

Field Notes - 2026

- **Mass Launches may 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. We will make a decision on this at the field.
- 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 Thursday.
- There will be no lunch wagon on the field, however restaurants are 5 minutes away. See the map.
- “No Blue Max” or **NBM** events are open only to those who do not have a Blue Max. Those contestants can fly in any similar open event too.
- **Please attend the pilot’s briefing at 8:00 am Friday 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. Power Scale judging will be done at that time too.
- As usual, we will use the Field Time Cards – available at the GHQ tent
- Note that Thursday is an open trimming day and flying events are held Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Make sure your times are in by Saturday sunset as the winners and placings on those events will be done in the hotel that night.....late times on Sunday will not be accepted.
- If you have an interesting or unique aircraft that someone would question belongs in a specific event, **BRING SOME DOCUMENTATION** to support your model. Educate us all and avoid embarrassing questions. Compliance with the FAC PPLC will be on the honor system....you know what you need on your model. Again, avoid embarrassment.
- **Prop Jet:** the definition of "Prop Jet" is any aircraft that has a rear jet exhaust for thrust, including rocket power. This would include obvious "pure" jets like a Mig 15, Panther, Phantom. This would also include hybrids such as the Fireball, XF-84H, XF-88, Fireshark, etc. as they have a rear exhaust. What is NOT in the definition is a "pure" turboprop such as the Gannet, Wyvern, Skyshark or any in which residual exhaust is ejected out of the side of the aircraft/nacelle.
- The contest will end Sunday at 4:00 pm and awards will be given on the field soon thereafter. 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 – 7:00 pm.**
- 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’s alfalfa!

