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Muroc Model Masters
Flying Field
is closed
until further notice!

Due to the
recent rains in the area.

**Please Don't Drive on the
Lake Bed!!**

March Meeting Will Be On Tuesday,
March 4, 2008
At Floyd Mathews House
in Rosamond at 6:00 pm.
See You There!

2008 Membership Cards

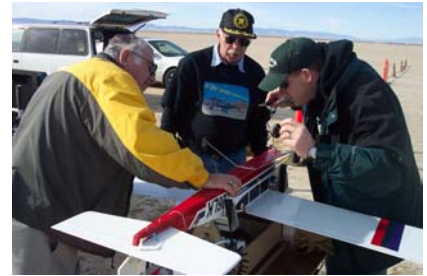
For 2008, please remember to get your AMA insurance renewed before you renew your MMM membership. In order to have a 2008 MMM card issued, you need to provide a copy of your 2008 AMA card and driver's license or military ID.

Club applications may be mailed to Muroc Model Masters, **Post Office Box 2194, Rosamond, CA 93560-2194**. Checks can be made payable to Muroc Model Masters. Membership dues are still just \$25 for the whole year. If applying in person, please see Charlie Threewit, Treasurer, at the field or meetings.

>> *From the desk of Joe Breda* <<

Hello Folks, I apologize for not having any dissertations last month, Work, at work, had me down! So let me catch you up a bit on recent happenings.

January 1st 2008 comes to mind first. As I have done for many years now, I like to fly on that day as a sort of a ritual. That is so, to get the first flight of the year in. It is easy-up to do out here in SoCal, but when I resided back East it was a tough ritual to complete! This year I was pleasantly surprised to see I was NOT the only one that had a notion or desire to fulfill such a ritual. We had about 6 / 8 people out at the field on January 1st 2008 all enjoying the day to its fullest. We had Bi-Planes, Trainers, Tigers, P51's etc. making their début for 2008 and all were successful which means NO GLUE was needed at the end of the day. It was great that the weather held up good well into the afternoon. By the time the HOT coffee was done being needed, it warmed up to be a quite pleasant comfortable day. Bottom line to all this ... WE "ALL" HAD A BLAST on New Years Day 2008!



Another happening on this 1st day of 08 was a re-occurrence of something I have wrote about in the past that still amazes me. We had a walk-on guest flying their new plane. It was a trainer. The amazing thing is once again the rookie pilot never actually flew an RC plane. The guy did pretty well for never actually have flown before, and once again he was able to take off, fly around a bit and land it in one piece. I could see he was somewhat inexperienced so I asked how much experience he had. The answer once again was, never did it before, "Except on a SIMULATOR" Once again the simulator shines as one heck of a training tool. But still does not teach all. Ron Scaggs and John Sylvester donated



their time to set up the correct landing gear configuration to make take-offs and landing more reliable. And also explained the correct way to tune the engine. There again,... these were a few of the details the simulators do not teach.

NEXT,.. Halleluiah, Halleluiah, Halleluiah and Halleluiah ! We finally got the new Club sign well in work and the only thing now needed I'm told, is a little paint and then trucking it out to the field for installation. Believe it or not, we had a greater work party than number of members at some meetings. WOW... now that was a surprise and I believe a 1st. This was not without excitement however. While transporting the material and partial construction of the sign, it somehow slipped off the truck onto the middle of Rosamond Blvd. All came to agreement that the reason it slid off the truck was the same reason that our models fly,... AIR SPEED. I will say no more concerning that subject except that no one got close to being hurt and all had a good chuckle after the fact.



All has been quite at the field this past month due to the rains in late January that filled up the lake bed. As of this week of Feb 19th, I believe we can commence flying again unless the recent forecast of rain hoses things up again. We will have a better outlook at this months meeting concerning that subject.

This just in, AKA Models has a few specials on ARFs (<http://www.ak-models.com/>) just go into the site and click on planes. This is the most economical place I have found to purchase ARFs. I have to say this though, these ARF have great prices but the plans and directions are pretty thin. If you have built models from kits before you will have no problems. All one needs to do, more or less, is follow the pictures to acquire the assembly sequence. If one has never constructed an RC plane then there may be issues because the directions have a lot to be desired. I couldn't help myself and had to have one of the clearance specials. It is a quite large P-51-D, 70" wing span, 62" Fiberglass fuselage with fiberglass air scoop and other fittings. It is recommended to use a 91 to a 120 4cycle up front. All this for 155 Buck-er-Roos, Boy what a deal! I should have it by Feb 26th so I may bring the ARF Kit to the meeting to show what 155 Bucks can get you!

MMM minutes 2/05/08

Meeting for February 5, 2008 was called by (president) Ron Scaggs at 6:12 PM. The meeting was conducted at the home of Floyd Matthews in Rosamond, Ca. MMM minutes for the month of January was read by (secretary) Jerry Rice, John Sylvester moved it be accepted, seconded by Steve Wells. Financial report was given by (president) Ron Scaggs and Jerry Rice moved it be accepted, seconded by John Sylvester.

There were no new topics brought up at this time.

Old business brought up by Ron Scaggs:

Club sign / field box was cut and assembled by Richard Hooker at his home in Rosamond, Ca.

The work party was organized on January 19th, 2008. All personnel that said they would attend did, plus John Sturgeon also attended. Bob Smith brought the doughnuts. Bob Knoob brought the carpenter, (Richard Hooker). We loaded the frame work of the field box in Jerry Rice's truck, did not secure it, and dumped it on Rosamond Blvd. We only blocked traffic for about ten minutes. Loaded it back in the truck and tied it down. Proceeded to Richard Hookers residence. The work party reassembled at Ron Scaggs home.

There was no mention of a monitory settlement for the work performed on the field box until Ron Scaggs picked it up at Richard Hookers residence. Ron paid him \$230.00 for his labor. Ron said he did a good job on it.

John Sylvester rebuilt the frequency boards that go with the field box, and John Sturgeon had the club sign made at a sign shop, all items look good, and should stand up to the weather for several years.

John Sylvester suggested we wait until after the March meeting to discuss work on the Field box because of the weather. It was approved by the members in attendance.

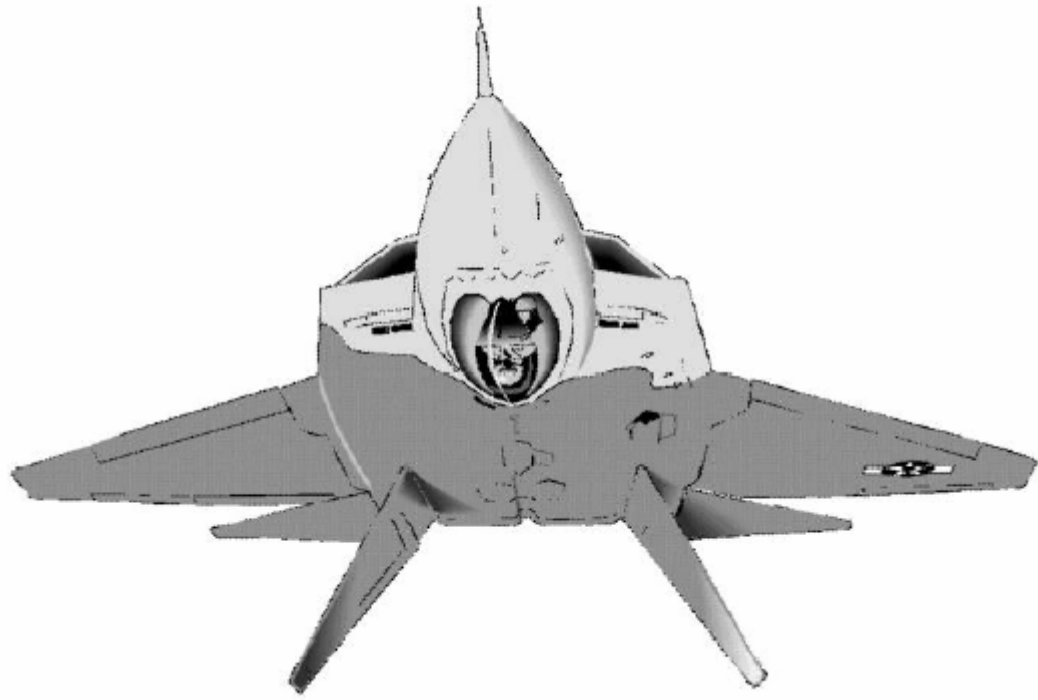
Attendance at the February MMM meeting was as follows:

Ron Scaggs, John Sylvester, Floyd Matthews, Jim Byrd, Steve Wells, John Sturgeon, Bob Smith, Mike Blanchard, Bill Hobbs, Jerry Rice.

Meeting closed at 7:00 PM.

Secretary, Jerry V. Rice





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