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Meroke Radio Control Club EST 1963



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NEWSLETTER

Aug 2020

Calendar

Upcoming Events [Events](#)

Aug 15 2020	Meeting at the Aerodrome
Sept 3 2020	Virtual Meeting -TBD
Sept 17 2020	-TBD

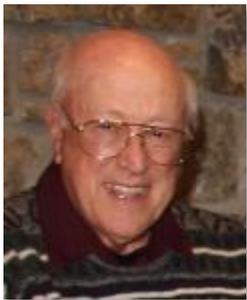
Birthdays

Andrew Acovino
Ben Eason



Presidents Message

-Tony Pollio



Please practice social distancing, wear a face covering in public, and wash your hands often so you and your family and friends may continue to remain safe and healthy during this health

crisis. Now is not the time to drop our guard.

Our July meetings were cancelled by the Town of Hempstead and they have not

informed us that our meeting location may be available in August. The Town of Hempstead needs to grant us permission and provide us with guidelines to use our meeting location before we can resume meetings. All members will be notified of any changes.

On July 2nd we held a successful video meeting with 26 members at 8 PM using Skype. We will NOT have a video meeting on August 6th. Instead we will have a meeting at the Aerodrome parking area at 11 AM on Saturday, August 15th, which is National Model Aviation Day and was to be the date of our cancelled picnic. The raindate will be Saturday, August 22nd. Pizza will be provided for lunch following the meeting. Please bring your own chairs, space the chairs 6 feet apart, and wear a face covering.

The Aerodrome is still open and has been busy. When at the Aerodrome wear a face covering and maintain social distancing recommendations. The Cedar Creek Park Administration Office was opened on June 22nd and everyone is now required to have a current Nassau County Aerodrome Permit to fly at the Aerodrome. Flying fields at Floyd Bennet in Brooklyn and Edgewood in Suffolk County are temporarily

closed so flyers from those fields will be flying at our Aerodrome. Please welcome these flyers to our field and try to answer any questions they may have.

The cost of about \$262 for the heavy duty gas operated grass trimmer to clear the grass growing through the runways mentioned in our last Newsletter was paid for with left over money collected by Charlie Masseria and Mike Hagens for field improvements so there was no cost to the Meroke RC Club and the Nassau Flyers RC Club.

The Flying Tip for August:

Never, Never, Never take your eyes off your plane while in flight. Practice using the transmitter trims, switches, knobs, levers and sticks without needing to look at the transmitter.

- Tony Pollio

Editors Rant

-Pete Finocchio

Well in between power outages, riots, corona avoidance and running on generator for 5 days here we are. Let's just say I don't have a blazing review for the NY state of mind right now. And once again that would be a whole new newsletter for another time.

Anyway between the conference calls and teams meetings, daily issues and working remote I thought I would have more

time, nope, but I finally managed to find the time to put together a few thoughts for our fine pilots who may read this from time to time. Hope you are all doing well considering the twilight zone atmosphere.

IN THIS ISSUE: Look for the all the links to these stories in the video section.

Well let's dive in then. I came across this video from **Jonnie Hallman**. It's called "Book Covers, Model Airplanes and My dad". It's a short take on his dad and his dad's model building experience. Stick with it its short and funny but makes good points in the end.



I know that many of you master builders in this club, you know who you are, are probably familiar with the process of vacuum forming parts and canopies for your models. After reading Johns article



about his dads process of vacuum forming, I thought I would collect some interesting videos on the process.

I know the process is not new but these were some ideas I haven't seen as well as construction of a jig that would help you get the job done. Then there is the video of using a bottle to make the cowl. I thought that was getting creative. Good one. I would try that if I needed too.



Anyone interested in fiber glassing technique should

take a look this one. Although the ply is finer for flexibility and contour, this process is no different than the process to do auto body work on fiberglass parts. I have done a little fiberglass hood work back in the day myself. Enjoy Stay well.
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FOR SALE

Greetings!

As a former member, the Merokes came to mind. I am selling my house here in NY and moving to NC. I haven't been active in few years. I have several items I would like to sell very cheap. Pilates Porter kit to assemble parts and cover. Call it an ARC KIT.

Funtana 40 with all servos and a Saito 65. Hasn't flown or run for few years. Its Only missing a wheel pant.

Also have a few engines which should just need cleaning up.

I have several radios which should be good except for batteries I guess. But they are on ham radio frequencies 6 meters.

Anyway if anyone is interested these are all just

short of GIVEAWAY DEALS. I would prefer personal pickup, no shipping. I live in Ridge just east of Port Jefferson.

PLEASE CONTACT ME VIA EMAIL, Dfrie@optonline.net

Thanks for Everything!

Doug Frie

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Video Shout Out

Video Links

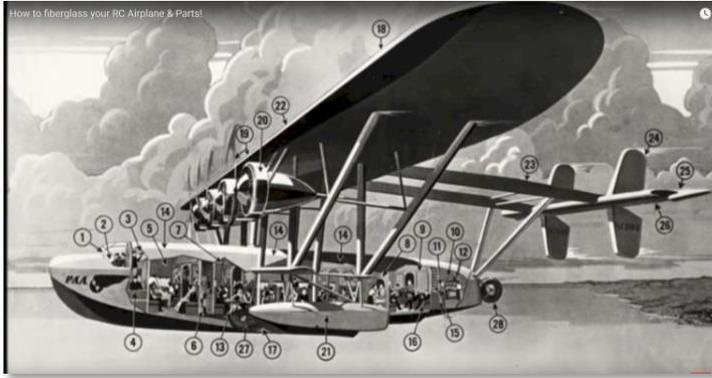


<https://creativemornings.com/talks/want-to-speak-at-creativemornings>



Glassing Techniques

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VY1rCUIv1o>



How to fiberglass your RC Airplane & Parts!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F9gJPUdS6w>



Vacuum Forming Glider Canopy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS8ETVtKpCA>



Plastic bottle Cowl

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4juMEREOKc>



DIY Vacuum Forming Machine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7P4TBovvcU>

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