

## Field Notes for WESTFAC 2021

- The first request of all flyers is: Please give the staff a little slack if things get a bit slow or screwed up.....this is a hobby of gentlemen and volunteers, remember.
- We urge all flyers who are looking for lodging to stay at the Comfort Suites in Goodyear as they are giving us a fabulous deal on rooms---\$109 a night. With 2 guys spitting a room, that is \$50 a night for each. You can't stay in Motel 6 for that price! We have blocked out 20 rooms at the Flying Aces room rate so grab it EARLY and save some money.
- **All Mass Launches will be done on a Delayed Launch method.** The props will be released on the ML Directors command and airplanes will be released 3 seconds later also on his command. The object is to burn off the initial torque burst and have the planes fly just on their cruise power. The purpose of this is to cut down on the incredibly long death marches in the Arizona sun that we have had in the past. You guys are just too good at this but you are also not 25 anymore. The procedure for commands will be briefed before each mass launch. It is your responsibility to bring a mechanic with a stop watch who knows how to work it and is familiar with a mass launch.
- **Pilots Pre-Launch Checklist (PPLC) flights** (Mass Launch and TOTF) will be on the **honor system**. Turning in a score is your pledge that your model meets the requirements of the PPLC. Please review the checklist on the WESTFAC website. Thanks, and your flying friends will also appreciate it.
- The field will be open for trim flights on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Contest starts at 8:00 am Friday
- The theme is "Working Aircraft" which means, non-pleasure aircraft. If an aircraft can be mistaken for a pleasure aircraft, it needs some signage on it to indicate it is a commercial aircraft (a DeHavilland Beaver is a good example). Aircraft that obviously have no pleasure flying such as crop dusters and firefighting aircraft don't need signage. A working aircraft can also be flown by a government agency of some sort and military "utility/liason" class aircraft can flown (An-2, L-19, Otter, etc). NO military trainers, however.
- Note that all working aircraft can fly in the mass launch but the TOTF events are broken up into Mail Planes, Crop Dusters, and Working Aircraft (meaning anything else)
- Our last event will be a mass launch for the Blue Ridge Special for anyone who'd like to fly this little fun stick model. Our Lady Chasers are going to be building and flying them

for one of the mass launches and the other will be open to all. Volare has a kit for the plane and the internet has plans.

- All flights for an event must be completed the day scheduled, HOWEVER, you can fly and time until dark on Friday and Saturday if desired but you MUST turn in your times immediately to the GHQ tent the very next morning by 9:00am or it did not happen.
- RV parking on the field overnight is fine but you must be off the road and in the mowed area along the road. Same applies to all cars---the road must be kept clear for farm machinery.
- A Porta-pottie will be set up at the south end of the flight line on Thursday for the weekend festivities.
- A lunch wagon will be on the field for Sat noon and Sunday noon. Friday you are on your own for lunch at a fast-food place in Buckeye.
- “No Blue Max” (NBM) events are open only to those who do NOT have a Blue Max. Those contestants can fly in any similar open event too.
- We will have the young lady Chasers—4 of them-- that were at WESTFAC 2019 and they will be available to any flyer who needs a break from retrieving a plane. They also can mechanic for mass launches and time flights. Use them vigorously and it will be up to each individual to establish contact with them on the field for your flying needs. They are being paid and are more than happy to help.
- Please attend the pilot’s briefing at 8:00am Saturday morning as the details of sign-ups for events and late compliance checks will be given at that time. Flyers will sign themselves up for individual events on appropriate clipboards at the GHQ tent.....this is your responsibility.
- We will use the Field Time Cards as usual and they can be gotten at the GHQ tent. Any questions about times, we will go to these cards so please keep them accurate and legible. After 3 flights or less, please bring your card to the GHQ tent to be entered. You will not make any friends by saving your times and waiting until the end of the day (or the next morning) to present your times.
- The contest will end at 3:30 pm and awards will be given on the field. After take-down of tents, we can retire to a Goodyear Mexican restaurant for an order-and-pay-your-own-

dinner. No formal banquet. **Arriba Mexican Grill, 15370 West McDowell Rd (McDowell Rd and Pebble Creek), Goodyear AZ. 6:30 – 7:00pm.**

- It should go without saying that we are guests, and very grateful ones, of the land owner, Jerry Rovey, and please treat his fields like your own lawn and pick up every scrap of trash when you leave. He comes out to the contest each year and enjoys seeing the activity. Please do say hello to him and express your appreciation if you get an introduction as he is a great guy.