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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,

Wow! The roller coaster ride of extreme weather during the month of August was something else. The Antelope Valley experienced temperatures above 100 to the low 80s. Monsoonal rains brought flash floods, lightning and hail, yes....hail. At my home north of Rosamond, marble sized hail covered the desert and what a sight it was. The good thing is that during all of this weather, the lakebed remained dry. That's a good thing! As I write, the forecast is calling for hot weather through mid-September with a gradual drop into the mid-70s by the end of the month. Keep your fingers crossed!

Even with the heat and humidity, our members came out to the August Fun Fly and had a good time. Check out the photos posted in The Gallery on the website. If you've not been flying much during the summer, get your gear ready and take to the sky.

We're approaching club election time again and taking nominations during the September meeting. If you'd like to serve as a board member or serve on the Fun Fly committee, I encourage you to do so. Our club is growing and we're always looking for folks to serve. Speaking of serving, the Boron Revitalization Committee has invited MMM to display our models and even fly during their annual event held at Boron Park. This is an opportunity for each of us to educate, encourage and

inspire the public to get into model aviation. An email reminder will be sent out prior to the event. I hope to see you there!

Fly safe and have fun,

Tony Accurso,

President, Muroc Model Masters →

New Meeting Place:

Rosamond Elementary School

Room 26

Next Meeting: Sept. 10th.

Check out the new **Calendar of Events** page on the Website. It's on the '**News, Links, and Info**' page. If you find any errors or omissions please email John Sturgeon at oldcrow@bak.rr.com with corrections.

Thanks →

TIPS & TRICKS

Reasons why engines lean out and quit:

The high-speed needle valve is too lean.

The muffler pressure line came off.

The fuel filter has opened up (the halves are loose).

There's a split in the fuel line, usually at the fuel tank.

The fuel tank is foaming, causing air bubbles in the fuel line.

—from the Rouge Eagles R/C Club,
Medford OR



How to Add Skirts to Your Retracts

Ralph Doyle, Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc., Missouri

Do you have an airplane and installed set of retracts, but don't like the look of those bare wire struts? Adding skirts can reduce the ugliness of those wires.

I found a simple solution to the problem of adding skirts that requires very little adjusting and what adjusting there is, is easy!

The bill of materials includes:

- A piece of 1/64- to 3/32- inch thick plywood (or basswood) big enough to cut out two skirts. I used 1/64 inch on my .60 size airplane and 3/32 inch on my larger models.
- Two wheel collars
- Two screws and nuts (size depends on wheel collar size)
- Two hinges
- Two wood screws

Picture 1 shows the assembled parts. Note that the retract motor in the picture is an electric one, and I was able to use one of the screws in the retract to mount the pivot hinge.



The hinge is held to the skirt with a small wood screw. Use a wheel collar that is large enough

to slide up and down the strut; no fancy wiring or hinges are necessary. Also, adjusting the length of the screw allows the skirt to lie as flush as possible to the wing just by lengthening or shortening the screw. The nut is used to hold the screw to the skirt.

If you are using Rhom-Air retracts, there are no mounting screws available on them. The hinge must then be glued to the wing.

Picture 2 shows the finished installation. →



TOWER HOBBIES HELPFUL HINTS

Don't Come Unraveled

If you use steel cable for any of your control hook ups, there are two simple ways to keep the ends clean and from unraveling when cut. Either solder the ends or slide a piece of [heatshrink tubing](#) over the cable end. Keeping the ends of cut cable clean prevents unnecessary scrapes on your hands when you have to reach in to make adjustments. Another cable end option is to use the cable crimps bike shops use on brake cables.

Ernie Lee

MMM Meeting Minutes

13 August 2013

Club President Tony Accurso opened the general membership meeting at 6:30 P.M. We had two new club members join us, Patrick Farr and Chad Farr.

The July minutes were read by Tony Accurso our club president. The minutes were accepted as read by Evelyn Accurso and seconded by Ken Zakar. The meeting was held at Rosamond Elementary School room 26.

Our Club president Tony Accurso went over some old news discussed at past meetings. Some of the items discussed included the NOTAMS that were sent out via email as well as posted on the club website. The NOTAMS were an alert to the field being closed to model aircraft. It was rescinded and the notice was sent out to the club members via email and was also posted on the website. Tony thanked John Sturgeon for his prompt notification of all the club members.

New Business:

Tony Accurso our club president talked to the new bylaws for the club members to vote on. One of the bylaws brought to light was the fact that MMM would like to institute that we would be able to dismiss a person who is bullying or causing problems at the field. Control line airplanes were discussed; due to space limitations they would be banned. RC cars would also be banned due to the destruction caused to the dry lake bed. And finally model rockets will be banned due to the 400' altitude restriction at our field.

We discussed the Trans America Tour. This is an organization that is flying a model airplane across the United States using AMA sites along the way. During the journey they will be collecting donations in support of Project Wounded Warrior. MMM was asked to be the

starting point of this awesome event. Tony Accurso has secured the approval of Edwards AFB to use the airspace to fly the gas powered aircraft called American Spirit from MMM to Tailwinds in Lancaster. This will be the first leg of the journey across.

Tony brought up using some of the clubs funds to buy new cones for the field. As well as a cleanup of the frequency board, for the upcoming Trans America Tour.



We would like our members to send in pictures of their airplanes or new projects in work. The pictures will be showcased on our clubs website.

John Sturgeon motioned the meeting closed at 7:19 pm and Ken Zarak seconded the motion.

