



SMOKE SIGNALS

NEWSLETTER

MAY CALENDAR

May 4
Club Meeting
Show and Tell

May 18
Club Meeting



Send all suggestions to:
newsletter@meroke.com

BIRTHDAYS

Robert Servino
Sal Richichi
Harvey Schwartz
Robert Henkin
Dennis Osik

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 13 PAINTBALL SHOOTOUT

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR - MEL BRENNER

Spring is busting out all over. Time to get those winter projects ready for flight testing. Based on my personal foul-ups with a couple of rebuilds I am trying to get flight ready, it is Not a bad idea to have one of the veteran pilots double check your bird for something you may have missed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A very large thank you to Tom Dutton, Dave Bell, Mel Brenner, Phil Friedensohn and Mike Hagens for your efforts in cleaning up the field and putting up the wind socks and a special thanks to Tom for providing the super blower.

May looks to be the real start of some decent weather, looking forward to a lot of flying time, Remember the Paint ball event is May 13, I will be asking all of the people that have volunteered, (or strong armed into service) for helping out with this event, to come to the next meeting a half hour earlier, I will send a separate email. On a sour note, attendance to our regular meetings is poor, the club needs your support, and input at the meetings, it's your Club help to make it great.

Joe Petrozza



SEARCH AND RESCUE ...TALES FROM THE JUNGLE

SEARCH AND RESCUE - Mel Brenner

We scored another recovery on April 17. John Rapelli's Sport 40, lost at the end of last summer, was recovered. It started with Andrew Lachs spotting a Red & White plane as he was jogging on the Wantagh bike trail and calling me. We took a ride down the Wantagh parkway and spotted the plane by the 3 pine trees at the West end of runway 2 then drove back and made the recovery (only 12' in from the edge of the bushes).

Before the bushes leaf-out and spotting planes becomes difficult, if you a lost an aircraft, give me a call with the approximate location.

Mel Brenner 516-526-4644



The NEW TAG & BAG TEAM - GUS & Mel

Gus Kalogrias located lost models with his MAVIC camera drone (tag) and Mel Brenner goes in to recover missing aircraft (bag). Gus programmed his MAVIC drone by using a Google Earth image of the field and programmed a search pattern which covered the entire woods. With Gus hovering over the target Mel went in and recovered Mike Loboza's Eagle 2. The next day we recovered Harvey Schwartz's Habu and Mel's MD500 Helicopter which lost signal and went down that day. OOPS! (Note: Heli recovered with no damage!)



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NELSON'S PROJECT CORNER

This engine was giving me lots of trouble. The fix, carburetor dirty plus one blade of grass obstructing the low end and finally the valves needed adjusting. Now it's running great. Holding the idle plus the transition to high end good . I now have a nice little engine. I'll put this one in storage making sure it's lubricated waiting for the next 40 size model to put it in.

Nelson



VOLUNTEERS DO THE FIELD MAINTAINANCE

Have you volunteered to help out lately? Well, these guys did. *"Oh say can you see...."* Dave Bell, Tom Dutton, Mel Brenner, Mike Hagen and Phil Friedensohn, worked on field maintainance on Friday April 21. They blew shells off the runway, installed new wind socks in preparation for the new season.

Step up & volunteer! It is a group effort and we need YOU!



Meroke			2017 Calendar (proposed)	JUL			
Month	date	day	Event				
JAN	5	TH	MEETING- show & tell		6	TH	MEETING- show & tell
	15	TH	MEETING virtual fun fly		20	TH	MEETING
	29	SUN	NASSAU FLYERS SWAP MEET		23	SUN	HOT DOG SUNDAY FUN FLY
FEB	2	TH	MEETING- show & tell	AUG	3	TH	MEETING- show & tell
	16	TH	MEETING		17	TH	MEETING
	24-26	F-Su	AMA EXPO/WRSM SHOW NJ		23	SUN	NASSAU FLYERS Barbacue @ FIELD 5
MAR	2	TH	MEETING- show & tell	SEPT	7	TH	MEETING- show & tell
	16	TH	MEETING		9	SAT	PAINTBALL #2
APR	6	TH	MEETING- show & tell		15	TH	MEETING
	20	TH	MEETING		23	SUN	HOT DOG SUNDAY FUN FLY
	23	SUN	HOT DOG SUNDAY FUN FLY		24	SUN	NASSAU FLYERS Giant Fly-in (Field)
MAY	4	TH	MEETING- show & tell	OCT	5	TH	MEETING- show & tell
	13	SAT	PAINTBALL #1		19	TH	MEETING
	18	TH	MEETING	NOV	2	TH	MEETING- show & tell
	20	SAT	PAINTBALL #1 RAIN DATE		16	TH	MEETING
	21	SUN	NASSAU FLYERS Heli Fly-in (Field)	DEC	7	TH	MEETING- show & tell
JUN	1	TH	MEETING- show & tell		10	SUN	NASSAU FLYERS XMAS PARTY
	11	SUN	NASSAU FLYERS Electric Fly-in (Field)		21	TH	MEETING or XMS PARTY? TBA
	15	TH	MEETING				
	25	SUN	Rain date Electric Fly-in (Field)				

INTER CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethpage Flyers Association (Whitman Flyers) Spring Float Fly at Lake Ronkonkoma

Sunday April 30th (Rain Date May 7th) Landing Fee \$5 Bethpage Flyers; \$8 Non Members

Breakfast served. Info contact Frank Sailer at fsailer@aol.com

Electric or glow, permitted. No gasoline engines!