

## Mather News – March/April Edition

The weather is changing and we are able to fly more often. There have been a couple of key events over the last month but first we need to address a safety issue.

### **SAFETY**

Recently a member was running up his YS four stroke in the pit area. It was a bit lean, backfired, and shot the prop like a flying scimitar completely across the pits and out onto the flight line. The double prop nuts flew off in two directions. On a crowded day this could have seriously hurt someone or damaged another plane. The YS is a great engine and very powerful but the high compression can result in this type of dangerous situation.

Per discussion and agreement at the March club meeting, **all YS 4 stroke engines should be started out on the flight line and not in the pits**. Please help inform your fellow members of this concern if you see them in the pits trying to start a YS 4 stroke engine.

### **Sun Shade Extension**

There is another effort in process to add the sun cover to the posts that were added to the north end of the sun shade. The chain link fence by the grill and the grill will be removed to increase the pit area. Then the petro mat will be added and we will have additional pit areas available for the ever expanding fleet of birds at the field.

Stay tuned and help with the project.

This brings up another subject: Lack of participation in helping to maintain or improve the field. The club may evaluate a membership fee system that charges the membership dues based on amount of support provided on club projects. Example: If you help with projects during the year you pay the standard fee. If you elect to not help with the projects then your membership is prorated and the fee goes up. One person has mentioned that Woodland charges up to \$500 for those who do not feel like helping out with the work parties. \*\* No free rides? Only a few people busting their butts working at the field? Work or pay up? This could very interesting. \*\*

## Eagles Nest Road and the Security New Posts

The work party did a tremendous amount of hard labor putting in the new posts along the road. There were a number of members that did a lot of backbreaking work and Keith and Dave lead the charge by getting the posts from the Woodland club to Mather. Jim and Reed Kelley were not actually members yet but they did the work of 4 people. Reed looked like a 5' 9" mud ball by the end of the day. The heli group helped a lot and bought everyone pizza to nourish their poor famished bodies. Everyone was sore for a week afterwards.

Thanks to everyone's fine efforts the vandalism should be reduce during the coming year.



**The list of workers include: A.J. Thomas, Andy Boulger, Bob Erdman, Bob Mosher, Bill Fitzgerald, David Sullivan, Don Cross, Gary Sease, Jim Kelley, Jonathan, Keith Fick, Kevin Hollingsworth, Lee Busolo, Mike Clawson, Randy Stewart, Reed Kelley, and Richard Malinowski.**

## T-28 Fun Fly

Well we were able to have the event after two weeks of lousy weather. The first event was a fun filled “Lap & Land” event which quickly transitioned into “Lap & Bash”. We flew 8 laps and had to touch the gear on the runway after every lap. Nick ripped a main gear on the first lap but qualified in the Bronze event. Big Joe did a “lap & BASH”. Everyone almost fell over laughing at his efforts but later in the day Joe repaired his bird and regained his honor by winning the dogfight event. Bob Erdman did a low level split S into the runway but it was very easy to clean up. Everything was within a 3 foot circle and less than 2 inches thick. Back to RCC for another bird! Fast Carl buried his T-28 during the dog fight and then the vultures arrived. He donated parts to several people and helped them to repair some “minor” cosmetic damage that had occurred to other entrants. I actually flew my own plane for a change. This may have been the first time in 2 months of goofing around that I did not visually lock on to the wrong plane and try to fly it.



Joe's (winner of the combat event) “bird of death” is the top left T-28.

Dave took first and Matt took second in the gold race. Everyone else in the gold round was disqualified due to bad luck and overly critical cut judges (personally I suspect that Roger only cut the good flyers....like Nick and me. Probably just jealous.)

Channel 3 news and media coverage of the awesome awards ceremony was much appreciated by all of the participants.

The next event (demo derby) is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Bring ideas for different events that you might like to try.

## Bugs & Wasps

Clark Pest Control sprayed the overhead structure and the container on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We still need to plug and fill the two hollow end posts with foam to prevent the wasps from going to one of their old nesting sites.

The container and sun shade will be sprayed monthly.

The two of the sunshade posts had deep holes in the top that have been nesting areas for wasps. Those areas have been resprayed and then filled with expanding foam. It is very unlikely that they will be able to build another nest under the sunshade. Nuclear retaliation is the next step.

## Newsletter Contributions

We need to collectively thank Duane for all of the great pictures. This would be really boring for all of us without his help.

## Meetings

The next club meeting is April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30.

## MASM Official Events Calendar 2008

### April

**3, Thursday 7:30pm – 9:00pm Monthly meeting**

Place: **MASM Field**

COD: **Richard Malinowski**

**12, Saturday (tbd) Field Spring Cleanup - Work party**

Place: **MASM Field**

COD: **Richard Malinowski**

During the cleanup MASM field will be closed for flying activities.

Details tbd at April meeting.

**20, Sunday 1:00pm – 3:00pm T-28 demo derby fun fly**

Place: **MASM Field**

COD: **Bill Fitzgerald**

1. Flying starts at 1:00.



Nick's new Sukhoi by Hanger 9.



Nick sure needs lOTS of advice.



Brothers Robb and John MoJo arguing about who has more style and the better looking hat.

Picture of the month

This is a picture of Dave Sullivan's new plane hauler:



Talk is cheap.

Action has impact.

Get off your can and do something to help the club.

Bill