

# MATHER AEROSPACE MODELERS INC.



## AN AMA GOLD LEADER CLUB



### CHARTER # 1243

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June Meeting

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## NOTICE

### MASM Member Announcement

**Next Months  
Meeting will be  
held at the  
flying field.**

### Presidents Message:

Richard welcomed the members to the June meeting and thanked the smaller than normal crowd for attending. He stated that he had taken on the role of gatekeeper out at the field. Richard has been swinging by the field in the evenings to make sure the membership is complying with the gate rule procedure. He reported that someone tore down a couple of post and broke one cable. Richard contacted Mather Park's officials to see if they could help with security, they indicated they will keep an eye out during the course of their duties. Richard informed us that the club members are the only people authorized to be on the field property so we can legally report people who trespass. Mather Parks has put up signage forbidding trespassing and illegal dumping along the roadway and we should use the phone number posted on these signs for reporting. Richard stressed the importance of locking the gates and not exposing the combination. Remember to scramble the combination on lock after opening or closing the gate.

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**Secretary's Report**

Mike reported that the club had three new members since our last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Account balances can be obtained by attending a meeting or speaking personally with Hank Pajari.

**Safety:** FREQUENCY CONTROL was once again one the subjects of the evening. Everyone should utilize the radio impound area and the frequency pin board prior to turning on any radio. Read and follow the field rules posted on the website and at the field to ensure that all flights return to the ground safely. The next topic of safety dealt with the incident in Hungary where an 80 inch biplane went out of control into the spectators stands and killed two people. To make a long story short it ended up being a non-flying entity broadcasting on the same frequency that was being used by the pilot. This caused the pilot to loose complete control of his aircraft resulting in the loss of life and four other people injured. A careless pilot not following the frequency control procedure can cause the same loss of control out at the field.

**New Members**

There were no new members or visitors present at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Old Business:** The new field rules signs are supposed to be ready on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be posted shortly there after. The School Day event was reported to be a success, only static displays were allowed. Richard hovered a helicopter and started his gas engine edge for the kids. Mike Clawson graciously volunteered to be the CD for our Open Field day event on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Mike will need volunteers to help with ground school, simulators, instructor pilots and general help directing the public. Members wishing to help out should contact Mike; his phone number is 916-967-0424. Members participating in the Sunrise Mall show on June 24<sup>th</sup> can enter the mall after 0800 using the freight entrance just north of the Macy's main entrance.

**New Business:** It was announce that the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the flying field. Ellis Hall announced that fire season had officially started and beginning Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> helicopters would start making water pick up practice runs by the flying field. This will take place every Monday and Wednesday until fire season is over. It is very important that all pilots exercise extra effort to observe the 400 foot ceiling during these operations. The monthly raffle was postponed until next month due to the abnormally low turn out. The prizes that will be up for raffle at next months meeting include a Dragon 40 ARF, an Ikarus shock flyer, a CAP 580 Chapman Flat out and a Super Tiger GS-45 ABC engine.

**Show & Tell:** No presenters.

**Information for the July 6th meeting from the President**

**URGENT**

Please join us on the first "Fun Fly" event of the year; it will take place at the field Sunday, June 18th. The event is called "Competition Fun Fly". What it means is the winner will be the person, who has the most fun. The grand prize will be a hand shake with the President of MASM. Also for the winners of each event there will be gift certificates from our sponsor; RC Country the Hobby Shop. I am looking for volunteers to be referees, maintain score boards and finally for handling the BBQ. Please contact me at the number below to help with our first Fun Fly of the season.

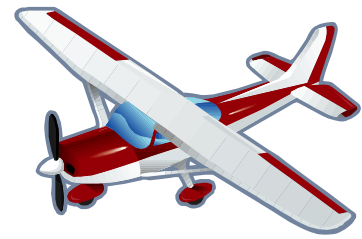
All new business unless it is an emergency shall be presented to me prior to the meeting. Members can call me (916)-684-6652, write me at Richard Malinowski, 7418 Brandamore Ct, Elk Grove CA 95758, or e-mail me at: [masm.inc@comcast.net](mailto:masm.inc@comcast.net)

## Mather Aerospace Modelers

### Competition Fun Fly

June 18<sup>th</sup> 2006

Registration starts at 9:00 am event starts at 10:00 am



The qualifying airplanes are simple 4-channel high wing trainers (size 40) gas or electric. It should be the plane that can fly hands-off, can do simple acrobatics and can taxi on the ground. There is no need to fly the same plane at each event.

**3D Acrobatics:** Pilot must announce what "D" will be executed. Then within the given time the pilot must take off, execute acrobatics (paint three letters D on the sky) and land. The score will be based on the type of "D" letter (vertical, horizontal, uppercase or lowercase), quality of the maneuvers and the time.

**Free Flight:** Within the given time the pilot must take off, trim the plane for the hands off flying, align the plane along the runway and let the plane fly hands off. The free flying must be executed within the vertical and horizontal limits. The points will be based on time and distance of Free-flight.

**Pylon racing:** There will be race between two pylons (road cones) setup on the runway. During the race the plane must maintain constant contact with the runway with at least two wheels on the ground; otherwise the racer will be disqualified. The score will be based on the shortest time.

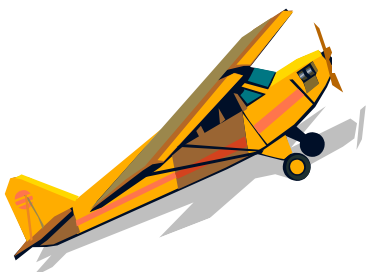
**Warbird combat:** This competition is executed by teams of pilots and gunners. The pilot will fly the given course and the gunner will use the separate radio to operate the gun. Event organizers will provide the gun that will be attached to the belly of the plane and the radio to operate it. The goal is to shoot the target plane as many times as possible within the given time.

**Drag racing:** Planes will start from still stop to race a short distance (half of the length of the runway). The fastest plane wins. However every plane must maintain constant contact with the runway with at least two wheels on the ground otherwise the racer will be disqualified.

**The Most Fun Award:** Everybody registered in any event will vote for the pilot who had the most fun during the competition. Voting will be anonymous.

**Prizes:** The 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> place pilots will receive a gift certificate from RC-Country Hobby Shop. However in all events each person can win only one prize. The Grand Prize for "The Most Fun Award" will be a chance to shake the hand of MASM's President.

After the competition all competitors will enjoy a BBQ and soft drinks.



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MALL SHOW

SUNRISE MALL: 24 JUNE 06

10 AM UNTIL 5 PM

SUNRISE BLVD AND GREENBACK LANE

# Being Safe Means Learning from Others' Mistakes

BY JACK FROST, EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Merriam Webster's Dictionary defines safety as "the condition of being safe from undergoing or causing hurt, injury, or loss."

When I look at modeling safety from this point of view, it seems clear to me that we all have a responsibility to try to provide a state of being—condition—that would prevent ourselves and others from being hurt, injured, or killed. In addition, we should all endeavor to eliminate the loss of equipment and property damage.

What does this mean? I think it means that just because we can do something, doesn't mean we should.

How many times have you thought or said or heard the following:

"I'm only going to start the engine once. I'm not going to set up the plane restraint."

"Pull tests are silly. I've never had a line fail."

"This propeller should be good for one more flight."

"This battery should be okay. I'm going to make it a short flight."

Do the actions associated with these statements help to establish a condition that would prevent hurt, injury, or loss? I think not. Who would say these things? I must admit that I've said a couple of them, and I'm reasonably sure that you have too.

Someone once said, "There are old pilots, and there are bold pilots, but not many old, bold pilots." Simply stated, pilots whose actions repeatedly establish unsafe conditions are more likely to have some sort of mishap.

Unsafe conditions don't only exist while airborne either. Take a look around your flying site. I'd be willing to bet that you can find a number of things that could be done better.

How about that chair with the almost broken leg? Or the fence with just a couple of nails sticking out to gouge someone? Or the hole that someone dug and then abandoned?

Many people genuinely concerned with safety have either been injured themselves or had someone close to them injured. Wouldn't it be better to be able to learn a lesson from someone who has already been hurt than to be wounded yourself?

Years ago, my wife's finger was cut by a propeller. It struck her finger with such force that it not only cut her to the bone, but it broke the bone. It took a long time to heal, and it still bothers her to this day. While I'm sorry that this happened, it doesn't make her finger any better.

Fingers don't grow back, eyes don't repair easily, and accidents cost much more than money. It may seem cool to be able to tell your friends about how many stitches it took to sew your hand up, how much blood you lost, or how long it will take to heal; however, that cool factor quickly diminishes if you lost any fingers or any use of your hand.

Let's face it, serious injuries change us physically and emotionally, but most importantly, they change us permanently.

Build straight, fly as often as you can, have fun, and be safe!

MASM, Inc  
RC Flying at its  
Best



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### June

16-17-18/ Dan Sullivan Memorial - Scale Masters Qualifier @ Ukiah Prop Busters, Ukiah, CA.

#### **18/Sport Competition Fun Fly @ Mather Aerospace Modelers, Sacramento, CA.**

18/ Scale Fun Fly @ Vaca-Valley R/C, Vacaville, CA.  
18/ Fathers Day BBQ Fly-in @ R/C Flyers Unlimited, Oakdale CA.

#### **24/ Mall Show - Mather Aerospace Modelers @ Sunrise Mall, Citrus Heights, CA.**

24/ Washoe Lake Float Fly @ Reno R/C Reno, NV.  
24/ Mid Summer Tailgate Swap Meet @ Wine Country Flyers, Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial  
Complex, Santa Rosa, CA.  
24-25/ Giant Scale Fly-In @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA.  
24-25/ Q-500/QM-40 Race @ Valley Flyers, Sepulveda Basin, CA.  
24-25/ IMAC @ Whittier, CA.  
25/ Presidents Cup Warbird Race @ Sacramento Area Modelers, Sacramento, CA.

### July

1-2/ IMAA Fly-In @ R/C Flyers Unlimited, Oakdale, CA.  
8/ Float Fly @ Woodward Reservoir - R/C Flyers Unlimited, Oakdale, CA.  
8-15/ Q-500/QM-40 Nationals @ AMA, Muncie, IN.  
8-9/ IMAC @ EBRC, Livermore, CA.  
8-9/ Annual Invitational Air show @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA.  
15/ Fun Fly @ Vaca-Valley R/C, Vacaville, CA.  
15/ Memorial Fun Fly @ Salinas Area Modelers, Chular, CA.

Visit our website <http://takeoff.to/mather> for a complete list of events

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