



SMOKE SIGNALS

NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

April 6 * A must attend
Club Meeting

Charlie Lando Memorial
Presentation to Nancy Lando
(BOARD MEETING)

April 20
Club Meeting



Send all suggestions to:
newsletter@meroke.com

BIRTHDAYS

TED EVANGELATOS
MARK KLEIN
CURTIS UNDERDUE
JOHN WOLKIEWICZ

UPCOMING EVENTS

***We are asking everyone to attend April 6 meeting -
Memorial/Presentation for Charlie Lando**

WRAM SHOW APRIL 8 YORKTOWN HEIGHTS

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR - MEL BRENNER

As we saw in March, the weather had wild swings from warm to snow. We did have a few great days for flying. There was also some indoor alternatives, like the Cobras Nite Fly at the Copague High School on Monday March 13. Next one April 3, As expected, we rounded up the "USUAL SUSPECTS" and got some stick time.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

We have found all the aircraft we had a good location on from this last year. If anyone has a lost aircraft they can give me a good location on please contact me.

Mel Brenner 516-526-4644

FIELD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Clarification on drone flying at Lufbery Aerodrome: FPV (First Person View) or autonomous flying of drones is not allowed at the Aerodrome. Pilots cannot use goggles or viewing screens to fly quadcopters, etc., nor can they fly them using automatic controls (GPS-based guidance systems.) They CAN be flown manually, controlled by the pilot at all times using the TX sticks, visual line of sight - just like helicopters - under helicopter flying rules.

APRIL 2017



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here is my thoughts for this upcoming month

To all the members of the Meroke Club, Thanks for your good wishes during my latest illness, my demise was greatly exaggerated. my very big thank you to Lou Pinto for holding down the fort. As to the last meeting as always Mark Klein did a great job and fun was had by all. " Although there is non official start date to our flying season, I have since joining the club come to think of it as the first week in April, the reasoning is the Building club is winding down, and Nelson begins his Monday/Wednesday flying schedule.

Now on a nostalgic note, of importance, On April the, we will honor our fallen brother Charlie Lando, we will be presenting his wife "Nancy" with the certificate for the brick we purchased at the AMA Headquarters, it would be especially nice to have a really good turn out for this event, Charlie gave a lot to our club, and we need to show his wife that we appreciate what he did, as well as acknowledge what she gave up of his time at home.

PS To all Board members, there is a 7:00pm meeting "subject upcoming Paintball event"

Joseph Petrozza



PLEASE, WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE APRIL 6 MEETING FOR THE MEMORIAL PRESENTATION TO CHARLIE LANDO'S WIFE NANCY!

• **2016 - 2017 Building Program Year in Review**

This year's Meroke building program started this past October 2016 and now we're in last few weeks. April 15 will be our last session for this year. For those members wanting to have their models checked, there is still time to bring it in. For me, this has been a very busy building program. We had an average of thirteen members each Saturday. Some members worked on the paint ball models and I'm happy to report, we will have four airplanes ready for this year. Others had their old models they wanted to rebuild and repair.

Some members continue to work on the Club's **Fun One** kit. The wing is completed and fuselage just about 90 percent, as always, getting it finished drags on. But we still have 'till April 15th to complete it. One member brought in a model that really- really- really needed major TLC. The wing broken in two, horizontal stabilizer detached from the fuselage, vertical stabilizer slanted, leaning toward the right and the pull-pull control system needing lots of attention. The good thing is that the novice learned a lot. He stated that he had no idea how much it would take to resurrected this model. Sometimes more is learned from a repair than assembling a new ARF.

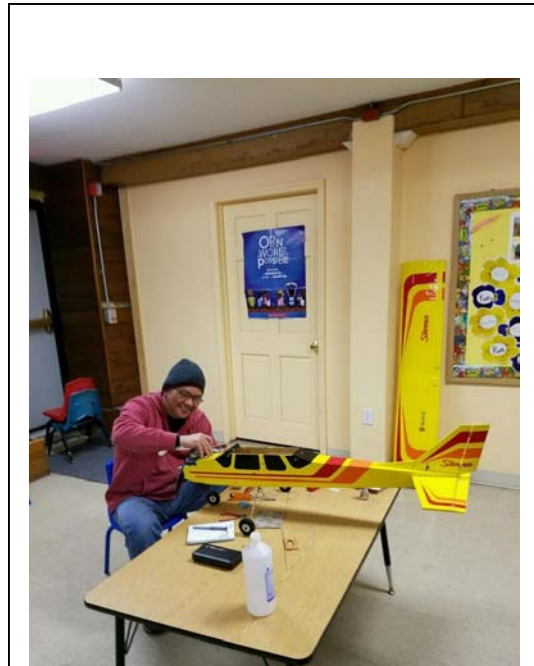
In October one member brought in a very old model about 30 years+ old. He wanted to resurrect it and make it flight worthy. It took from the start of the building season until this April to complete. We still have to break in the engine after that the maiden flight. This member also stated he had no idea of the amount of work involved. But now he has more knowledge on what it takes to build and repair a model airplane. The reason this club is one cut above the others is that the Meroke R/C Building Program is available for those that want it.

Until next building season, Nelson Ramos

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Building Club PHOTO GALLERY

Jim Gilmartin's contribution (below), paint ball #4. The guys in the building program will have this model ready to fly in two sessions only.



Paint Ball #3 Ebie's contribution for the Meroke paint ball event. He's getting it ready this Spring.

NELSON'S PROJECT

Nelson disassembles his 150 Saito for repair.

Note that Nelson has selected a clear, clean area to work.

Lay out white towels to hold parts so they don't roll and where little screws can be caught and found.

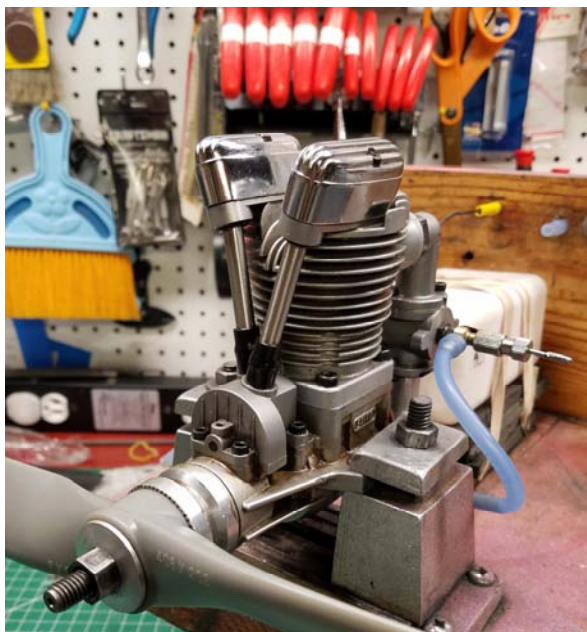
Put parts in sequence to facilitate reassembly.



Pictured below - The completed rebuilt 150 4 stroke Saito engine.

Installed rear and front bearings and new connecting rod. It's mounted on my test stand waiting for a good day to fuel up and test.

****Nelson****

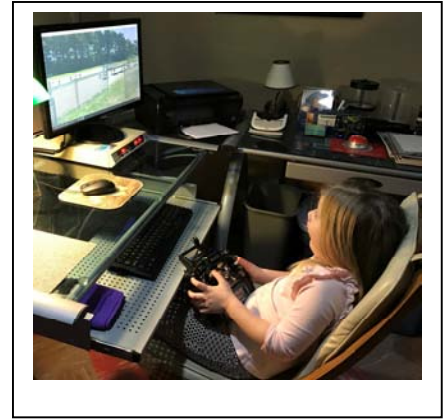


The connecting rod and both bearings needed to be replaced.

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FROM LOU PINTO

This is a photo of 5 year old Kaitlin Pinto successfully flying Lou's Real Flight simulator. Ok, you armchair pilots, here is a 5 year old mastering the skills of a pilot.



HISTORY BUFFS - RESTORATION AND FLIGHT OF A WWII B28

Video From John Cappabianca -

Copy and paste these TWO links in your browser:

<http://mortefontainevillage.pagesperso-orange.fr/marcbrecy/b29.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/iKlt6rNciTo?rel=0>

INTER CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

WRAM SWAP MEET SATURDAY APRIL 8 1DAY ONLY

**10AM-4PM
SOLARIS SPORT CLUB
201 VETERANS RD
YORKTOWN HEIGHTS NY
MORE INFO: WRAM.ORG**

BABYLON FLYERS NITE FLY

**Monday April 3rd Copiague HS Gym 7PM.
1100 Dixon Ave
Copague NY
New pricing structure: Scholarship fee \$2 for all flyers. Up to \$5 donations will be gratefully accepted! (Except juniors accompanied by an adult)**

BABYLON FLYERS

Frank Dellamura needs a carb for 1n OS46AX. If you can help him out contact Frank at the e-mail address <frank11743@gmail.com>