

HAFFA 2018 Outdoor Championship

The 2018 HAFFA Outdoor Championship contest will begin in May and conclude the second Tuesday in September. It will be flown the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the field behind the Frontier Trail Middle School in Olathe. The field is located on 143rd St. just west of Black Bob. Flying commences around 6:30 pm, and ends when getting dark & called by the director. There is little thermal activity at that time of day, and we have never lost a plane, except by crashing of course. Timing must be done by another person. The format as follows:

- 1) Flying Dates: Tuesdays May 8 & 22, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 14 & 28, and Sept. 11 – obviously we are at the mercy of the weather and could have rainouts & blowouts. In that case, that date is just scratched from the results. Everyone has vacations, and may miss a date or two as well.
- 2) 2018 Events – Cat. Launch Glider, ½ Size Gollywock, FAC Jet Cat. Launch Glider, and Thermic Hand Launched Glider. Rules for each as follows:
 - a) Cat. Launch Glider – AMA rules to the letter.
 - b) ½ Size Gollywock – Built to the Jim O'Reilly's 1941 Gollywock or Aeromodeler Plans. However, if this is adopted by FAC as an event, probably only the 1941 Gollywock version will be accepted. **Change from 2017 – Seven in max. diameter prop, may be plastic or balsa, and it can be shaved to as thin and light as you want.** It just breaks more easily that way. Short kits are available for both and may be used.
 - c) FAC Jet Cat. Launch Glider – FAC rules with bonus points modified as follows, and 1 second is added to flight time for each point:
 - 1) Flying wings or canards get a 5 pt. bonus.
 - 2) 1 pt. is awarded for each wing tank, engine, or armament (bomb or missile) mounted on the wing. Profiles of such on the fuselage do not get the bonus.
 - 3) Jets painted in a color scheme of an actual jet get 5 bonus pts.
 - d) Thermic Hand Launched Glider – Either Jasco or Jetco versions of the following are eligible. Plans are available for all, otherwise AMA HLG rules apply:
Thermic Dart, Thermic 18, Thermic 20, Thermic 30, Thermic 50, Thermic B
- 3) Scoring for Championship: You receive 1 point for a timed flight in any event. Then, you receive one point for each person you beat in any of the events. Example: 5 people fly CLG and you come in first – You receive 1 point for flying, and 4 points for the people you beat, for a total of 5 points. Best time for the month from either flying session will be used for scoring. In other words, it is **the best time for a single flight that month in each event.** There is no limit on attempts or flights. You just need to get someone to time you, usually no problem. Results and standings will be sent out with the meeting reminder each month, and published in the newsletter when they come out.
- 4) You may fly more than one event at each session, and are encouraged to do so. You will never be in contention for the championship unless you fly multiple or all the events.

There is a perpetual trophy for this championship, now held by Charlie Taylor, and it will be awarded to the new champion, whomever that may be, at the HAFFA Annual Picnic tentatively scheduled for the third Sunday in September, September 23.