



AMA Club #458 

Meroke Radio Control Club EST 1963



# Smoke Signals



## NEWSLETTER

September 2020

### Calendar

Upcoming Events [Events](#)

Sept 17 2020	Virtual Meeting
Oct 3 2020	Canceled
Oct 15 2020	Virtual Meeting

### Birthdays

**Ed Decatrel**  
**Paul Fernudo**  
**Pete Finocchio**  
**Michael Hagens**  
**Mike Lobozza**  
**Warren Scudder**  
**Sal Spallino**  
**Al Weiner**



### 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 August and September meetings were cancelled by the Town of Hempstead and they have not informed us when our meeting location may be available. 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.

We held a Meroke Club meeting at the Aerodrome parking area at 11 AM on Saturday, August 15th, which was National Model Aviation Day and was to be the date of our cancelled picnic. Many thanks to Vice President Joe Petrozza who arranged for and served pizza after the meeting.



The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

- The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.
- 23 members were present.
- Treasurer Russ Rhine reported on financials.
- President Tony Pollio reported that the Board has unanimously voted to temporarily waive dues payments for 2021. There was no objection from the members present.
- President Tony Pollio reported that the Board unanimously voted to merge with the Nassau Flyers/LI Condors Radio Control Club and to enter discussions with them to work out the details of the merger. There was no objection from the members present.
- President Tony Pollio appointed a committee of three, consisting of Tony Pollio, Nelson Ramos and Russell Rhine, to participate in the merger discussions.
- President Tony Pollio asked Ted Evangelatos, who was present at the meeting, to set up a meeting with members of the Nassau Flyers to begin merger discussions.
- Vice President Joe Petrozza recommended that all present Officers and Board members continue into 2021 to avoid the need for a November election. All Officers and Board members have agreed to continue in their present position into 2021.
- If any member wishes to volunteer to be considered for an Officer or Board position, contact President Tony Pollio by October 1st and arrangements will be made to hold an election for those positions.
- Member Eppi Santiago asked for donations of building materials to

be sent to a fellow modeler in Nigeria. Eppi will collect them and send them to Nigeria.

- Mark Klein presented and discussed a Dave Platt Spitfire for Show and Tell.
- President Tony Pollio announced that the next meeting will be a Video meeting to be held at 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 17th.
- President Tony Pollio noted that Recording Secretary Tim Vess was unable to attend the Aerodrome meeting because of storm damage to his car.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Prepared by Meroke President Tony Pollio

The next Meroke Club meeting will be a video meeting to be held on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. Invitations will be emailed to all members before the meeting.

Assuming our meeting location will not be available for the remainder of 2020, video meetings will be held on October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th. Also, because of restrictions on restaurant interior dining the Meroke Club holiday party usually held in December is cancelled.

Thanks to our Webmaster Pete Finocchio, Sr. for the excellent job he is doing to keep our website updated in this constantly changing environment.

The Aerodrome is still open and has been busy. When at the Aerodrome wear a face covering and maintain social distancing recommendations. 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 Flying Tip for August:**

To land well you have to learn to fly consistent turns and straight lines. A good landing is the result of a good approach to the runway requiring only small corrections. If you have a poor approach go around and try again.

**- Tony Pollio**

### **Auctions**

**-Mark Chief Auctioneer**

The Meroke Club was contacted by Harvey Finkelstein's family who wished to dispose of Harvey's RC items. As there are no longer any swap meets due to Covid circumstances, we decided to run an auction at the field as it is an open area and social distancing protocols could be followed without any harsh restrictions.

Harvey accumulated lots and lots of stuff including pattern equipment from long ago to modern electrics. Notices were posted, the event was listed on various internet sites and clubs were contacted so as to ensure greater participation and perhaps more competitive bidding on the items.

The auction was pursued in a brisk and lively fashion with many bargains being had. I'm not sure of the total return but Phyllis Finkelstein called me the next day to express her gratitude and amazement at the success of the auction and to thank the Merokes for the effort.

We will miss Harvey at the field.

### **Field News**

**-Ted Evangelatos Chief Field Controller**

Gentlemen,

Take note of the following field closure dates:

1. **September 20 - Sunday:** The Nassau Flyers Giant Scale Fly-In will take place on Sunday 9/20. This is an AMA- sanctioned event and the field will be closed to general flying from morning until the event is finished (approx. 3:00- 3:30 PM)

2. **September 29 - Tuesday:** The Park Office notified me that on Tuesday September 29 there will be a crew filming a TV show at the Aerodrome. The field will be closed for the entire day.

Also:

On **September 28**, there will be another crew at the field taking down signs and doing other prep work for the filming.

There is no need to close down the field for the whole day. However, WE MUST ACCOMMODATE the crew while they are doing their work. You should temporarily suspend all flying activities for as long as they work by the non-active runway or by the up-wind part of the active runway, etc.

Whatever signs are removed on Sept 28 will be re-installed after they finish filming on Sept. 29.

Spread the word. Let everyone know.

## Video Shout Out

### Video Links



## AWESOME RC LANDINGS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYSS99IMZoM>



## A-10 TANK BUSTER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6VX5LJsDio>



## GIGANTIC RC CONCORDE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9P0ByxIymYg>



## LARGEST RC AIRBUS A380

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzEtogv7jiA>

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