

## Field Notes for WESTFAC Warm-Up 2020

- As an off-year contest we will be trying some different procedures to see how they work and whether they will be included in WESTFAC 2021. This means give the staff a little slack if things get a bit screwed up.....this is a hobby of gentlemen, remember.
- **Saturday Mass Launch Motor Rule: The slack, unbraided motor of an inline subject cannot extend more than 2" from the nose of the model, 4" for radial engine subjects.** This means you take the prop assembly off the aircraft and the motor is measured from that remaining surface. This is done with a simple jig held against the nose. If a motor is deemed too long, the pilot merely ties a simple overhand knot in the motor and that should solve it. (The plane flies with the knot in the motor, of course.)



This motor restriction is being tried out to see if we can eliminate the LOOOOONG, drawn out chases that stretch mass launches to hour and a half death marches. Your opinion will be asked at the end of the contest.....and we hope it works as planned. This method will be used on the mass launches on Saturday only.

- **Sunday Mass Launches will be done on a Delayed Launch method.** This day there is NO restriction on motor length, however, the props will be released on the ML Directors command and planes will be released 3-5 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. This is another way to cut down on the long flights only by a different procedure. This method will be used on the mass launches on Sunday only.
- Your opinion on which of these methods you like best will be asked on the conclusion of the contest.
- Friday will be a registration and trimming day only. Events will begin on Saturday.

- The theme is “Working Aircraft” which means non-military, 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.
- Note that all working aircraft can fly in the mass launch but the 3 TOTF events are broken up into Mail Planes, Crop Dusters, and Working Aircraft (meaning anything else)
- You can fly till dark on Saturday if desired but you MUST turn in your times immediately to the GHQ tent on Sunday 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 by noon Friday 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” 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 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
- All events will be completed the day they are scheduled----no carry-overs to the next day. Wind will not change this.

- The contest will end at 4pm 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.