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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.

Plane Crazy Saturday September 15, 2012 After Action Report

By Kathy Hanson, Plane Crazy Organizer

What a great day at Mojave Air and Spaceport! Have you ever seen so many RC model airplanes in one place before? There were ten B-17s to honor Mojave resident, World War II veteran Steve Wells, U.S. Army Air Corps B-17 radio operator, who passed away recently. He was 90-years-old. Many people came by to offer their condolences to Grace Wells and tell her how much Steve meant to them.

His B-17 (43-37599) "Moonlight Serenade" which looked similar to the Starmax Fortresses on display, was brought down by heavy flak damage and crashed in France on 5 Sept. 1944. Steve evaded capture with the help of a French family for six weeks. *(Photo shows Steve Wells with B-17 pilot in 2005)*



According to Muroc Model Master Member and organizer of all the models at Plane Crazy Saturday, M/Sgt Tony Accurso, USAF (Retired), the B-17 that Wells flew in was christened by Glenn Miller.

In 1937, the Boeing Aircraft Company built America's first all-metal, four-engine heavy bomber, the legendary B-17 Flying Fortress. Bristling with thirteen 50-caliber machine guns, and with an average bomb load of 6,000 pounds, the "Forts" took on the worst the German Luftwaffe had to offer.

Suffering unprecedented losses, the young American airmen in their B-17s helped turn the tide of the war in Europe by destroying the Nazi war machine. While everyone enjoyed seeing the magnificent detail of each model on

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display, the crown was treated to a great four-ship fly-over, orchestrated by Gil Lipaz of Camarillo Airport and owner of a beautiful Nanchang CJ-6A.

Pilots included: Michael "Viper" Maloco (blue T-34); Ron Lee (blue Nanchang); Ron Alldredge from Tehachapi (white with blue trim T-34) and Gil Lipaz (gray Nanchang).

The weather all over Southern CA was lovely on Saturday. Thermometer hit 95-degrees in Mojave, but it didn't seem as bad, as it was a few weeks ago, because the humidity was down. Pilots still needed to check density altitude though!

I always tell everyone to wear sunscreen, and then I forgot to wear it! At the end of the day I looked like a lobster!



Al Hansen was filling in for Alan Radecki driving the tram, as Alan was at Edwards shooting photos of a Supermarine Spitfire Mk XIV with the F-35 JSF. How cool of Alan to ask the Spitfire pilot if he would mind flying

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over the runway at Mojave on his way to Camarillo! So cool! He wasn't pulling a lot of power and just quietly flew over with the Rolls Royce Griffon 65, liquid-cooled V-12, happily humming along. Thanks Alan! It was a delight to see her in the air!

What fun to see Charlie Wallasch fly into MHV with his TBM850! Charlie was my helicopter instructor and we love his whole family! Charlie's youngest son, Justin, was playing football Friday night in Rosamond, so they flew in for the game. Charlie and family live in Mammoth Lakes.



The French made Daher-Socata TBM-850 is the world's fastest single-engine turboprop, with a maximum cruise speed of 320 Knots true airspeed (TAS) at 26,000-feet, with a PT-6 turboprop powerplant.

Ralph and Kathi Wise came out for Plane Crazy too! Kathi in her Vespa scooter with sidecar and Ralph in his own design homebuilt aircraft nicknamed "Snort."



People just couldn't get enough of the RC model airplanes and kept coming back for one more look! Several Radio-Control

Model clubs were represented at Plane Crazy Saturday and we want them to come back!

Hopefully we will be able to have an event where all of the guys and gals can fly their model aircraft.

Tony did start all four engines on his B-17 so the onlookers could hear the electric motors at work. Everyone there gave a rousing round of applause!



This RV-9A lives at Rosamond Skypark and came over for a day of fun at Mojave Air and Spaceport!

Tony Accurso gave a great talk to everyone in attendance in front of the hangar instead of the EKAD Board Room. He introduced Grace Wells and many of the members of the RC clubs.



Thank you to Erika Westawski, Mojave Air & Spaceport CFO, for all of her assistance on Saturday! Thank you Bill Deaver for holding down the Mojave Transportation Museum booth and selling all of the gliders!

I am so grateful to Ron Langford for hauling all of the tables outside and back in again. Thank you Mojave Unicom for your great support with the landing aircraft and to Airport Security for all of your help. So glad Mojave Air and Spaceport CEO, Stuart Witt was able to fly in and enjoy some of the day with us! →

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MMM Meeting Minutes

11 September 2012

The September general membership meeting of Muroc Model masters was called to order by our club President, Ron Scaggs at 6:45 P.M. The meeting was held at the Fox Field Airport lobby in Lancaster, Ca. We had twelve members and guest in attendance.

The August minutes were not read, they were accepted as printed in the Muroc Model Masters newsletter, The Propwash by all those in attendance of the September general membership meeting.

Treasures report:

Report was given by our Treasurer, Charlie Threewit. It was moved that the report be accepted as read by George Becker and second by Craig Horton.

Old Business:

Ron stated that we have three PT 40 trainers for the club in various stages of completion.

Picnic is a go for Saturday, October 13th 2012. Please contact Lou Figueroa if you would like to volunteer your grill and/or your skills for this outing. An alternate date has been set as Saturday, October 20th 2012 in the event there is too much wind on the 13th.

Christmas Party is still a go for December 7th, 2012 at Boulders at the Ranch I 40701 Rancho Vista Blvd. Palmdale, Ca 93551.

New Business:

We had a visit from Col. Weaver, the commanding officer for the 412th maintenance group at Edwards

A.F.B. He talked about a couple of programs they worked on. One was the fly by wire system they installed for aileron controls on a C141 Starlifter test bed. A civilian that works at the base in instrumentation also joined Col. Weaver, he goes by T.J. and he brought an F-22 flight simulator demonstrator to our meeting. We would like to thank these gentlemen for taking time out of their personal lives to meet with us and share their experiences. Thank you for taking an interest in our club.

Tony Accurso talked about an event, "Plane Crazy" at the Mojave Air and Space Port on Saturday, September 15th, 2012. Muroc Model Masters has been invited to show some of their model projects.

Our good friend and member of Muroc Model Masters passed on August 24th, 2012. His funeral will be held on Tuesday September 18th, 2012 at the Arvin Veterans Cemetery at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57P.M. Motion by Lou Figueroa and second by Charlie Threewit.

Members and Guests in attendance are as follows: Ron Scaggs; Lou Figueroa; Charlie Threewit; Jerry Rice; Tony Accurso; Evelyn Accurso; Craig Horton; Dwayne Bolles; John Riggbyegeir; Jim Holland; Don Kissack; George Becker. These minutes compiled by Secretary, J.V. Rice on 24th September, 2012.

Picnic/Meeting at the Flying Field, Sat. October 13th

Christmas Party - December 7th, 2012 @Boulders-Ranch 1

CVRC sponsors Fall Soaring Fest, October 6th & 7th, 2012.

Aero Tow, October 19th & 20th, 2012.

CVRC Float Fly, October 26th, 27th & 28th, 2012.