

Smoke Signals



Meroke RC Newsletter

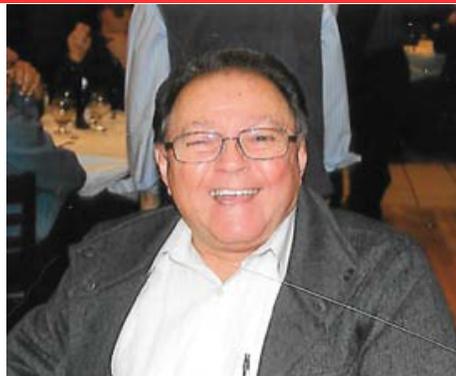
YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU! PLEASE VOLUNTEER



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Presidents Message



Thanks to all the well wishes from all of the members, it looks like I will be hanging around for a while. S&W Fuel is looking for our order they will be bringing your (cases, only) to the Whitman Flyers, swap meet in November, so if you want fuel come sign up at the next meeting. The Field is still having problems with the FASST systems on Runway 1 and lots of members are going to alternative systems. I spoke to Phil this past weekend, and it seems that Graupner Radios and receivers are still a reasonable choice (contact DR, PHIL). No one has come to me with any suggestions as to a liday Party Location I have 2 and will diceminate at the meeting on the 4th



Ted Evangelatos

Next Top Gun Event: Sunday October 7, 2018

Event 1: #1....Hit the circles. Circles on the runway worth 3-2-1. Inner circle (3) Middle circle (2) Outer circle (1) The Contestant will perform two touch and go passes trying to hit the circles. The Contestant with the highest points wins, Time will count in the event of a tie.

Event 2: #3...Deadstick spot landing... Take off—turn downwind, cut engine before base turn on landing Plane landing closest to the designated spot on the runway wins.

Event 3: Balloon burst

Events begin promptly at 11:00. Ensure your Aircraft is airworthy at 11:00 or you may face disqualification for that even

Top Gun Standings as of September 16, 2018
Pilots with the lowest point total is winning

Ted: 28
Tony: 41
Nelson: 41
Tom: 52
Gene: 77

Mark: 12 (Novice)
Nick: 12 (Novice)
Bob: 13 (Novice)
Rudy: 18 (Novice)

Building Club Meetings

Location: CCMC 1845 Wantagh Ave. Wantagh N.Y. Starting times:

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

October 20 & 27

November 3 & 10 & 17

December 1 & 8 & 15

January 5 & 12 & 19 & 26

February 2 & 9 & 16 & 23

March 2 & 9 & 16 & 23 & 30

April 6

All dates are tentative and subject to change CCMC will have the ability to make changes. Snow above 1" will cancel Building Program for that day



October Birthdays

6....William Krick

13..Michael Cheung

23..Alan Berg

27..Russell Rhine

Club Calendar

October 4....Club Meeting

October 7....Top Gun Event

October 18..Club Meeting

October 20...Building Club

October 24...Nassau Fliers

**Auction. Levitown Town
Hall**

Club dues are due November. Club Officers and Board Members elections in November

As a reminder, please cast your vote for Eric Williams for District II Vice President. Eric has been a strong supporter of the Merokes over the years

The club is ordering SW Fuel..Preliminary cost is \$68/ case for 10% and \$72/case for 15%..We will have prices confirmed by November 1 meeting (price depends on imported nitro cost). Pick up of fuel will be at the Whitman Swap meet Saturday, Nov 17. Mark Klein

Dr Phil Tech Tips

Helpful tips from Dr. Phil

The best way to set up your model for maximum performance and response to control inputs is to have all your control surfaces centered at their neutral positions without the use of trim or subtrim adjustments using your programmable transmitter. I like to make mechanical adjustments when you are building or setting up a model. I use a piece of scrap balsa and a couple of clothespins to fix the surfaces to neutral. Now you can make up and install your linkages without guessing at the center position. Do this along with the servo powered with the receiver so it is also in neutral position. A fellow flyer lost his plane recently because the tape on his elevator servo came loose during flight. When I use double-side foam servo tape (I use 3M attachment tape), I always clean the servo case with some rubbing alcohol and then apply some clear tape to the case before applying the foam tape. I also make sure the surface to which I stick the servo is clean for a proper bond. If your servo case is dirty and has leftover foam tape adhesive in it, be sure to clean it before reinstalling the servo. Save the environment and some money:If you saw one of your fellow flyers dumping a half gallon of fuel on the ground in the pits you might think it was environmentally unsound and just plain stupid with the cost of fuel nowadays. The truth is you have

probably done this yourself over the last year. Every time you fuel your plane you loose about 1/2 ounce of fuel on the ground, maybe more if you are slow at the pump switch. One half ounce does not seem like very much, but if you fly 3 times a week for six months you could easily dump over a half gallon on the ground. This could cost you up to six dollars and that is just you. With twenty members doing the same thing that's comes to 10 gallons. That is a lot of fuel, no wonder the grass in the pits is dead. There is an easy way to save yourself some money and maybe help keep the pollution down a little. Best of all it will only cost about a dollar or maybe nothing at all. All you need is an empty 10oz. plastic bottle that is clear and a pressure fitting from a muffler. Simply drill a hole for the fitting near one edge of the cap and another 1/16 inch hole on the other side of the cap for a vent. Screw the fitting into the cap and use a small nut to hold it on. Clean the bottle well and make sure none of the plastic shavings from the drill is in the bottle. To use the bottle remove the pressure hose from your muffler as usual. Then attach it to the fitting on the bottle. Fill you tank until you see fuel entering the bottle. Stop the pump and replace the hose on your muffler. The bottle will hold more then enough to last all day without out emptying. When you are done flying remove the fuel from your plane as usual and then simply attach the pump hose to the bottle, tip the top of the bottle down with the vent hole up and pump the recovered fuel back into your fuel bottle as if you were draining the fuel tank in your plane. Most any clear fuel proof plastic or glass bottle with a tight cap will work fine, however a plastic one will not break and is light enough that if it falls over during fueling it will not pull the hose off. If your pressure hose to the muffler is too short to reach the bottle you can use a short piece of hose and a length of brass tubing left over from the last fuel tank you put together to make an extension. The only down side is that it is one more thing to drag to the field, but the bottle weighs next to nothing so it is not a big problem. You might want to attach a clip or loop of string to the bottle so it can hang off your flight box. For safety mark the bottle with a poison and flammable label. A child might mistake it for a soft drink so keep it out of a child's reach.

Restore That Scratched Canopy

Even when carefully handled, plastic canopies are easily scratched. The result is a dull finish that detracts from your model's appearance. Future floor finish is a neat acrylic product that can hide the scratches and restore that nice clear sheen. Start with a canopy that's trimmed to its final shape. Then pour Future into a container large enough to fit the entire piece. Using tweezers, completely immerse the canopy in the liquid and hold it there for a few seconds. Now begin drawing the canopy out very slowly - just millimeters per second. By going slowly you prevent the formation of bubbles. Once the piece is out of the liquid set it right-side-up on a paper towel or rag. Place a box over your canopy to keep dust away as it dries. After 8 hours the finish should be completely dry, and you should see a marked improvement. If Scratches are still evident, try applying a second coat.