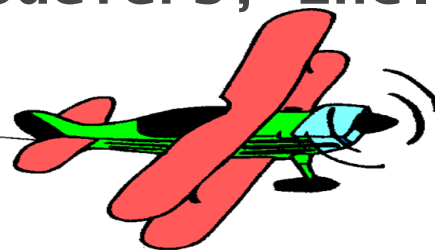


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President's Message



Happy New Year!

Well ladies and gentlemen the year is well upon us and flying weather is right around the corner.

The year started off with a great New Year's Day Fly-In. We made several changes, but most members were satisfied with the club as a whole.

Down to Business

The meetings will continue at Sam's Hauf Brau, same day and time. We need members to have a show-and-tell for meetings this year, something you find interesting and wish to share.

Membership stickers are done and were given out at March's club meeting, if you were not there yours will be mailed to you. Sorry for the delay!

This year we will do membership a little different. The club dues will increase \$20.00 after February 15, 2013. Be patient with renewal this year, this is Hank Pajari's busy time of year (taxes), and Matt Orr had to step down. His replacement will be up to speed by 2/1/13. If you are a current member in good standing, no changes in address or phone numbers, you will mail in your club dues of \$85.00 and a copy of current AMA card with signature, (stating no felony convictions and if you want your e-mail and phone number added to club roster). This will cut down on paper work for the Treasurer and Secretary.

There was 40lbs. of paper to shred, all with lots of personal information we don't want out there. New members will still follow the current process to join Mather Aero Space Modelers.

The Secretary Position has been filled by Keith Fick. Thank you Keith for volunteering. The transition was a little slow but we are at full speed now. His new e-mail address will be posted soon. Any questions, refer to me.

Those of you who take pictures please send to Ryszard Malinowski for posting on the web site and Rhonda Sullivan in the Newsletter.

The calendar of events still has plenty of room. We are still looking for members to host events at the field. We have several C.D.'s in the club willing to lend a hand, "SO GIVE IT A SHOT". We will update and post events for the year ASAP.

I'm currently working with the County, Kate of E.P.A. (vernal pools) and Corps of Engineers, on the gate to block off the North end of the field where the knuckle heads are entering with vehicles and mucking up our site. When the division is made we and S.V.R.W. will correct the problem. If you see vehicles in the vernal pool area or wild life area call the County Sheriff. This is County property and trespassers will be prosecuted!

In case you haven't noticed, the new shade structures are up! THEY WONT STEAL THIS ONE!!!

We will be hosting the N. California Girl Scouts again, this time at our field. This is new for them and they are going for Aviation Badges all (FIFTY)

of them. This will be a first and their numbers will exceed the Boy Scouts!!! Mather will take the lead and make this happen on May 5, 2013. They will provide breakfast, lunch and cookies. Rex Williams will head up the event; need laptops, trainers and that nasty V word, VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!

Clean up, first Saturday, and for old farts, Monday.

WE STILL HAVE THE PROBLEM WITH MEMBERS NOT L-O-C-K-I-N-G THE GATE!!!!!!!!!! IF YOU ARE THE LAST ONE, IT'S REALLY SIMPLE. If this presents you with a problem, maybe you're in the wrong hobby. We need to police ourselves, remind the last member when you go. All the nice work we've done can go down the tubes in one night. A few beers have that effect on young minds that have nothing to do at midnight. Let's take PRIDE in our field!!!

A new gate code for 2013 will be set at the field March 4, 2013. By then you should have received the new gate code by email. If not, please login to the website and read gate code for 2013 or contact one of MASM officers.

Well that's all for now, see you at the meeting or at the site. Wheels up! Let's go flying and have the best year ever at Mather. COME OUT AND FLY!!!!!!

Norman Poynter
President MASM

New Business

The new gate code for 2013 has been set at the field as of March 10, 2013.

By now you should have received the new gate code by email. If not, please login to the website and read "gate code for 2013" or contact one of the MASM officers. Remember in order to fly in 2013 you have to have a valid AMA 2013. For our safety and the safety of the MASM flying site every member must follow the rules listed below:

1. The first MASM or SVRW member arriving at the flying site will open one or both gates. The gates must be fully opened. For safety, make sure the gates are secured in the full open position so they cannot be accidentally moved.
2. The last MASM or SVRW member leaving the flying site will close and lock both gates.
3. Before leaving the flying site, if there are any cars in the parking lot, make sure that they belong to a MASM or SVRW member who knows MASM Flying Site Gate Rules.

Never leave a non-member alone at the field. Visitors or guests must leave the flying site before the last member leaves.

Login to the website and read the entire Field Gate Rules.

Current Roster is available at MASM website

MASM members can get current contact information of other members from the website. The current MASM roster is now available for viewing. To protect our members privacy the roster is in the secured area available to current members only.

Free Classifieds at MASM website

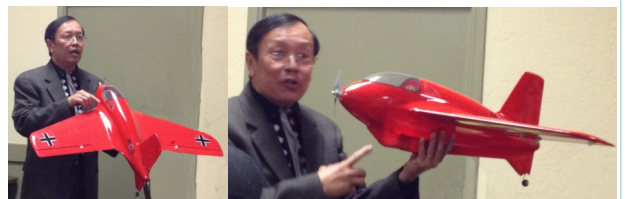
The old "Swap meet" and "Lost & Found" have been replaced with new Classifieds section. Here we can help members sell, buy, swap or donate their stuff (former "Swap meet" functionality), help members find their stuff lost at the field (former "Lost & Found" functionality) or just simply post any other information related to our hobby or MASM business. The best part is, this service is free for MASM members

Show'n Tell at MASM website

New section Show'n tell at MASM website presents members and their "stuff". Here you will find all kinds of stories you would hear at our monthly meeting. For members and guests who missed it we will present these stories on the website.

Show'n Tell at MASM Club Meeting, April 5, 2013

Richard Dao brought an interesting plane for Show'n Tell. It's an ME-163 Comet Rocket powered interceptor. Richard's model is electric powered and should be very fast. He told us if all goes well with the test hops he plans to experiment with a Jado rocket power plant.



Members pictures at MASM website

New section Members pictures at MASM website presents our current and past members and their models. Our club gathers people of different age, origin and professions that might never meet otherwise. They share the same passion: the freedom of small scale flying and the art of building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. We are presenting our members and their planes on the website.

MASM members, if you want to post your pictures or publish your story please contact webmaster using Contact MASM form. We will contact you by e-mail to work on details of the article.

New Members

Two new members attended the April 5th meeting.

Eric Cebelinski and Brian Clemens
Welcome, we're glad you joined us!



IMAC Sponsorship

It was voted on and approved that the Club will sponsor Matt Morell with the entry fees for two IMAC events and Mather Aerospace Modelers shirts.

The weekend of April 6th, Matt competed at the Salinas Area Modelers IMAC in Salinas, CA in a petition that consisted of four rounds and seven sequences. He won six out of the seven with 1st place in sportsman. Awesome flying with winds at 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. There were 21 participants total, six in sportsman. Way to go Matt, Congratulations!!



Club Shirts

While supplies last, all new members will receive a free shirt. Current members can buy one get one free.

Cost: \$15.00 for S,M,L,XL. \$17.00 for larger sizes.

Field News

New signs will be posted soon to remind spectators they are not allowed in the pit or runway areas. If you see anyone in these areas, please politely ask them to go to the spectator area for safety reasons.

The County and Corp of Engineers are trying to figure out a fence solution for the road. In the meantime, a work-day has been suggested to move the poles down along the road to deter trespassing. Please check the website for a work-day date to be posted as well as upcoming events.

If you encounter trespassers at the field, do not confront them, call the Sherriff. The phone number will be posted at the field. The field rules sign will be moved to a more obvious location. It is imperative these rules are followed for safety reasons. If you see someone not following the rules, please remind them the rules are in place for everyone's safety. Report any ongoing issues to Norm Poynter.

Night Flying

Does anyone remember when there was night flying? Whether you do or don't, it's a blast and we're bringing it back!! Woo hoo! The regular day-flying rules apply for night-flying. No fires will be allowed.

How to read the weather forecast for MASM field

Aviation short time forecast is the best one you can get. We are so lucky having Mather Airport (symbol is KMHR) near our field so we can use current weather conditions published for pilots there as well as short term forecast. But not all modelers are full scale pilots so how to read this?

Go to the Website...At our front page there are two clocks. The left one is 12-hour clock (the blue one) is showing current local time. On the right side there is a military 24-hours clock (the red one) showing Universal time called "ZULU TIME". Aviation weather is always published in ZULU time. During the summer time (daylight saving time) we are 7 hours behind ZULU, otherwise we are 8 hours behind ZULU. It means if it is 10am local in the summer time it is 5pm (17:00) ZULU. If you want to check the forecast for 3pm (15:00) local time, just look for the forecast around 10pm (22:00) ZULU.

Now click on the link aviation forecast on the main page. It will open the new window with "translated" current Aviation forecast (TAF) for Mather Airport (KMHR) published by Aviation Digital Data Service - the best you can get here. If you don't know how to read the grey-shaded text, don't worry. It is "raw" format, and it is "translated" into readable text below.

The first part consist of METAR - Current weather condition - notice, that the time is in ZULU. What we are looking for - the most critical for us - is the wind. METAR shows direction and speed.

The second section has multiple listings of weather parameters in the following periods (TAF). The period is explained in the line labeled "Forecast period". Just remember - period is in ZULU time.

Now, when you know how to use it, I bet you will never go to the flying field without checking this forecast first.

Happy flying.



New Year's Day 2013



Photos courtesy of Holly Shanks

If you have photos or there is something you would like to see added to the Newsletter, please submit them to Rhonda Sullivan, Newsletter Editor
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The Newsletter will be sent out quarterly. Sorry the first one is late, we're still getting organized.

2013 Events

- April 27, Saturday - **Children's Clothes Fly-In** - Norman Poynter
- May 3, Friday, 7:00 pm - **Monthly Meeting**
- May 5, Sunday - **Girl Scout Aviation Day** - Rex Williams/Norman Poynter
- May 18 Saturday - **Armed Forces Day** - Rex Williams
- May 25-27, Saturday—Monday - **Castle West Coast Fest**, (Castle Airport, Atwater, CA) All Welcome
- June 7, Friday, 7:00 pm - **Monthly Meeting**
- June 15, Saturday - **Mather Open House** - Mather Club Members
- July 5, Friday, 7:00 pm - **Monthly Meeting**
- July 20 & 21, Saturday & Sunday - **Giant Scale Fun Fly**, -Keith Fick/Dave Sullivan
- August 2, Friday, 7:00 pm - **Monthly Meeting**
- August 17, Saturday - **Members Family BBQ**, - Louise Bonner
- September 6, Friday, 7:00 pm - **Monthly Meeting**
- October 4, Friday, 7:00 pm - **Monthly Meeting**
- October 19, Saturday - **Thanksgiving Food Drive**, - Norman Poynter
- November 4, Friday, 7:00 pm - **Monthly Meeting**
- December 7, Saturday - **Toys For Tots**, - Rex Williams
- December, **Date to be determined** - **Christmas Party** - Vince's Italian Restaurant, 8901 Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624



MASM Monthly Meetings

We encourage every member to attend our monthly meetings. This is great opportunity to meet other members, whom you may not meet otherwise. You will meet the Board of Directors and be able to participate with decisions made here. Quite often we have training or information sessions where members share their knowledge and experience with others. Members also bring their "Show'n tell" showing their work, ideas and building or flying skills and experience.

Have question, suggestions or comments?

Write them down here and bring to the next Monthly Meeting



For more Club news go to: <http://www.masmrc.com/>