



# THE MAX-OUT

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2021-03 (March)



## PONDERINGS DEP'T

The Free Flight calendar this year started looking like a game of Tetris. That's the video game where all the little blocks fall and you have to stack them so they fit.

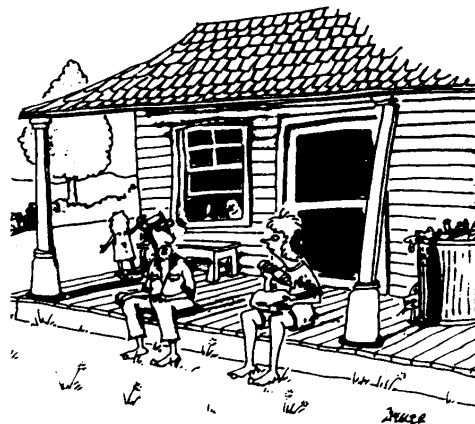
Many contests were rescheduled to coordinate with other contest so everyone can have a quality schedule and not miss anything.

To show our appreciation for the hard work I invite you to fly as much as you can.

Covid protocols are still on the table and many venues are off.

Short notice here but the Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb is this coming Sunday, 3/21 at the Manitou HS gym. Not as big as the City Aud but fun, nonetheless.

Get those juices flowing!



"Ma ... Time to dust off a few things"

**"Ochroma lagopus in perpetuum"**

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

Rick

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- Full membership is offered to any current AMA member: \$45
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**Operating the club and providing you with great flying opportunities whether indoor and outdoor, it does cost money and we solicit contributions to help offset that cost. You can donate directly to Chuck Etherington or use the MMM Paypal opportunity noted below.**

**Motorcycle Use on the Field Policy:**

*Follow the roads wherever possible*

*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 !!**

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## PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS



**John McGrath**

From the Pres--March 15, 2021

Who'd have thought? During the dead of winter, we've had not one, but two excellent contest days at the field--one in January, and one in March. Originally conceived by Don DeLoach as a way to get some flying done while indoor's been on hold, it's actually turned into quite a viable way to get more use out of the field, breath a little warm outdoor air, and stretch the legs a little. Instead of completely writing off three or four months of outdoor flying, we took advantage of something we've known for a long time--that often get really nice warm weather windows during December, January, February and March.

All it took was a change in the way we do business. Instead of lashing the dates down hard to the calendar, we keep an eye on the forecast, and then put ourselves on alert as the weekend gets closer. This past weekend--first weekend in March--was a great example. Early in the week things were looking viable for either Saturday or Sunday. Come Friday, Don put out the word that we were on hot standby for Sunday flying via the Group.io board, and then confirmed it Saturday. Come Sunday, the weather was warm and sunny, and voila--we had a Coupe contest! Sure it was a little breezy, but it was great to be out there with the regulars, finding thermals and telling sea stories. Flexibility: The key to success.

Speaking of Coupes--as many of you know, longtime club member Dick Branca

passed away recently, and thanks to Rick Pangell--who is nothing short of heroic when it comes to helping our senior members during their twilight years--many of Dick's F1G models found new homes last weekend. A few weeks ago we had sent to his daughter Lara a condolence card, signed by those at the field during the January session. I received a very nice card in response this past week. Lara wrote to the club, "Thank you for all of your kind words. They lifted my spirit. You were among the best friends my father had." If ever you think this club is solely about airplanes, keep thinking.

I count not fewer than six members of the club who have Coupes in some kind of flyable condition. Might I suggest an F1G mass launch during one of our Spring Scrambles to honor the man? Let's kick that around.

This brings me to the Ceiling Climb. Yes, the Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb is a go for this year! I'm not sure a year ago we could safely have predicted it would happen, but thanks to Don for his CD leadership, to Darold Jones for his adept management of our long-running relationship with Manitou Springs High School, and Indoor Coordinator John Christensen for spreading the word, the contest is going to happen this coming Sunday, March 21. No, it's not the City Aud, but it's a venue we know well. Time to dust off your Pennyplanes, P-18's, gliders, Peanuts and all of those planes that've been languishing in their boxes, and tell 'em they're going for a ride! Elsewhere in this issue you'll find the flyer with the schedule for the day.

Last weekend I had my second COVID shot, and I've got to say, it was a great feeling. Surprisingly emotional, as a matter of fact. Best of all, I got my shot on Saturday, and flew twenty maxes in a row on Sunday! Well, that's a big fat lie, but you can't beat a COVID shot followed by a contest in the sun to put you in a great mood. See you at the Ceiling Climb. I'll be one of many, I hope, smiling underneath his mask. Warm regards,  
John

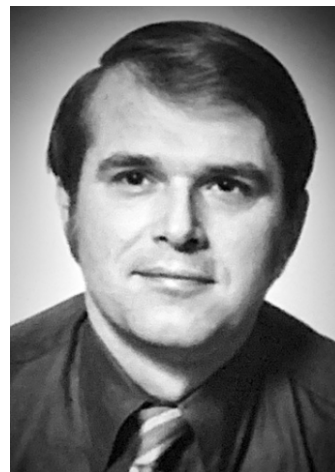
***Richard Wayne Branca, D.D.S.***

Born in Rockford, Illinois in 1939 to Carlo and Adele Branca, passed away of natural causes in Loveland, Colorado on January 25, 2021. Richard was a United States Air Force Captain whose hobbies included cross-country cycling, astronomy, fine art and music, ecological conservation and flying competitive model airplanes.

He was passionate about photography and exploring the Colorado mountains. He had a progressive mind and was ahead of his time in many regards. He was an oral surgeon who is published in the Journal of Oral Surgery and a member of the American Society of Oral Surgeons, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the Magnificent Mountain Men Free Flight Model Airplane club and also the National Free Flight Society.

A Service is scheduled for 1:00pm on May 3rd, 2021 at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver CO.

In Lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions can be made to the following organizations: Sierra Club Foundation-John Muir Chapter Address: 754 Williamson St., Madison Wisconsin 53703 Website: [act.sierraclub.org/donate](http://act.sierraclub.org/donate) The National Audubon Society Address: 225 Varick St. 7th Floor, New York, NY 10014 Website: [act.audubon.org/a/memorial-gift](http://act.audubon.org/a/memorial-gift) World Wildlife Fund Address: 1250 24th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20037 Website: [Support.worldwildlife.org/site/donation2](http://Support.worldwildlife.org/site/donation2)



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**January 31, 2021 ... First AdHoc event**

I kid you not! And it was 52 degrees and sunny!! Spectacular!

Jerry Jeff Murphy won the First Ever Last-minute January MMM Scramble, with a score in E-36 of 120+120+111. Congrats, Murph!





## Indoor in the Springs at MHS

Indoor Scramble 2/21/21								
Name	Class & Record (sec)	Record	Flight 1 (sec)	Flight 2 (sec)	Flight 3 (sec)	Flight 4 (sec)	Flight 5 (sec)	Score for Best Flight
David Aronstein	No Cal	189	145	158	181			0.96
Rick Pangell	No Cal	189	93	105	49			0.56
Rick Pangell	P-Nut	70	28.5	34				0.49
Rick Pangell	LPP	615	147.5	174				0.28
<b>Fantom Flash</b>								
Don DeLoach			85	85	86			256
Chuck Etheington			68	68	24	38		198
John Christensen			77	77				154
<b>Mass Launch</b>								
Don DeLoach	1							86
Chuck Etherington	2							
John Christense	3							

## 3/7 Coupe contest..

The day had all the makings of a nice day according to the forecasts, but alas it was pretty spotty. It was “flying warm” but the wind was totally not cooperating. Calm spots for a few minutes and then windy for about 10.

Impromptu Coupe Contest March 7, 2021								
<b>FAC JetCat</b>								
Name	Model	Flight 1 (sec)	Flight 2 (sec)	Flight 3 (sec)	Flight 4 (sec)	Flight 5 (sec)	Flight 6 (sec)	Score
Don DeLoach	Miles M-100	17	25	31	22			78
John McGrath	F-4	12	10	13	10	14	18	45
Rick Pangell	T-37	11	6	7				24
Don DeLoach	Something French	6						6
<b>F1G</b>								
John McGrath		50	120	120				290
Don DeLoach		120	77					197
Darold Jones		66	56					122



Our fearless President flew in challenging conditions to win the coveted Coupe Contest Trophy



The usual gang of suspects wanting their photo taken... courtesy of Marylin McQuade

## **Goings On:**

### **'21 GENESEO FAC NON NATS CANCELLED**

FAC has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 FAC Non Nats in Geneseo, NY. I understand the disappointment this will bring to everyone. **Current** NY State quarantine regulations make travel in and out of the state logistically impractical for the majority of us. Perhaps by July they will be relaxed...maybe not.

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### ***The NFFS now has a You Tube Channel !!***

Just get on You Tube and type in National Free Flight Society or pas this into your browser  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=national+free+flight+society](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=national+free+flight+society)

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### ***Indoor at Manitou***

Darold has secured the following dates at the Manitou HS gym: March 21 for the PPCC and April 11 for an indoor scramble.

We are to observe the following protocols: Social distancing, no more than 50 people in the gym at any time, masks are required, keep outside door locked.

Sounds very reasonable and doable.

Look forward to seeing you all then, Darold

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### ***The Round Valley Dome contest is now April 17-18***

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### ***Dick Branca***

The estate of Dick Branca has been slowly been offered first to MMM Club members and then to other Free Flight interests.

Some of the first round items left to distribute are:

Used	F1B	Bukin	Glide Tek
Used	F1B	Burdov	Starlink
NIB	F1B	Vivchar	Prima? Wood Box Uncovered Kit #33.01
NIB	F1B	Vivchar	Prima?(?) F1B RTF 33.00
NIB	F1B	Musius	Kit - Very Complete "W Hobby"
NIB	F1B	Andruikov	E-Timer and Variable Pitch Prop etc. Separate Box

These F1B's are in new never flown or near new condition. All Net Proceeds go to his estate. If you have interest in any of these items or know of someone who would, please contact me at: [themaxout@aol.com](mailto:themaxout@aol.com) and I can provide details and photos.

## **2021 Overall Regional MMM Contest Schedule**

Paste this into your home calendar so you have anticipation to your travel and build plans!

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>CD(s)</b>
January One-Off	31-Jan	Don DeLoach
February One-Off	21-Feb	Don DeLoach
March Coupe Contest	7-Mar	Don DeLoach
Scramble	25-Apr	Rick Pangell
Scramble (Kid's Contest)	16-May	Pete McQuade
Casino Cup (Wendover, NV)	19-20 June	Jack Murphy
Scramble	27-Jun	Darold Jones
14-Rounder (Incl. July Scramble)	9-11 July	Pete McQuade John McGrath Jace Pivonka
(Indoor NATS)	20-23 July	<b>Bill Shailor</b>
(Outdoor NATS)	25-29 July	<b>Ed Carroll</b>
Scramble	8-Aug	Mel Gray
RMFFC	4-6 September	Don DeLoach Chuck Etherington Mark Covington
Scramble (Late Day Contest)	26-Sep	Jerry Murphy
Scramble	10-Oct	Jeff Pakiz
Scramble (Frito Pie)	7-Nov	Rick Pangell
Annual Meeting	8-Jan-22	John McGrath



### **INDOOR FLYING:**

- *Beth Eden Events are at: Beth Eden Baptist Church at 2600 Wadsworth Blvd.*
- *Manitou HS Events are at: 401 El Monte Pl, Manitou Springs, CO 80829*

# ***The Magnificent Mountain Men Proudly Bring You 15<sup>th</sup> Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb***

**AMA Sanctioned Indoor Free Flight Model Airplane Contest**

***Sunday, March 21, 2021***

**Flying site is the 22' Manitou Springs High School gym, 401 El Monte Place, Manitou Springs, CO**

***Flying Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.***

**Practice & fun flying during the contest is permitted but official flights always have right-of-way. Please exercise courtesy and common sense.**

## **Schedule (subject to adjustment per demand for airspace)**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>STATIC JUDGING:</b> FAC Peanut, Jet Cat Scale.
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>GLIDER ONLY:</b> AMA HLG, AMA Unlimited/Standard Catapult combined, FAC Jet Catapult Scale, Tiny Glider <sup>①</sup> . <u>No HLG/CLG/Jet Cat flying after 11:00 a.m.</u>
11:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>RUBBER and TOWLINE:</b> P-24 Mass Launch (12pm), FAC Peanut Scale, FAC No-Cal Scale, Bostonian 7g, Limited Pennyplane, WWII No-Cal Mass Launch <sup>②</sup> (1pm), FAC Dime Scale, FAC Phantom Flash 5g, FAC Phantom Flash 5g Mass Launch (2pm), P-18, P-18 Mass Launch (3pm), NFFS Towline Glider <sup>③</sup> , Greve/Thompson No-Cal Mass Launch <sup>④</sup> (4pm), Scraps, F1M, F1L, Easy B, Mini Stick, A-6, F1D. <u>NOTE: if there are enough sub 2-gram models we will announce a lightweight only window from 4:00-6:00.</u>

① Tiny Glider: Score = {total, best 2 of 9 flights} / {wingspan (inches) + 1.0}. Example: 4" span, best two flights 18.1 sec and 21.9 sec., score = {18.1 + 21.9} / {4+1} = {40}/5 = 8.00 points. No size limits. If you want to fly a 40" span glider in 'tiny glider' you may, but the handicap will really hurt you!

② All FAC rules apply plus 7" max prop diameter and minimum empty weight of 6.2 grams. Models must have correct color and markings and must have armament. Combat aircraft only.

③ Now an official NFFS event. Rules at <[www.freeflight.org](http://www.freeflight.org)>

④ All FAC rules apply except no Hosler Furies. 7" max prop diameter and minimum empty weight of 6.2 grams. Models must have correct color and markings.

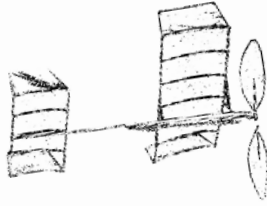
## **The Fine Print:**

- COVID precautions in effect: Masks worn at all times inside the building, and 6-foot distance between attendees.
- Contest Director: Don DeLoach, [ddeloach@comcast.net](mailto:ddeloach@comcast.net) 719-964-7117
- Link to AMA rules: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/Indoor%20Free%20Flight%202019-2020.pdf>
- Link to FAC rules: <http://www.flyingacesclub.com/>
- Entry fee: Open: \$5 per event, \$10 for unlimited events. Under age 19: \$5 for unlimited events
- "Colorado Cup" Grand Champ Trophy to highest scorer in up to 5 pre-selected events (at least 1 of the 5 must be a glider event, otherwise you may choose only 4 rubber events). 5-4-3-2-1 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> place; 1 point deducted for each person fewer than 5 in an event. Minimum 3, 2 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> in an event, even if only one/two entered.
- Chairs provided on site. BRING TABLES.
- Sorry, no RC flying.





# Round Valley Dome



April 17-18, 2021



THE ROUND VALLEY DOME INDOOR CONTEST EAGAR, ARIZONA  
APRIL 17th & 18th, 2021 - 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M BOTH DAYS

In addition, we have Friday the 16th as a practice day  
from 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

## LIST OF EVENTS

ROG  
F1D  
F1L  
FIM  
OPEN PENNY PLANE  
LIMITED PENNY PLANE  
EZB  
A-6  
MINI STICK  
HLG  
CATAPULT GLIDER  
UNLIMITED CATAPULT GLIDER  
P 18 - See new provisional rules  
FAC DIME SCALE  
NO-CAL SCALE  
NO-CAL SCALE WW-II Mass Launch  
INDOOR TOWLINE GLIDER  
PHANTOM FLASH  
WW-I DIME SCALE Mass Launch  
JET CATAPULT  
ELECTRIC  
EMBRYO  
FAC PEANUT



Entry fee is \$40  
for the contest, no  
matter how many  
events you fly.  
Glider flying is  
limited to Saturday

and Sunday mornings. We will also make time  
for gliders on Friday ( others may fly other  
types of models at this time at your own  
discretion.) Lots of floor area. 400' X Cat. III No  
Cal Mass launch at noon on Sunday. We plan  
on being quite flexible from there on depending  
on what models show up.



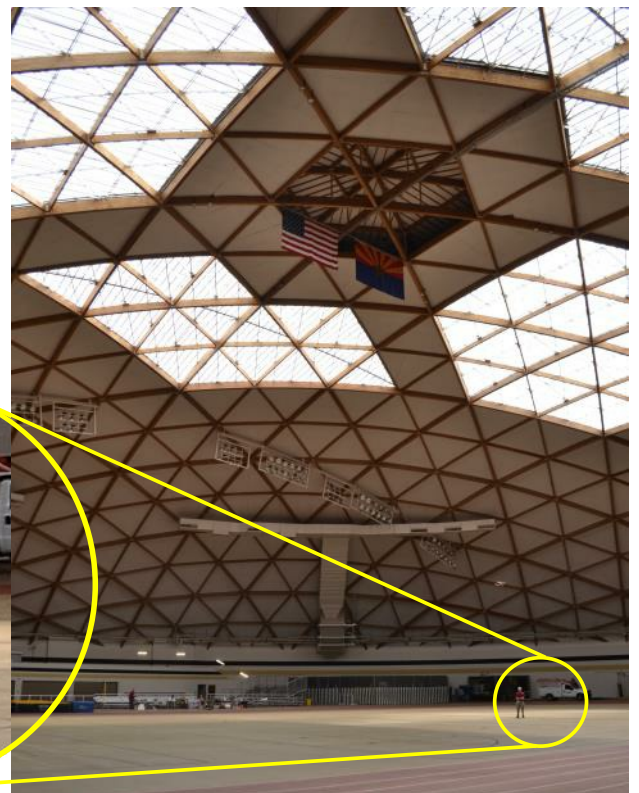
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## Practice for the 2022 Indoor Nationals



### Some notes on the indoor contest in Arizona.

The towns of Eagar and Springerville are right next to each other. If not for the sign you would not know when you passed from one to another. The Dome is located in Eagar. The mailing address for the school is in Springerville. Friday evening we will meet at the Trail Riders Restaurant for dinner. Saturday evening we will meet for dinner at a location we decide upon. This will be mainly a social event but subjects related to modeling will be welcome. Be advised that some of the eating establishments have gone out of business due to the economy in Eagar. I will know more about what is available later. After the contest, (Monday morning) a few of us from the Phoenix Model Airplane Club and some of the guys from The Magnificent Mountain Men M.A.C. will be helping the school with an aviation project with the STEM students using the Mountain Lion. The science department and the district superintendent are very enthused as are we. This has been a lot of fun for us as well



Note: the US and AZ flags are no longer near the crown of the dome. This is a picture taken before the renovation, and the flags were relocated above the area used for flyer tables. The crown area is now clear.

Third Annual

# CASINO CUP

West Wendover NV

JUNE 19-21, 2021

FAI-AMA-NFFS

AMERICAS CUP NATIONAL CUP



## • Saturday

- FAI a-b-c-q
- AMA Power, Rubber, Towline Glider -fly either day, must finish same day
- NFFS -fly either day, finish same day
- Glider Pen hlg, clg
- MMM Club Scramble format for singleton class entries (maxes handicapped to 3 minutes). Two Entrants+ in a class constitute a separate event. Run what 'ya brung!!
- Field is approximately 9 miles south of the Wendover Strip west from Highway 93A. Head west on dirt road just south of 9 Mile Hill.
- Area adjacent to the flight line for camping, trailers and motorhomes.
- Abundant casino hotels and motels available in nearby West Wendover NV/Wendover UT

## • Sunday

- FAI g-h-j-p-s
- AMA Power, Rubber, Towline Glider -fly either day, must finish same day
- NFFS -fly either day, finish same day
- THE BIG DADDY! –  
F1s/E36 combined, P-30  
see separate flyer

\$30 Entry includes 1 event. \$60 unlimited events \$10 additional entry for the Big Daddy. Cash only

Brought to you by the MMM Club  
AMA #177 Current AMA membership required.

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Third Annual

# CASINO CUP

West Wendover, NV

June 19-21, 2021

FAI-AMA-NFFS

presents

## THE BIG DADDY!!

the Big Daddy Challenge  
in memory of the Great  
John Oldenkamp

Father's Day 2020

F1S/E36 Combined  
P-30

\$10 to Enter + must also be entered  
in the Casino Cup Contest

Winners take the pots!!

(One Electric/One Rubber)

Americas Cup

National Cup

Fly from the Pen

5 Rounds F1S + AMA  
rules for E36 and P30

Contest Directors

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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*

***Note, Paypal does charge a fee for this service so if you do use paypal maybe add an extra buck to help us out***





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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>FEATURE EVENT</b>
<i>March 21st</i>	<i>Pikes Peak Ceiling Climb</i>	<i>Indoor Flying</i>
<i>April 11</i>	<i>Manitou Springs HS</i>	<i>Indoor Scramble</i>
<i>April 17-18</i>	<i>Round Valley Dome Springerville, Az</i>	<i>Indoor flying at a great venue</i>
<i>April 25</i>	<i>MMM Scramble</i>	<i>Outdoor Flying</i>

**FIRST CLASS**



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