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The Next Meeting Will Be On Tuesday,  
**August 4, 2009**  
At Floyd Mathews House  
in Rosamond at 6:00 pm.  
**See You There!**

## TIPS AND TRICKS

### 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.

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

## 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* <<

Man-O-Man it's been hot out there folks, you would think you were in the middle of a desert or something! Ooops! We are in the middle of the desert! So that explains that, and the desert weather has kicked in. I was only out once at the field so far this month due to work getting in the way and was out of town for awhile, back East I was, and I will tell you this, I would rather have these temps out here, than have it a shade cooler but having the humidity soaring in the mid 90's. Man, I'll tell you, your sweat just doesn't leave you back there, even if you're just a sittin. Yep, I will take this dry heat any day, and I think some of you out there that are from back East, as I, know exactly what I'm talking about. Hot is one thing!... Hot and humid is entirely different! It's good to be back at the "Lonely High Desert Outpost".



Well, as it goes, and considering all the heat and such, I trekked out to the field on the 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a gorgeous Saturday morning, all kind of calm was going on, and it was about 80 degrees when I arrived around 7am. Not all too bad at that time of the day. I got a good long flawless flight on my Sopwith Pup. The Pup really likes it calm BTW. Then a little later another lonely soul showed up, Lou. We planned it the day before, and I was a little concerned he backed out on me because of the heat, but O'le dedicated Lou made it. So on that day we had the whole field to our lonesome self. I believe the reason was because of the all the heat that was going on. It was great in a way because there wasn't anyone else there to let a lot of BS-in to slip in and get in the way.



I would fly and have the skies to myself, and then Lou would take a turn. He would watch the glory of my flights and I would watch the glory of his, all along sitting in the shade provided by my Van and sipping on a cold Coke. I believe I may have taught Lou a new lazy relaxed style of flying, because we didn't move from the shade or our lounge chairs with cold drink holders in the arm rests. Lou was a little nervous flying sitting down, so I coached him a bit, meaning I told him, just don't let the plane get behind you, cause you won't be able to see it. That's all the coaching he needed and he proceeded to have a few really relaxed flights, along with me. We would just throttle way-back and just lazily fly the planes gracefully making long lazy turns, and big lazy loops etc. BTW Lou really likes his new model and there were very few bugs to be worked out. It flew great for him. Then all good things have to come to and end. It done got hot even in the shade, so we wrapped it all in around 9:30 am. I looked at the thermometer in my van when pulling out and it read 99, now that's hot for 9:30 am.



Sooooo. The moral to this story... IS.... If y'all's plans to go flying at the field, best make it early, real early! And be out a there before 10:00 am. Also don't forget to bring a lot of cold drinks, water and such, to keep hydrated. And stay in the shade as much as possible, it will extend your duration and your stay!

That's all folks. Signing off from the "Lonely High Desert Outpost"  
Y'all take care!

**CHEERS All!**

JoeB ✈

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The Muroc Model Masters meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by club President Ron Scaggs. The meeting took place at the Rosamond Skypark home of Floyd Mathews. There were twelve members in attendance. The June minutes were read by Secretary Jerry V. Rice and moved they be accepted as read by Steve Wells and seconded by Harold Jeffries.

The Treasurers report was given by our Treasurer Charlie Threewit, it was moved they be accepted as read by Steve Wells and seconded by John Sturgeon.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Boy Scouts from EAFB will be at the flying field on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 for their annual model rocketry fly off. It sounds like a lot of fun for the boys as well as the adults.

## NEW BUSINESS:

New people at the Base would like copies of all pertinent information such as financial and membership information and activities on base property.

Wes Parmeter suggested we purchase T-shirts for the members with the logo and pocket. He also suggested a float fly at Littlerock dam recreation area in September

Congrats to our newest member, Mike Ibanez for joining our flying family.

It was moved that the meeting be closed at 6:55 PM by Charlie Threewit and seconded by John Sturgeon.

Attendance for the July meeting is as follows: Ron Scaggs; Wes Parmeter; Charlie Threewit; Jerry Rice; John Sturgeon; Floyd Mathews; Harold Jeffries; Steve Wells; Antwain Mallory; Bob Smith; Lou Figueroa; and Mike Ibanez.

These minutes are written and submitted by Secretary, Jerry V. Rice on 18 July 2009.

