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NEW MEETING PLACE AND TIME

Place:

Fox Field Terminal Lobby

Time:

Second Tuesday @ 1830 (6:30pm)

Next Meeting: March 13 @ 1830

New Newsletter Format

FROM THE EDITOR:

As you can see the format of the newsletter has changed. The old format was getting pretty old. I will be trying other formats and styles throughout the year to find one that fits our needs.

I would also like to try to add other items such as a classified add section, and "Look what I'm working on now" section that would include status and

pictures of your project. I will also continue the Tips & Tricks and Helpful Hints sections and the meeting minutes.

Also it would be great if the newsletter had a President or VP column that would keep the membership up to date on the status of the club or any other item they would like to discuss.

Other things could be the activities at the flying field

as in the past with pictures and commentary such as first flights and crashes (ouch) and who was in attendance.

I will continue to include safety and other articles of interest from the AMA Insider newsletter when fill is needed.

If you have any other suggestions of things that you would like to see in the newsletter please email me.

2012 Membership Cards

For **2012**, please remember to get your AMA insurance renewed before you renew your MMM membership. In order to have a **2012** MMM card issued, you need to provide a copy of your **2012** AMA card and driver's license 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.

Flying at the Field on President's Day



It was a great flying day at the flying field Monday, February 20th. The wind was calm most of the morning and afternoon.

There were six club members showing off their flying skills: Antwain Mallory, Tony & Evelyn Accurso, Aaron Blaker and his girl friend, Robert Marraccino, and John Sturgeon.

Tony and Evelyn had a

hangar full of electrics. It was a first flight day for Tony's electric GeeBee. A real nice flyer but a son-of-a-gun to land on that rough lake bed.

Aaron had a fleet of three aircraft and for a guy with only 3 to 4 months of experience he did a nice job of flying all his aircraft.

And then there was Antwain and Robert chasing each other

around with their 330's – the twins (the 330's of course). Antwain's giant ugly stik with it's fasion-able pilot (nice scarf) tore up the sky like he owned it.



Installing a Bubble Canopy

From the Scottsdale Model Fliers, Scottsdale, Arizona - [Gerard Goopfort](#)

1. Cut your canopy to shape as you would install it on the airplane. Trace the outside shape of the canopy onto a piece of 1/16-inch sheet balsa. Cut out the shape you traced, but make it slightly smaller so it will fit inside the canopy at the bottom edge, which would rest on the airplane.
2. Use 1/8-inch square balsa and attach it on top of the perimeter edge of the 1/16-inch balsa piece that fits inside the canopy. You now have a flat piece of balsa sheet with a 1/8-inch raised edge (a wall) around the perimeter. Sand, and fit to the inside shape of the canopy.
3. Fasten your pilot to the sheet balsa and paint the balsa. This will become the floor of the cockpit.
4. Paint a 1/4-inch band around the lower outside edge of the canopy. This could

match the color of the fuselage or, in my case, I painted the lower edge black.

5. After the paint dries, fit the balsa cockpit floor inside the canopy for a test fit. Sand the edges, bevel the balsa wall, etc.

6. Use a piece of 400-grit sandpaper and slightly roughen the canopy just under the paint, around the whole perimeter.

7. Epoxy your painted and finished balsa cockpit floor onto the fuselage where the canopy will be placed.

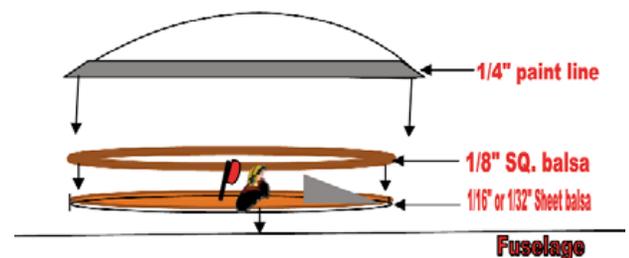
8. After the cockpit floor is firmly glued in place, apply some 30-minute epoxy around the inside bottom edge just under the painted 1/4-inch band. Use enough epoxy to cover the plastic canopy edge only. Take your canopy place it over your

fastened cockpit floor and press down into place. You are done! You will see that the canopy is fastened in place, neatly, without screws, pins, and sloppy glue showing anywhere. Best of all it will not come off. One extra step I did was to thin some epoxy and coat the underside of the cockpit floor, let it dry and then fasten it to the fuselage. This was to prevent any oil or fuel from softening the balsa cockpit floor and discoloring it. You will not see the balsa wall because it is covered by the paint on the canopy, and there is no epoxy smeared around the fuselage outside the canopy edge.

I somehow devised this on the fly and I was so surprised at the results. I had a beautiful plane and I was worried that fastening the canopy would look poorly. →



Wes Parmeter is finally home from his deployment. He took his Align T-Rex 700 helicopter with him and while there he met up with some of his co-workers who also had their helicopters with them. At left is a photo of their fleet.



MMM Meeting Minutes 3 January 2012

Club President Ron Scaggs opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m., 7 Feb 12.

Minutes: The minutes of January's meeting was read by the Club Secretary Lou Figueroa. Several corrections had to be made during the meeting. Tall Paul moved to accept the corrected minutes seconded by Fr. Charlie. All members present were in favor to accept the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Fr. Charlie submitted his report. John Sturgeon moved to accept and Tall Paul seconded.

Old Business:

a) A motion was made by Ron Scaggs to change the venue of the Monthly Model Master's meeting from Coaches in Rosamond to the lobby area at Fox Field, to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by the Club Safety Officer, Tony Accurso. A vote was held with 7 yeas and 2 no. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 13 March 2012, 6:30 p.m. at Fox Field in the lobby area. A reminder notice will be sent out a couple of days before the meeting that will contain directions.

b) A motion was made by Lou Figueroa that we should have a family picnic this spring to be held at a place to be determined by next month's meeting. Motion was seconded by Fr. Charlie and approved by the members. Lou will contact Adrienne Marraccino (Committee Chairman) to help find several places and dates for the picnic. Recommended locations and dates will be presented to the membership at the next meeting.

New Business:

a) Ron and Lou have received queries from the base as to the status of our Lease Agreement. A new package will be sent to our lease coordinator at 95 ABW/CE to restart the process.

b) Tony recommended that we place a sign that gives visitors information to our club and website. He also recommended getting some applications placed into our metal box at the field. Ron added that we need to have the club utility board open to allow for access to the fire extinguishers and first aid kit. Lou recommends that the first person at the field open the box and the last person ensures the box is locked as part of their final sweep before leaving. Lou will make copies of the club membership forms and ensure they are in the metal box by Friday evening.

c) John Sturgeon would like to remove the Yahoo Groups from the website to make room for his redesign of the website. None of the members at the meeting use the Yahoo Groups on our website. It was agreed to have John remove it and work his magic for our website.

d) Tony recommended that we put out a call to all members for an informal gathering at the field on President's Day,

Monday, 20 Feb 2012. Hopefully, some of our members that haven't been to the field in a long time would be able to come and socialize. This would also be a great time to get the dust off some of the old air planes.

e) Tony introduced Jet Fabara, a photo/journalist from the 95 ABW Public Affairs Office. Jet is very interested in RC flying. He is also going to do a story about the Muroc Model Masters to be placed into the base newspaper. You will see him at the field with his camera and interviewing individual members for the article. Jet will also begin to learn how to fly RC in the near future and eventually become a member of our historic club.

Note: During the beginning of the meeting, a member of the Edwards Services Squadron came by to get some club information. Apparently their office has received several calls inquiring about the club and what it takes to be a member. Services will place Muroc Model Master information in their listings of clubs located at the base.

We had another visitor and perspective new member at the meeting. His name is Chris Baker. Chris has some experience with RC flying and is currently building several airplanes. Welcome Chris and Jet!!!

Members Present: Carey Hughson, Ken Zakar, Tony Accurso, Evelyn Accurso, Fr. Charlie Threewit, John Sturgeon, Lou Figueroa, Ron Scaggs, Tall Paul Boyd. Guests: Jet Fabara and Chris Baker.

Show and Tell: As always, Tony brought an interesting part of his collection of RC aircrafts. The first was a British Vampire, made by Duraflight. It has a 70 mm EDF motor that uses a 4s, 2200 MAh , 40 C Lipo battery, and has retracts. Tony said, due to its wing size it is a great floater when the power is shut -off. He purchased the plane from Hobby King for \$105. The total with delivery charges was \$140. Not bad for a plane that comes with everything you need except the receiver and transmitter. He also brought in a Small Testor .049, P-51 Mustang, Winmac 1970 Flying Series. This was a very unique control line model. The plane sported a 4 bladed prop and had a gear and pull cord system for starting the engine. Evelyn showed us her Cox, Cessna Skyline 182, .049 w/6x4 prop and no throttle control. It belonged to her dad and he passed it on to her. The plane was originally sold in 1985. It wings are 36" in length with a 28 1/2" fuselage. This 2 channel plane is a great plane and handles very well even with the power off.

A motion was made by John Sturgeon to close the meeting and seconded by Fr. Charlie. The meeting was closed at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting are respectfully submitted by Lou Figueroa, Vice President, Muroc Model Masters on 8 Feb 12.

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