

## Field Notes for WESTFAC Warm-Up 2022

- As in the past, with an off-year contest we will be trying some different events to see the interest in them for a full-blown theme for WESTFAC 2023. So, if you like an event---fly in it and we will note the count. There will be no Grand Champion recognized nor any of the other traveling trophy awards. Only 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> places in each event will be recognized with applause and an appropriate award momento on Sunday.
- **Mass Launches will be done on a Delayed Launch method.** 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 being done to cut down on the long death marches in the Arizona sun for retrievals.
- Friday will be a registration and trimming day only and the GHQ tent will be set up. Events will begin on Saturday.
- The “Spotter/Observation/Forward Air Control Aircraft” events include civilian spotter aircraft such as a Cal-Fire OV-10. Fish spotters too but if you enter a Cessna 172 as a fish spotter, it had better be marked with “Bob’s Fish Market” on the side i.e. it needs to be very obvious what it is.
- 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—2 of them-- 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 GHQ tent will be open to record times all the way until sunset
- The contest will end Sunday 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.
- Many thanks to all the participants too, as your flying and good humor make this event one of the year's best. See you in October!