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

It's Time to go Flying!!

The Muroc Model Masters
May Meeting Will Be On Tuesday,
June 3, 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
before the 3rd 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.

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

Hello Folks, well this month has been a real busy month at the field and more and more people have been showing up on the weekends, I even saw an old friend there from awhile back,.. around 2001 or so. I always wondered what ever became of him, so hey, welcome back Mark and hope to see you more often, BTW Mark had a disastrous mishap which was no fault of his or his building skills. We at the field believe it was a design flaw in the Senorita he and his son were flying. The wing literally seemed to disintegrate in straight and level flight, Darndest thing I ever witnessed. After looking at it, it seemed that the main spar failed right at the end of the connecting center wing spar joint. Also observed was the hardwood/plywood spar came to an abrupt 90 degree end, and did not taper which is most common. We don't know for sure, but that is what and where it looked like it failed. Mark did report that before the incident they were doing some high stress loops etc and that may have weakened it. Bottom line was we were not 100% sure.

Another member was also seen at the club field, Charlie Threewit who hasn't been at the field for awhile. It was good to see O'le Charlie there again. He was going give another shot at flying his Long-N-Easy canard and all were anticipating the 1st flight, but sad to report Charlie had some engine problems with the ship and had to nix the planned 1st flight which frustrated him.

On another note, there have been a lot of new planes at the field and for some strange reason they are all equipped with 4 cycle engines. We had about four or five 1st flights this month on the new planes. Guess the four cycles are really catching on these days.

Also this month, John Sylvester did some experiments with his dedicated Sky Tiger 60. John is planning to do another Tiger and load it up with all the goodies but in doing so realized that it would add a lot of weight, so the experiment was to load up his current Tiger with lead and see just how much weight it could handle. He added 2.5 pounds and the plane took off well, and flew with not too much adversity, but the landing was a little to be reckoned with, seems the added weight over stressed the nose gear and snapped of clean as a whistle on the landing. No real harm was done except it scraped up his brand new shinny high dollar aluminum spinner and that bruised his ego just a bit. This little adventure didn't stop John from continuing to fly the Tiger because John had plan "B" up his sleeve. His 2nd experiment was a quick, "at the field", re-configuration, He reconfigured the Tiger as a tail dragger and again John was back in the air. So in the end, both of Johns experiments worked out well for the day. That was all on Saturday the 19th of May which was the best day of the month for flying, sun shine blue skies, and most importantly, just a whisper of wind was present the whole day. We did quit around noon however because it did start to get quite hot at around 95deg.

That's it folks till next month! Hope to see y'all at the field! If not,... your loss !

Cheers !
Joe Breda

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MMM minutes 05/06/08

The meeting of the Muroc Model Masters was called to order at 6:15 pm by the President. The meeting was held at the Rosamond Skypark home of Floyd Mathews. Seventeen members were present. Ron Scaggs read last month's minutes. John Sylvester moved, seconded by Wes Parmenter, that the previous month's minutes be approved. Charles Threewit presented the treasurer's report. Jeff Jeffries moved it be accepted and it was seconded by Steve Wells. The quorum approved to pay Ron Scaggs for the monies he paid out of pocket for the work on the sign.

Old Business:

Our sign for the flying field is waiting on approval from Air Force Personnel to install at the site.

Charles Threewit reported that he had received our charter from AMA, and that the tax exempt status must be filled every year.

New Business:

Old flying field at Sierra Hwy. and Ave. "B" is closed, area is now fenced off and they are removing the cement and asphalt.

Wes Parmenter will not be able to organize the Christmas party this year. Ron Scaggs said he would try to acquire a date for the building (Hummel Hall).

The meeting was closed at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, **June 3, 2008** at 6 pm at the Rosamond Skypark home of Floyd Mathews.

There was a "Show and Tell" after the meeting:

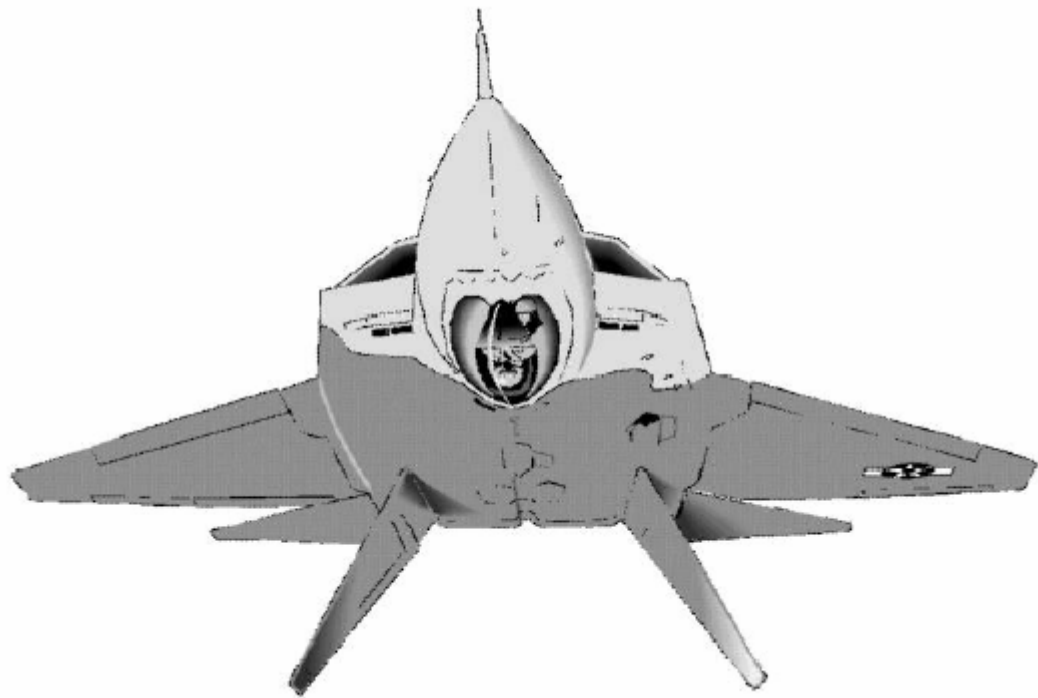
Bob Smith brought a beautiful Balsa USA kit, Bristol M1 60 in w/s painted with Glidden exterior latex and two coats of Sig Butyrate clear dope high gloss and semi-Gloss mixed half and half.



Attendance was as follows:

Ron Scaggs, Jeff Jeffries, Steve Wells, Wes Parmeter, Charlie Threewit, Jerry Rice, Dave Stilwell, Mick Blanchard, Antwain Mallory, Bob Smith, Joe Breda, John Sturgeon, Floyd Mathews, Charley Mead, Dillon Mead, Harleigh Mead, and Austin Armendariz.

Jerry Rice, Secretary



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