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Due to the  
recent rains in the area  
**Muroc Model Masters**  
*Flying Field is*  
**CLOSED**  
*until further notice!*

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

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**March Meeting Will Be On Tuesday,**  
**March 3, 2009**  
**At Floyd Mathews House**  
**in Rosamond at 6:00 pm.**  
**See You There!**

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## 2009 Membership Cards

For 2009, please remember to get your AMA insurance renewed before you renew your MMM membership. In order to have a 2009 MMM card issued, you need to provide a copy of your 2009 AMA card and driver's license or military ID and an **updated application**. The application is on line at <http://www.murocmodelmasters.org/>. Click on "About Our Club".

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* <<

Well folks, Not to much to write about this month, as you all well know, it has been really crappy this month with all the rain and such, I hear tell the lake bed is still under water, and just when it was about to be accessible again. I say another aw-crap to that again. There was one bright week end that was OK, but I couldn't get out. I hope some of you done so. Don't want to get them thumbs rusty, you know. Well I'm OK with that, because I got the simulator at home to keep me sharp.

Anyway, I guess this month just turned into building season for us. I seen and heard of a few projects being worked on at the last meeting. Rob got a gig O'le Mustang he is working on, and John is still working on his new,... AND IMPROVED... Sky Tiger, which he has gobs of mods incorporated on it. Bob I believe is busy re-building Lou's favorite plane and I bet Charlie got some kind of new project going on. Wes also had some sort of sea plane to finish up, and just maybe, Ron is finishing up his full scale joby, Antwan? Now I haven't seen or heard from him for about 4 months so I can't give a report on his doings, but I will bet he has something in the oven. Me, your humble correspondent, has been doing absolutely nothing except flying the sim now and then. However I did pick up 2 more Magnum 4 cycles, they were on sale at Hobby people for 79 bucks. Boy what a steal that was. I didn't really need them, but at that price, I just bought them and salted them away.

Well, spring is just around the corner, so keep your fingers crossed so we have some good sunshine for a few weeks in a row, and just maybe the lake bed will dry out sooner, than later. Well folks, I know this is short and all I can blame it on is Mother Nature. Hope to see you at the next meeting, and by the way, the last one was a hum-dinger, lots of laughs, and I think we MAY have a handle on getting the new frequency board up THIS Spring, there was a lot of Talk and planning and such going on.

Cheers!

Your humble correspondent,

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Wes Parmeter has been deployed and will be gone for about 3 months. Email him whenever you can. He probably would like to hear from you blokes every once in a while. His email address is on the front page of the newsletter. Here is some email he sent recently:

*Well, made it here ok. Worked about 5 days, uh nights, Midnight to Noon. Anyway, figured I would send a note and say hi and everything is going alright. I flew my Blade 400 in on the parking ramp. Here are some pic's and also my Northstar's almost done.*



*Cheers to all from Iraq. I've been building this airplane from scratch when free time is available. This is what I have done so far. It has a 41" wingspan and is 34" long. The wing splits in the middle with the spars going all the way through the fuselage. I did this so it can break down to travel in a tough box. The right*



*wing is shifted 1/8" forward compared to the left. Both spars overlap inside the spar box that's glued into the fuselage. The wings recess into a 1/8 airfoil shape cutout. Once in, 4 screws are installed from inside, through the fuse, wing ribs then into a nutplate inside the wing. The airplane will be a tail dragger and I have installed a second plate on the bottom about 7" aft to allow the installation of floats. "Must be able to fly off water." The motor is an E-Flight .10 swinging a 10 X 6 electric prop. I'm going to cover the plane mostly with transparent red and blue. Will send an update for next month's newsletter. Till then, Wes Parmeter, Vice Pres, MMM*

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## MMM Minutes 03 February 2009

The Muroc Model Masters meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by President Ron Scaggs. The meeting was held at the Rosamond Skypark home of Floyd Mathews. There were thirteen members in attendance. There were no minutes for January. The Treasurer, Charlie Threewit, gave treasurer's report. Lou Figueroa moved it be accepted and Joe Breda seconded it.

### Old Business:

The Christmas party was a very good experience as noted by those individuals who attended. There was lots of food and gifts, Bob Smith did well. Sign (field box) needs to be installed as soon as possible. Charlie Threewit said he would check at the recyclers for some scrap aluminum for the door to the field box. Rob and some of the others will also check with some of our contacts to see what kind of materials we can find for this project. Ron thinks it will be at least another month before we can use the field again.

### New Business:

Ron Scaggs said he will get the exact measurements of the material we need and get an e-mail out by this weekend, Feb 7&8. Rob Marraccino is going to ask the guys at the sign shop on base if they can make a "closed off limits" sign for the field. We as a group discussed restriping the field it was accepted by Charlie Threewit and seconded by John Sturgeon.

The meeting officially closed at 7:03 PM.

Membership attendance for the meeting includes the following names:

Ron Scaggs; Charlie Threewit; Jerry Rice; John Sturgeon; Joe Breda; Rob Marraccino; Steve Wells; Lou Figueroa; Floyd Mathews; Bob Smith; Carey Hughson; Sam Shifflett; Michael Blanchard.

We would like to give Mike Blanchard a thank you for all you have done to help the club, and a hearty HI HO as Mike is being transferred to Japan. He will be there for at least three years maybe more.

Rob brought a Nitro Models 90 size P-51 ARF with Normandy markings. It has a fiberglass fuselage and cost \$125.00.

Lou brought an old (he said) 17 year old Q Tee, it is a half A and he is going to convert it to electric.

These minutes are written and approved by Secretary, Jerry V. Rice February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

Happy modeling and flying ... safely. →