, which is about ten miles further east from the present field. I don't remember the details, but for some reason we were asked to leave that field at the end of the year. We got to Grimm Ranch from Quincy Rd., and I had been driving by the Bombing Range for a couple of years. I thought that it could be a great flying field, but how to get permission? I talked to a couple of other guys in the club, Don McGee and Les Payne. Les thought his wife might be able to get some information about who to contact about it, since she was in real estate. All we were able to find out was that it was leased to a cattle rancher named Pancost. I tried for 2 or 3 months to get hold of that guy. I guess he didn't want to talk to me.

About this same time, my ex-wife and I liked to go to a pizza joint called Big John's Pizza in east Denver. I knew the place because the owner was married to Annie Gieskieng and I had kept in contact with her. One night when we were there, she came and sat with us for a while, and I told her about our flying field situation. The restaurant was fairly close to the state capitol building, and she told us that there were 3 guys that worked at the capitol that ate lunch there quite often. She said she would talk to them to see if they could get some information about the Bombing Range. I thought it would probably lead to another dead end, but what heck! About a week later, I got a call from Annie. She said one of the guys was a secretary for someone on the Colorado Land Use Board, and that he would speak to me. I ended up buying the guy dinner the next night (never did get reimbursed for that), but the information he gave me, and the help he was willing to put in, is the reason you guys have that field today. He told me how the Land Use Board worked (completely different than how it works now I understand). He said that the Bombing Range was owned by the state of Colorado, and was leased to a rancher named Pancost. I told him that we knew of this guy, but had been unable to reach him. He told me I probably never would get hold of him, because he talks to nobody. But then he said the interesting part; state law allows for a second lease, if the purpose of that lease is for recreational use. Perfect, how do we do that? He said he would talk to his boss and see how he wanted to handle it. Another week later, I got call from the guy, and he said his boss didn't see a problem and that he would discuss it with the other 2 members of the board. Yet another week later, he called again saying that the board wanted to know more about free flight. They suggested that we set up a meeting, at the field, for a demonstration the following Monday morning. Les Payne lived close to me, so I ask him if he would go there with me. So on Monday morning, we threw some planes in my VW van and my motorcycle on the back, and went flying. We put in one flight each and they said OK! They suggested that they lease us 20 acres on the little plateau you guys still fly on, and we could chase on the bikes anywhere on the Bombing Range. We had to furnish proof of insurance from AMA and pay a small fee. I don't remember how much it was, but I know it was dirt cheap. They made it a one year lease, so they could see how it went. It went good, because the next year they made the lease longer. I don't remember the details of that because someone else in the club handled it, I think it was Don McGee.

So that's how it happened. We'd been tossed off East Colfax Airpark and Grimm Ranch, so it was very nice to get a place like this. And the club has been on the field for over 40 years now.

Congratulations!!

And for Reference:

COVID-19 Procedures for 2020 MMM 14-R Contest

(Note: Contestants were given a much-condensed summary card in their “Goody Bags.”)

1. Contestants will record their own scores on their score cards, which they will keep through the contest day. They will be given their own pencils and will not share pencils with anyone. Contestants, timekeepers, and assistants will maintain appropriate social distancing. At the end of each contest day, all contestants will place their timecards in a box provided at the HQ table. A CD will then spray all score cards with Lysol spray. Thus, contestants will only use pencils to record their scores, since Lysol causes some inks to run.
2. We will use separate score cards for Saturday and Sunday.
3. Contestants will be strongly urged to follow appropriate social distancing at all times and, if they meet with others, to use face masks. (Close family members/friends with whom a contestant normally has close contact will be exceptions to this rule.) A large pump bottle of hand sanitizer will be available at the HQ table.
4. Throughout the day, contestants will periodically report their scores to the CD at the HQ table/scoreboard. Contestants will call out their scores to the CD. We will have 3 CDs, so the table will always be manned by at least one CD. Only CDs will be allowed to touch the scoreboard and HQ table.
5. The scoreboard and HQ table will be inside a socially-distanced “enclosure” marked out with yellow safety tape. To prevent clustering of competitors around the scoreboard, there will be “viewing lanes” laid out with yellow tape. (See **diagram in attached PowerPoint file.**) The CDs will frequently use hand sanitizer. Rubber gloves and face masks will be available at the HQ table, primarily for use by the CDs, but they can be given to contestants on a limited basis.
6. To facilitate viewing the scoreboard from the viewing lanes, we will use new scoresheets with larger cells so scores can be entered in large numbers with an erasable medium-wide-tip marker. Each score sheet on the scoreboard will be enclosed in a clear plastic page protector, and the scores will actually be written on the plastic, so that errors can be erased and corrected.
7. On-field registration will be done at the HQ Table, with the contestant maintaining social distancing and calling out information to the CD. In addition, we will modify the score cards so the contestant enters all the information needed on the AMA Form 10. For pre-registrants, we’ll fill in the Form 10 information before the contest. We will verify AMA licenses only by viewing from a distance.
8. We will highly discourage the use of cash on the field. PayPal and checks will be preferred.
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9. We will give each contestant a “Goody Bag” that will include: their framed awards picture; their score cards; two pencils; a card with a very short summary of our COVID procedures for contestants; two face masks; a small bottle of hand sanitizer; and other items we deem appropriate and useful.
10. About once per hour, we will sanitize the porta-potty by spraying Lysol or Clorox spray on the door handle (inside and out), on the toilet seat, and on all other areas people are likely to touch.
11. The awards ceremony will be conducted with social distancing. Contestants will already have their framed pictures. We will place each contestant’s stick-on event tags in a small stationery envelope with their name attached. When called up, each contestant will approach the awards table to be recognized and to pick up their envelope and any trophies they have won. No hand-shaking will be done.

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