General Contest Notes WESTFAC 2019

- In the spirit of getting as many planes off the deck as possible for a mission, there will be NO LIMIT on the number of carrier aircraft entered in the deck launch events, including Navy jet catapult.

- Landing gear must be of <u>scale length </u>(no gear on jet cats)

- You must launch rubber scale aircraft from the back of the carrier deck. No putting the model at the very front of the deck with a big prop projecting over the edge.

- The actual landing gear leg can be basic but there must be a full-bodied landing gear leg (no bare wires) and a landing gear door attached to it.

- The jet cat catapult will be a standard FAC catapult (2 loops of 1/8th, 9 inches long) attached to a 3' length of nylon twine anchored at the bow. This will allow the standard "arm stretch" of a hand launch to mesh with the length of a horizontal deck. It is up to the launching pilot how much of a stretch he wishes to use of the catapult.

- If you want to use the catapult to launch your rubber model----great! Just let us gather a crowd.

- Carrier eligible aircraft must have a tailhook or indication of one (doors, etc.) and be in a representative color scheme of any Navy.

- OK, here is the exception: If a <u>Navy</u> aircraft landed on a carrier with no hook such as the early Camels, we will accept that with documentation to prove it. That eliminates orphan aircraft that landed on a carrier like the Vietnamese O-1s emergency landings. That also eliminates aircraft that merely took off from a carrier to land ashore like the Spitfires and P-40s of the Mediterranean fighting.

- Car parking and tents must be OFF the road. Farm equipment comes by regularly.

- General flying will be from sunup to sunset. Turn in your times as you make them. Make sure <u>first thing</u> EVERY MORNING that your previous day's late times are recorded at the HQ tent.

- Check the FAC rules for the BLUR race, there are differences from the usual mass launches such as allowed repairs.

- Judged events (Rubber Scale, Jumbo, Power, Peanut) can be flown any day but all flights must be <u>completed</u> on that day.