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2013 Membership Cards

For 2013, please remember to get your AMA insurance renewed before you renew your MMM membership. In order to have a 2013 MMM card issued, you need to provide a copy of your 2013 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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Model Masters,

I hope you're taking advantage of the great weather as Spring is here. If you haven't already, hopefully this year you'll get to experience the thrill of sharing our great hobby with your family, friends, neighbors or someone you met at the field. One of the great joys for me is sharing this fun hobby with my daughter Evelyn. Watching her fly RC aircraft is such an amazing experience for me. She has also touched other RC pilots who've watched her progress. Several months ago, we were out at the lakebed and Evelyn was flying her Parkzone T-28 while I was talking with Wes Parmeter. After more than five minutes of flying, Evelyn was ready to land and wanted me to land the aircraft for her. I told her to land the aircraft since I knew she was ready even though she didn't feel ready, especially with a group of RC pilots watching. Initially, she seemed reluctant but once she realized I wasn't going to assist, she was committed to landing that model in one piece. As the battery began losing power, Evelyn made a power off, downwind, base to final approach. She skillfully managed the energy of her model and made a beautiful main gear touchdown, then held the nose off momentarily and finally coasted the model to a full stop, right at her feet. I was so proud of her! After congratulating her, I

looked over at Wes and he had tears in his eyes and said, "That was beautiful!" which of course got me misty and choked up. Needless to say, Evelyn will always have a story to tell of how she brought two grown men to tears by flying an RC model. If you have not had the opportunity to teach someone how to fly model aircraft, I highly encourage you to take time to pass on your knowledge to a future RC pilot. It's truly one of the great joys of our hobby!

Last month our Vice President George Becker stepped down due to other commitments. I'd like to thank George for serving as VP and hope to see him back at the meetings in the coming months. I'd also like to congratulate Antwain Mallory who was unanimously elected as our new Vice President. Thank you Antwain for your willingness to serve our members and I look forward to working with you in helping make our great club even better!

Happy & Safe Flying!
 Tony

**Removing Thread Locked Screws**

Metal screws secured with thread locking glue (Loctite) can be removed easily if you first heat the screw with the tip of a soldering iron.

Jack Thompson

The following is from the RCGroups Blog of [xplaneguy](#) (Tony Accurso).

E-Flite Carbon-Z Scimitar

When I saw the E-Flite Carbon-Z Scimitar go from \$319 to \$129, I couldn't pass up the deal. What a fun plane! A little heavier than I expected but a great flyer regardless and man does it look cool! The maiden was painless but the rudders were very sensitive. Some expo solved that issue. I just order E-Flite retracts because this cool looking aircraft demands retracts. Stock power is great!

Here's a few photos!

Best,
Tony



RC Pilot Evelyn holding the E-Flite Carbon-Z Scimitar before the successful maiden. The wind was blowing at 10 mph and the aircraft handled great.



E-Flite Carbon-Z Scimitar



E-Flite Carbon-Z Scimitar



CA makes it Stronger

CA can be used to make stronger, more solid holes in balsa. When installing a control link for ailerons, after drilling the hole the rod will be inserted into, fill the hole with CA and re-drill. The resultant hole will be stronger and less prone to "break out" and will provide more positive control, especially in the thinner stock we use for electric airplanes. Also, after locating and drilling the screw holes for control horns, saturate the holes with CA and then re-drill if required. When the control horn screws are tightened they will be less inclined to crush the balsa.

David Lutzow

Fuel Tubing Covers

Cover the protruding ends of 4-40 or 3mm screws with short pieces of fuel tubing. By covering exposed bolt threads, you can help prevent punctured fuel tanks, damaged batteries, chafed wires and unnecessary scrapes on your hands.

Ernie Lee

MMM Meeting Minutes

11 March 2013

Club President, Tony Accurso opened the general membership meeting at 6:37 P.M.

Minutes: The minutes for February were read by our club president, Tony Accurso. And so moved that they be accepted as read by Evelyn Accurso and second by Antwain Mallory. The meeting was held at the Gen Wm. J. Fox air field lobby, we had 12 members in attendance.

Old Business:

Ken Zakar talked about using the elementary school for holding the club meetings. He said he would talk to the school board members about using a room at the school. Land lease, we are on an extension from the last agreement. Someone, probably not a member drove a vehicle on the lakebed through the pit area and along the end of the marked runway and made deep ruts while the lake bed was wet. This makes it almost impossible to take off and land. We can move to the north side of the runway where it is much smoother.

George Becker is stepping down as Vice President due to other commitments.

New Business:

John Sturgeon moved and David Watson second, we ask Antwain Mallory to be our new Vice President. We as a quorum of members nominated Antwain Mallory for the position of Vice President. He accepted and we voted, it was unanimous and he is now our club Vice President. Antwain also recently became a Master Sargent, kudos to Antwain.

Contact Doug Killebrew at the Ford Dealer parts department for anything handled by Horizon Hobbies. He gives a generous discount to club members from Muroc Model Masters and A V Tailwinds RC clubs.

Tony Accurso suggested if you are interested in warbird formation flying to visit the Apollo Field Warbird Squadron in Van Nuys and join in the fun. He also proposed club formation flying for anyone interested.

Tony proposed a MMM Fun Fly on March 24th at 6:30 A.M. at the field (lakebed). The members unanimously supported the idea. See you there!

We're always looking for photos to add to the website and newsletter each month, so please send photos of your

latest project or photos taken at the field to John Sturgeon.

A safety item was brought to our attention. The aero club on base these are full size aircraft they are over flying our runway at a very low altitude. Rob Marraccino is our Safety Officer and will talk with his superior on base to see if we can solve this issue.

David Watson volunteered to make a sign to hang on the sign we have giving directions to the lakebed runway for spectators. It is a great idea to let people come and watch members fly their planes.

Tony Accurso motioned we close the meeting at 7:22 P.M. and it was seconded by John North.

Show and Tell:

Tony and Evelyn brought a Durafly Auto-G (auto gyro) from Hobby King. It takes a 3cell lipo 1300 MAh battery and is a plug and play version.



They brought a Penn Valley Quaker 54 Old Timer which has been adapted to electric and a real joy to fly.

Also he brought a Windrider Boeing 777 EDF Jet plug and play large foam model.

There were 12 members in attendance: Tony Accurso; Evelyn Accurso; Ken Zakar; Jerry V. Rice; Antwain Mallory; Robert Marraccino; David Watson; Scott Mead; John North; John Sturgeon; Bob Smith; Don Kissack.



Secretary Jerry V. Rice compiled these minutes on 18 March 2013.