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# Propwash

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## **Muroc Model Masters Flying Field IS OPEN!!!**

April Meeting Will Be On Tuesday,  
**April 1, 2008**  
At Floyd Mathews House  
in Rosamond at 6:00 pm.  
**See You There!**

### **Classified Ads**

There has been a request for  
Classified Ads in the newsletter.  
If you would like to place an ad in the  
Newsletter, please send an email to  
[oldcrow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oldcrow@sbcglobal.net)  
before the last week of the month.

### **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.

Joe Breda is having more medical problems thus we need to remember him and his family a bit more in our prayers.

## Tips & Tricks

### Any Old Bikes Lying Around?

A good thing to use for pushrods are bicycle spokes. You can find old used wheels for next to nothing and take out the spokes. They are threaded and come in different sizes.

### Instant Gap Filler

To fill small gaps, instead of filling with the usual putties and waiting for them to dry, place some medium CA in the gap. Then place a small amount of baking soda on and watch it set before your eyes. It is the strongest fill I have come across and is instant.

—both from the *Beachmasters RC Club, Ocean Park, Washington*

### Sandbag Weights

Fill plastic Ziploc bags of various sizes approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  full of fine sand and seal each well. Use these to hold down large parts of your airplane, such as wings, while building. The sand conforms to the shape of the parts. The bags also work well when gluing sheeting.

—from the *Orbiting Eagles, Omaha, Nebraska*

### Cutting Corners

For a better fitting joint when using triangle stock, sand a little off the 90° corner to provide clearance for any glue fillet that may exist.

### Weight Lifter

An excellent way to add ballast to the front of your model is to straighten the tab of your old tire weights, then bolt them to the underside of your engine mount. This puts the weight well forward where it's needed and where it can be clipped away with shears to adjust the balance point of the model. Do not bolt ballast to the cowls. More often than not, the little cowl mounting screws will be torn out by the vibration. Your friendly tire man will probably give you some old weights.

—both from the *Schoolcraft SkyHawks R/C Airplane Club, Schoolcraft, Michigan*

## More Tips

### *Tips provided by the members of the Suburban RC Barnstomers, Bloomingdale, Illinois*

Simple aircraft brakes. Just put a fuel tube between the wheel and wheel collar to add some friction. These can be adjusted by compressing the tube more or less when adjusting the wheel. These work well for paved runways.

Save your propeller spinner. Many use self-tapping screws that go into plastic. Over time, these can become stripped from rethreading the plastic hole. To prevent this when replacing the screw, put the screw in the hole, but slowly back it out until you feel it drop into the previously tapped thread. This will greatly extend the life of your spinner.

Help make your Dean connectors easier to pull apart - lubricate them with plain old Vaseline. Works great!

Great fillets on models. Fill the fillet with baking soda and let some thin cyanoacrylate soak in. This can also work for V-joints.

Use some silicone sealer on the end of the wheel wire to hold lightweight wheels on. It is cheap, simple, and easy to remove when desired.

Put a rubber band around a used battery pack to prevent mistaking them for a fresh pack. A simple solution and we all have rubber bands! →

# MMM minutes 03/04/08

The meeting of the Muroc Model Masters was called to order at 6:20 pm by the President. The meeting was held at the Rosamond Skypark home of Floyd Mathews. Nine members and four visitors were present. Ron Scaggs read last month's minutes. Jerry Rice was out with pneumonia. Lou Figueroa moved, seconded by Steve Wells, that the previous month's minutes be approved. Charles Threewit presented the treasurer's report. Joe Breda moved it be accepted and it was seconded by John Sylvester.

## Old Business:

SIGN Finishing - The sign is ready to be completed. A list of items needed to finish the sign was discussed. The items needed are: roof shingles, primer and paint, items to beef-up the door, locks, fire extinguishers, first aid kit, paint rollers, long screws cut, bolts for legs. Charles will get the material. It was decided to meet at Ron's house to finish the sign on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at 0900. Four or five members volunteered to be there.

## New Business:

The flying field is open! The area is finally dry enough to drive to the flying site. Ron got an email from Rica Lynn, of the Edwards Real Property office, concerning driving on the lake bed:

“This email is to inform both parties utilizing the lakebed (North Rosamond Blvd., Township 9 North, Range 11 West, Portions of Sections 17 & 18) that the only AUTHORIZED entry/exit point is indicated by the **Muroc Model Master sign**.

From this moment on...Do not utilize any other entry/exit point without prior approval through the Real Property office. Prior approval will take approx a week or more, so plan accordingly.”

There was a discussion about the unauthorized use of the flying field by the UAV people. They seem to be out there almost every day. It was also suggested that we get authorization to replace the sign. Ron said he will contact the Edwards Real Property office about the sign.

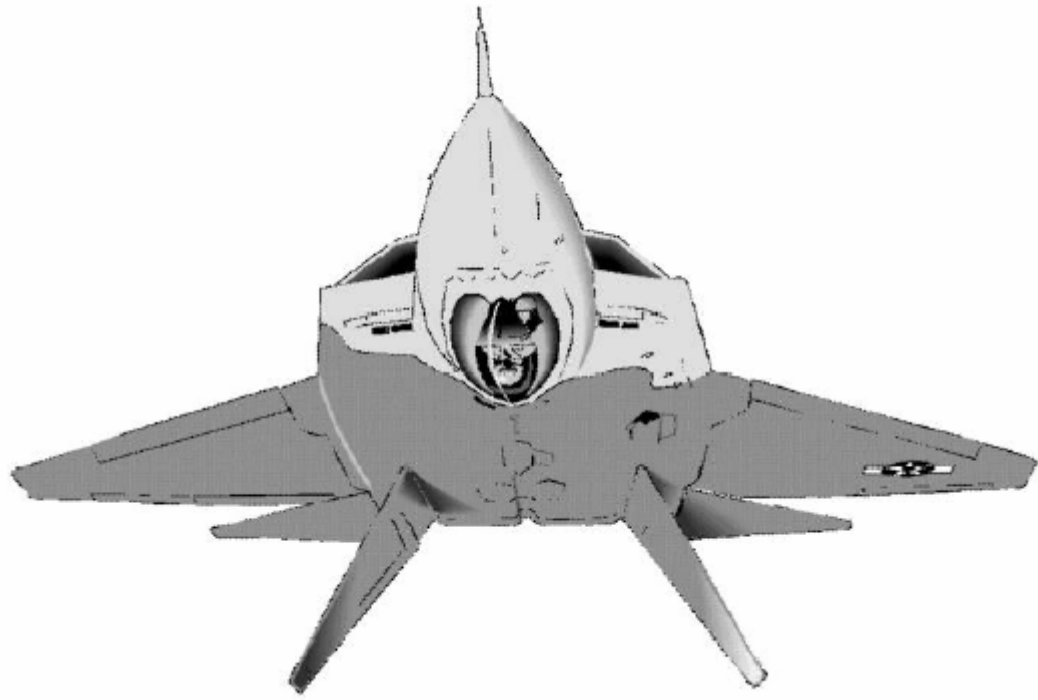
The meeting was closed at 7:07 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, **April 1, 2008** at 6 pm at the Rosamond Skypark home of Floyd Mathews.

Three visitors in attendance joined the club after the meeting: Rob Marraccino, Artwain Mallery, and returning member Ken Krutsch.

There was a “Show and Tell” after the meeting: Joe Breda brought a large P-51 – 120 engine size. Steve Wells brought a giant AXI motor that is going to be used in one of his large aircraft experiments. Rob Marraccino brought a Carbon Traveler Convertible – an electric profile type, fabric bi-plane with floats – it breaks down flat for traveling.

Members present: Ron Scaggs, John Sturgeon, Floyd Mathews, Charles Threewit, Lou Figueroa, Joe Breda, John Sylvester, Mike Blanchard, Steve Wells, Artwain Mallery, Rob Mattaccino, and past member - Don Martin.

John Sturgeon  
for Jerry Rice, Secretary



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