



# Smoke Signals



## Meroke Radio Control Club

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Meroke Newsletter

### From Our President

-Lou Pinto

Happy New Year to all Members....  
The January 17 general meeting will be cancelled. I will be having an officer & Board Meeting.

### Calendar

Upcoming Events [Events](#)

**SUNDAY JAN 17, 2019**

General Meeting Canceled – Officer/Board Meeting Only

**SUNDAY JAN 27, 2019 ((( NEW DATE )))**

NASSAU FLYERS SWAP MEET

LEVITTOWN HALL: Levittown Pkwy, Hicksville NY 11801

### Birthdays

**Mike Elbers  
Jerry Liebman  
Joseph Mac Dougall  
John Raparelli**



### Field News

-Ted Evangelatos, Chief Field Controller

Field Safety, No reported incidents. Ted Evangelatos reports Futaba FFAST Radios are allowed to fly on both runways. He is still actively pursuing the radio interference issues. As of January 4, 2019, Park permits will be available. The park Administration is actively looking at the number of permits issued.

Membership for permits needs to improve else we could face negative consequences.

### Info Snippets

**Expo Settings Explained - ModelAirplaneNews**  
-Ever wonder how to get smooth control over your RC plane. Here is some info for us beginners. Guess I will kick start this month's snippet. Send article suggestions to [newsletter@meroke.com](mailto:newsletter@meroke.com)



Exponential (aka expo) decreases the sensitivity of the stick inputs around the

center of its movement. Whether you're flying 3D or just taking off or landing, this function is extremely helpful for the over-controlling pilot and I highly recommend that you use it until you perfect your technique. On some radios, this feature is found in the dual-rate menu. In others, you have to go to the non-basic menu to find it. It's best to consult your radio's manual if you can't find it. Once found, the screen shows "expo" and a percentage amount, usually factory-set at 0 (top left). Select a specific channel on the screen and press the increase/+ key to dial in the amount of required expo (top right). Sometimes, manufacturers have it listed in the instructions (you see this especially in 3D airplanes), or the amount is left up to you. Before you decide, it is best to note the amount of stick movement with which you fly. For example, if you're flying a trainer and move the sticks all over the place, you want to set those percentages on the high side-usually around 30 to 40. If you have a finite control of the sticks, 15 to 20 seems to work well. High-performance 3D aeroboats can require 50 to 60 percent or higher.

Some surfaces may require a different percentage than others, which is fine. Note that expo is set for each dual-rate position, so you may need to adjust the expo percent for the low dual-rate setting as well (lower left and right). Full Article

<https://www.modelairplanenews.com/10-radio-setup-secrets/>

## SWAP or SHOP

### List your Items for Sale

Send your items to [newsletter@meroke.com](mailto:newsletter@meroke.com)

### For Sale- NIB 1/4 Scale 106" PA-18 Super Cub PNP Version

This is a brand new in the box Hangar 9 1/4 Scale PA-18 Super Cub PNP Version. This comes with the gas engine, digital servos, EVERYTHING installed by the factory. Rated #1 Best Scale ARF 2017. Here is a link for all of the specs on it <https://www.horizonhobby.com/1-4-scale-pa-18-super-cub-pnp-han4975>

I am asking \$950 or best offer, was over \$1200 from Horizon Here are some pictures, any question call Lewis (631) 662-1885 or email [qm4020@yahoo.com](mailto:qm4020@yahoo.com)



## Show and Tell

-Show and Tell got off to a great start for 2019. 4 presenters showed off their projects. Let's hope our show and tell will continue to bring in some interesting projects. THANKS GUYS!

**Tony Pollio** displayed the F22 Stealth he built from an ARF



**Mark Klein** displayed a FW 190 he built from a kit



**Ed Weimann** displayed a 2 cycle engine he developed from scratch.



**Nelson Ramos** displayed the Tiger 60 that was built by Nelson and the Building Club



## Video Shout out

**Video Link** – This pilot with his Sea Fury does some nice flying and the 250cc Moki engine doesn't sound so bad either. One of my Favs.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M72Y-YPVKVI>

## Meeting Recap

President Pinto opened the meeting on a talk regarding meeting etiquette. He will be enforcing the "3 strike your out" policy at all meetings. President Pinto thanked all the outgoing Board and Officers from 2018.

President Pinto Thanked Gene Kowlakowski for again securing the Hall for 2019.

Congratulations to Michael Hagens for being awarded the "Mr. Meroke 2018" title.

President Pinto recommends all members read the AMA magazine as it has interesting articles.

Ted Evangelatos reports the Nassau Flyers Swap meet is January 27, 2019 at Levittown Hall. Merokes have 2 tables reserved. Planes on stage require \$5.00 show fee.

President Pinto and Ted Evangelatos to organize date for both Clubs annual picnic.

AMA Expo is February 24/25/26 at Meadowlands

Club Hats - Gene Kowlakowski has 20 Club hats for sale. New Members see Gene if you haven't gotten a hat.

T.A.G Program has \$450.00 yet to be used.

Flight Instruction: Phil Friedenson reports no Instruction going on presently. President Pinto thanked Phil for his past and present help in getting new members to join the Club.

Club Archives: Ken Gutwein was handed the Club correspondence from 2018 to be put in the archives at Cradle of Aviation. Ken reminded members it would be a good idea to obtain Historical status for Luffberry Aerodrome. Motion was made by Mike Canale to pursue a Committee to establish Historical status. Motion seconded and passed.

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