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Hi all..!

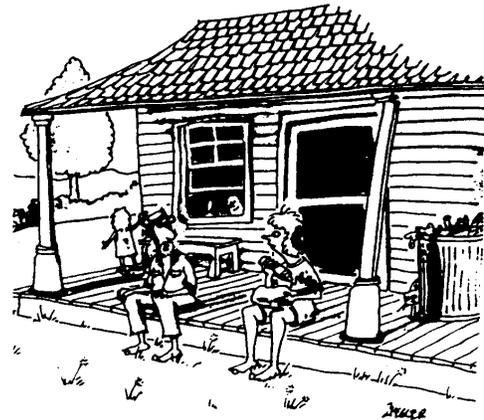
This issue sums up the planning that's been done and the results of the annual meeting and some SWR results.

Being the recipient of a lot of info from around the country it's very noticeable that free flighters are anxious to get back on the field.

The club leadership is going full court press on providing the membership and guests ongoing opportunity to fly. Some good stuff here too.

Sermon on the Amount...

Yup, the dues have finally been raised \$5 to \$45 after all these years. The piper has been calling and it's obvious that every one of us need to not procrastinate and send in your dues. Our dues are what keeps the show rolling so let's all be on board.



"Ma ... break out the egg money!"

"Ochroma lagopus in perpetuum"

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

Rick

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Follow the roads wherever possible

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- 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



John McGrath

Two columns in one month? Doesn't seem right! Rick's right, though--this one needs a quick release. First item of business is that our Annual Business Meeting took place on schedule, but as with many things during the past year, we had to dodge around COVID. A year ago, I hadn't heard of Zoom. Now I know how to mess up the settings in it. Oh well--life is like a box of chocolates. A big Thank You to all who attended in this weird and wonderful way, and especially to members of Leadership who helped me prep for the meeting. Don, especially, who was the official Zoom Host.

Elsewhere in this issue you'll see Chuck Etherington's meeting minutes, so I won't bore you with the play-by-play. However, there are three items I consider worth highlighting. The first is that we have a new Vice President--David Aronstein. Installing David took a small bit of maneuvering, as David wasn't present at the meeting, so with eyes wide open we voted Don in as VP with the understanding that upon David's acceptance of the idea, Don would resign and I would designate David as Don's replacement--a procedure permitted by our Bylaws. It's been a hope of mine (and I hope, others) to expand the list of those in the club who participate in leadership. Not that it's not amusing to see the same people swap hats every couple of years, but it's great to have fresh ideas and thinking from time to

time. In any case, thank you, David, for stepping into the role!

Next highlight is the reason it behooved us to get this newsletter out pronto. For the first time in more than a decade, an increase in dues was approved--from \$40 to \$45. This is in response to a couple of uncertainties. The first is that our Lowry field lease comes up for renewal next year (2022). Though our Land Board Liaison and Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Etherington doesn't particularly anticipate a hike in price, we'd be remiss if we didn't consider the possibility. Our arrangement with the State Land Board--like our dues--has been quite nice for a long time.

The other uncertainty is actually a very nice one to have. As you know, we lost access to the Edwards field east of Colorado Springs a couple of seasons ago due to a land transfer. This left us without a flying site to the south. However, recently Todd Reynolds became aware of an area of State land to the east of Fountain (just south of the Springs) that would seem very nice for flying. Through the good work of Chuck and a formal introduction to that area's supervisor by our own Lowry State Land Board Supervisor, we'll be having a look at the land a little more closely in the near future. If this proves to be suitable, we would then consider a lease of some kind. The cost of that is completely unknowable right now, but let's assume it's something greater than zero :) The long-term benefit to the club of having an alternate flying site lined up can't be overstated, so adding a small amount of padding to the club's annual income is warranted. We'll keep you posted as things develop.

This brings me to the Leadership Council--my third highlight. As you know from reading our new Bylaws revision, the Leadership Council is somewhat better defined than previously, and is hard-limited to six members, three of whom are the elected officers (President, VP, and Secretary/Treasurer). With David now as VP, one of the current members of Leadership

Council would necessarily need to step aside. Every single LC member graciously offered to vacate a position, but I decided to take Jerry Murphy up on his offer. For something approaching half a century, Jerry has been involved in club leadership, giving tirelessly of his time and talent. I thought the single nicest thing we could do for him would be to let him rest and simply enjoy flying! I believe he agrees. Your Leadership Council for 2021 is David Aronstein (VP), Chuck Etherington (Sec/Treas), Rick Pangell, Pete McQuade, Don DeLoach and me. We now have a "banns of marriage" type thing for Leadership Council in the Bylaws. Because the LC has certain formal duties, the unelected members gain a certain membership confirmation through this newsletter announcement. As it says in our Bylaws, "lack of serious objection will be considered approval." I hope you approve!

Thank you all, and if you run into Murph, wish him Happy Birthday!
John



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Ad Hoc Flying?

Hi Guys,

One of the things we discussed at the annual meeting was the lack of indoor winter flying activities this year due to the pandemic. The thought then occurred that we could fly **OUTDOORS** on really nice weekend days. Of course, Colorado winter weather is sketchy, but we thought it worthwhile to try a 3-meet Winter Scramble season this January through March!

Here's how it will work.

1. Flying dates will not be announced in advance--they will be last minute affairs, depending on favorable weather forecasts.
2. We will fly on Saturdays or Sundays only
3. I have been appointed by the Leadership Council as the 'decider' of the flying date, based on weather forecasts no more than about 48 hours prior to a chosen date. But I will not make the decision without your input! The goal is to get 6+ guys at the field each time.
4. The plan is to start looking at the weekend forecast each Wednesday, and announce a go/no go decision by Thursday night for a Saturday meet, or Friday night for a Sunday meet.
5. We will follow a regular Scramble format, and flying hours will likely be a bit shorter (say 11-4) to make the best use of the warmest hours of the day.
6. One of the meets (probably the one in March) will be the Winter Coupe Contest. Get your Coupes ready!

Thermals,
Don

Editors note... It's almost imperative that you join the MMMFreflight+subscribe@groups.io As this is the primary source of notice.

MMM Club Annual Meeting

9 January 2021

This year, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the annual meeting was conducted via Zoom. The number in attendance was nominally 16 but occasionally bumped up to 18. John McGrath (President) conducted the meeting.

- **Welcome, opening remarks, brief 2020 Recap - John McGrath.**

It was an odd and difficult year, not only because of the pandemic, but also because of the dry, windy weather. Covid procedures were put in place for Scrambles, and the 14 Rounder and RMC CD teams established protocols for the submission and recording of flight scores. John also thanked several club members for their various contributions throughout the year.

Because on-line meetings generally fail to hold interest as well as those in-person, the goal was to keep the meeting to 90 minutes. To that end, some of the following agenda items were captured in MaxOut 2021-1 prior to the meeting. Please see that issue to review.

- **Financial Report** – Chuck Etherington

The club continues to be financially healthy. The Statement of Finances is available to club members upon request. Please contact club treasurer, Chuck Etherington.

- **Club Dues**

Based on the upcoming Lowry field lease negotiation in the spring of 2022, and the possible expense of a new southern auxiliary flying field, club dues were raised to \$45/year. This was an increase of \$5.00 over what they had been for over ten years.

- **State of the field** – Chuck Etherington. Please see MaxOut issue 2021-1

- **Status of Indoor** – John Christensen. Please see MaxOut issue 2021-1

- **Prospects for a Southern Auxiliary Field** – Chuck Etherington

A possible flying site is being investigated SE of Colorado Springs not far from the former Edwards Free Flight Base. It would provide those living south of the Denver metro area quicker access to a flying field. Please see MaxOut issue 2021-1 for more information.

- **NFFS Update - Rick Pangell**

- NFFS is focusing on increasing membership - Information at “freeflight.org.” I encourage everyone to join!
- NATs 2021
 - Will be going ahead with the same management crew as 2020.
 - The Indoor and Outdoor NATs are scheduled for consecutive weeks.
 - ◻ Indoor: July 20–23, 2021 in Pontiac, Michigan
 - ◻ Outdoor: July 25 – 29, 2021 in Muncie, Indiana
- The 2021 NFFS Symposium is being edited by MMM’r Jack Murphy
- A new education committee has been formed starting with working with the Science Olympiad organization. Consider being involved.

- **Calendar** - John McGrath

John presented a “proposed 2021 Overall Regional MMM Contest Schedule” (published in MaxOut 2021-1). The schedule was approved and CDs were assigned. See below and please add these dates to your calendar:

Event	Date	CD(s)
January One-Off	TBD	Don DeLoach
February One-Off	TBD	Don DeLoach
March One-Off	TBD	Don DeLoach
Scramble	25 April	Rick Pangell
Scramble (Kid's Contest)	16 May	Pete McQuade
Casino Cup (Wendover, NV)	19-20 June	Jack Murphy
Scramble	27 June	Darold Jones
14-Rounder (Incl. July Scramble)	9-11 July	Pete McQuade John McGrath Jace Pivonka
(Indoor NATS)	20-23 July	
(Outdoor NATS)	25-29 July	
Scramble	8 August	Mel Gray
RMFFC	4-6 September	Don DeLoach Chuck Etherington Mark Covington
Scramble (Late Day Contest)	26 September	Jerry Murphy
Scramble	10 October	Jeff Pakiz
Scramble (Frito Pie)	7 November	Rick Pangell
Annual Meeting	8 January 2022	John McGrath

- **Annual Awards** - Pete McQuade

Pete, being the keeper of the season long scramble points, presented the Annual Awards:

- Season Scramble:
 - 1st place: Mark Covington
 - 2nd place: Don DeLoach
 - 3rd place: John McGrath
 - 4th place: Pete McQuade
 - 5th place: Frank Menanno (!!!)
- Master MMM Award (For at least 25 maxes):
 - Jack Murphy (28 maxes)
 - Don DeLoach (26 maxes)
 - Mark Covington (25 maxes)
- HLG season trophy:
 - Mark Covington
- Junior Champion:
 - Skilly DeLoach

- **Bylaws – Explanation of the process, brief Q & A, vote** - John McGrath.

Following a brief discussion, a vote was taken and the by-laws revision was passed. Thank you to Pete McQuade for much early work on the by-laws revision and to John McGrath for his more recent work and getting it over the finish line.

- **Open mike - Anything for the good of the order**

- Don DeLoach presented the concept of holding unscheduled, last minute outdoor contests in January, February and March. The idea is to take advantage of our occasional warm winter days. Based on the short-term forecast, flying opportunities would be announced perhaps as late as one day prior to provide our best chance of catching some flyable weather. Notice would go out on the new MMM forum.
- Rick Pangell discussed the importance of keeping the roster up to date so that members are not forgotten, and to remind them on a timely basis that their dues are due. This also helps keep the mailing lists up to date.

- **Election of Officers - John McGrath**

President – John McGrath

Vice President – Don DeLoach

Prior to the election of officers, John McGrath made the case to members for expanding leadership roles to members not previously involved in club leadership. John suggested David Aronstein as possible VP, an idea supported by members present. However, David was not available at the time to accept a nomination, so after a discussion of whether there were a way consistent with Bylaws to effect such a choice, Don DeLoach was nominated and elected as VP, with the understanding that if David Aronstein indicated willingness to accept the position, Don would step aside, permitting the President to appoint David as VP. Within a day, David accepted the appointment following Don's official resignation as VP. David Aronstein is the Club's new Vice President. Paragraph 5.4 of the Bylaws Rev F pertains."

Secretary/Treasurer – Chuck Etherington

“Walk-a-long Glider” Postal Challenge ... it is live!

Announcement is in INAV at: <https://indoornewsandviews.com/>

A plan is provided, but it is not a one-design contest. Any design.

No restrictions (except that the flying is to be done in your home).

I would love it if some of this group would join in & show the 'mainstream' (?) Indoor modeling community how it's done!

The objective is to accomplish as many as you can, of 6 challenges, by the end of February. The challenges are:

"Basic duration" - a 30-second flight

"Advanced duration" - a 60-second flight

- 3 laps on any closed course (one flight - no relaunches - typical)
- 3 inflight handoffs from one pilot to another (also in one flight)
- 30 second flight _without a board_ (making lift with hands / head / body)
- 30 second flight with a model of your own design

Photos and video are encouraged but not required. There's a submission form on INAV, or you can email results to me and I will make sure they get posted & tabulated. INAV will post results.

Videos will be posted on the NFFS YouTube channel (please consider subscribing!):

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCucmaPRq2ws6rRTMHX_38YA

Feel free to pass this along to anyone you think would be interested.

And drop me a line to keep in touch! David Aronstein

The Southwest Regionals in Eloy !

Weather was superb for all but about three hours where wind was 5-10mph.

I'd say about 40 flyers present. Down a little (but not much) from normal.

I was stoked to win coupe in a two round flyoff against some top notch competition.

There were several female flyers including a couple of juniors and one Adult who won the F1S flyoff!

A new FAC flyer from Tucson flew in and landed on the field each day in his Cessna 172.

I also won WW1, WE2, embryo, Andrade, Jet cat, P-30, and several seconds and thirds.

Don DeLoach



It is good to see the FIG Bear returning to Colorado. Its first time here was largely due to your help and support of my win in the wind and dust storm. **Jerry Murphy**

SWR was a great time ! Perfect weather all three days ! Little breezy early Monday but they settled down to nil !

Don actually let me win a few events ! I checked and between Linda and I we flew 27 events !! 😊

Sure missed the rest of ya all (Colorado guys) but I totally understand under the circumstances ! **Chuck Powell**

Some SWR photos



A Field where dreams are made



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- *When pre-entering a contest that needs event selection or similar, you still need to send in the pre-registration form to the Contest Directors*

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