

# Pilot Briefing

Mid Hudson Radio Control Society



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## Upcoming Events

**May 4**

Regular Meeting

**May 16**

Float Fly

**May 18**

Board Meeting

**May 30-31**

ORA Spring Fun Fly

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## President's Corner

Well it is almost May and the Redwing field is open for flying but the Walkkill field is still pretty wet.

Members are checking the water status at Walkkill field every 2 days of so. I know it was a long winter and everyone is chomping at the bit to do some flying but please be patient as we will get you into Walkkill ASAP.

Want to thank Rob VanDerMeulen for updating the Walkkill frequency board with nice vinyl lettering. It now looks very professional and hopefully the vinyl will last longer than the permanent marker method that we have used for years.

It is also time to do some preventative maintenance on the fleet you plan to fly this year. It generally is a good idea on both gas and glow engines to remove the fuel tank and check the fuel lines and replace as needed. It is also a good time to check all your hardware fasteners to make sure they are tight for the start of the season. Of course it is a good time to cycle your batteries as well.

Upcoming events:

### **Float Fly**

Saturday May 16th starting at 9am.

Gerry Rohling will be hosting the annual Float Fly at Lake Taghkanic State park.

### **ORA Spring Fun Fly**

May 30-31 at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome.

Warren Batson will be the CD for the event and I will be asking for help to run the event in the coming weeks.

The Club forum will be used more and more for club communications in 2015. Recently we discovered some members were not getting the monthly newsletters. This should be fixed now. If you are not getting the Monthly club newsletter please contact Jer Milosek.

An updated 2015 membership listing will be sent to members shortly. I am just waiting to get the last renewals from our membership director to complete the list.

We had a very good turnout for Project Night at the April meeting. I would like to thank all those members that displayed their latest aircraft. Think we had 7 or 8 aircraft. Nice turnout. Hope Jer has some pictures in this newsletter.

See you at the fields.

Warren Batson  
MHRCS President.

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## Attention members

Your attendance at the next meeting is mission critical. By-law changes and the 50th Anniversary of the Jamboree will be discussed.

There are not many events that have endured for 50 years, it needs your attention. If you have any material such as photos or videos from previous Jamborees, the club wants to know. A special historical review is being contemplated.

**Please mark your schedules and attend the March 4 meeting.**

## What was missing in last months checklist?

I'm guilty as sin because the MOST IMPORTANT item was missing. Read on to find the forgotten item later in this issue.

## Welcome to New Members

**Kevin Breen**



**Ed Popko**



Ed Popko, a new member of MHRCS, is an avid sailplane flier. A U-control modeler in the 1950s (combat and rat race) he took up modeling again in 1980, this time sailplanes and his first Airtronics 100" Olympic II and high-start launcher. He joined the well known Boston area Charles River Radio Control Club and became active in the Eastern Soaring League contests and flew 2M, standard (100") and open class sailplanes (>100").

Employment with IBM brought him to the Hudson Valley where he continued flying sailplanes in local school yards and hay fields. Soon he found other sailplane flyers and together they formed the Hudson Valley Soaring Society and sponsored several regional AMA contests (Ed is a CD). By the mid-90s, he has achieved Level IV League of Silent Flight certification before he stopped flying to take up family needs and his son's interests. He re-entered modeling again in 2013 with a commemorative flight, again with his original 1980 Olympic II sailplane (which now qualifies for 'Classic' category in contests).

Ed is a scratch builder and catching up to the new

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materials and building techniques has been his focus for completed his first, contest quality, all composite the past two years. He has been tutoring under master builder and MHRCS's member Bob Magee. He has just sailplane (Kevlar/Carbon Fiber, foam, vacuum bagged composite). Ed likes to mold parts such as fuselages, canopies, etc. out of fiberglass, carbon fiber or Kevlar. Besides the new materials and techniques, Ed is very impressed with the advances in batteries, motors and programmable radios for full-house planes. He now flies electric sailplanes in addition to winch launch and hopes to enter his first Altitude Limited Electric Sailplane (ALES) contests this season.

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### The Bees Knees

Follow me on this, its super cool. Start by keeping this open on your PC to follow these steps.

1. Open a new window and go to MHRCS.com.
2. Go down the left side and click on Forum.
3. Login with your username and password.
4. Look across the line that starts with Home and click on Members.
5. A screen opens that shows all MHRCS members, now the bees knees. You can send an email to any member by clicking in the Email column (the envelope icon) just to the right of the members name.
6. After clicking on the envelope fill out the subject line and then move into the text body and type your message.
7. When complete, click on Send in the lower right corner.

Thanks to the outstanding MHRCS website you have internet access to every member AND you don't have to know their address or enter it in your address list.

Kudos to Flavio for pointing this out in the Forum.

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### Interesting Links

CB and Dragon Slayer aka Ken Lawson are elder pilots from Tasmania who specialize in big models. They have big Cohones.

You can see Ken fly his Lavochkin at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0nQ4UXdmkE>

3 Moki powered large scale model <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHxtjVzQJJM>

And a rotary Bentley <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoCjro11ZQ0>

Visit the Flying Knights via videos on their site <http://www.flyingknights.com/Home>

Perfectly timed military photos <http://imgur.com/a/LAdE3?gallery>

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### Upcoming Events Overview

Jesse Aronstein is running indoor R/C flying at the Schenectady Armory on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 8 pm, May 6, 13 and 20. This is a very good site that has a 50 foot ceiling and is a big 150' x 180'. Contact Jesse at [Protune@aol.com](mailto:Protune@aol.com)

5/2/2015 -- Stormville, NY (C) STORMVILLE R/C PATTERN FUN FLY. Site: Stormville R/C Club Field. Anthony Romano CD PH: 914-373-4804 Email: [anthonyr105@hotmail.com](mailto:anthonyr105@hotmail.com). 15/1212. Come learn about precision aerobatics! A fun day of flying, coaching and trimming. Sponsor: STORMVILLE RC CLUB

5/16/2015 Float Fly  
Saturday May 16th starting at 9am.  
Contact Jerry Rohling for details, [jrohling@aol.com](mailto:jrohling@aol.com).  
Otto Loorents, [maiott62@gmail.com](mailto:maiott62@gmail.com), will have a buddy box available at the Taghkanic float fly. Don't be bashful about taking a shot flying a float plane. Boats, sail and powered, are welcome.

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5/16/2015 Saturday  
Annual Cole & Rita Palen Free-Flight Memorial Meet.  
7:00 AM, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome  
[Facebook Information Page](#)

5/16/2015 -- West Haverstraw, NY (AAA) HAVERSTRAW PATTERN CHALLENGE. Site: Haverstraw Model Aerodrome. Anthony Romano CD PH: 914-373-4804 Email: [anthonyr105@hotmail.com](mailto:anthonyr105@hotmail.com). Visit: [www.hvrcc.com/](http://www.hvrcc.com/). 15/1213. Events 401-404, 406 JSO. Any AMA legal plane under under 96db @ 25 feet is allowed in Sportsman. Come join us at our beautiful site for a one day pattern contest for all classes. Sportsman demos and coaching for new pilots. Any AMA legal airplane that is under 95db @ 25' is allowed in sportsman. Sponsor: HUDSON VALLEY R/C CLUB

5/30/2015 - 5/31/2015 -- Rhinebeck, NY (C) OLD RHINEBECK AERODROME SPRING FUNFLY. Site: Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Museum. Warren Batson CD PH: 845-266-3862 Email: [batson.warren@gmail.com](mailto:batson.warren@gmail.com). Visit: [mhrccs.com](http://mhrccs.com). 15/1003. C)Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Spring Fun Fly. Warren Batson CD, PH: 845-266-3862, [batson.warren@gmail.com](mailto:batson.warren@gmail.com). Visit MHRCS.com for more details. All models should be in keeping with the ORA theme. Early aviation to 1939. Sponsor: MID HUDSON RC SOC

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**Answer to: What was missing in last months checklist?**

I forgot the range check....do it with the engine running. This is especially critical for 72mhz systems.

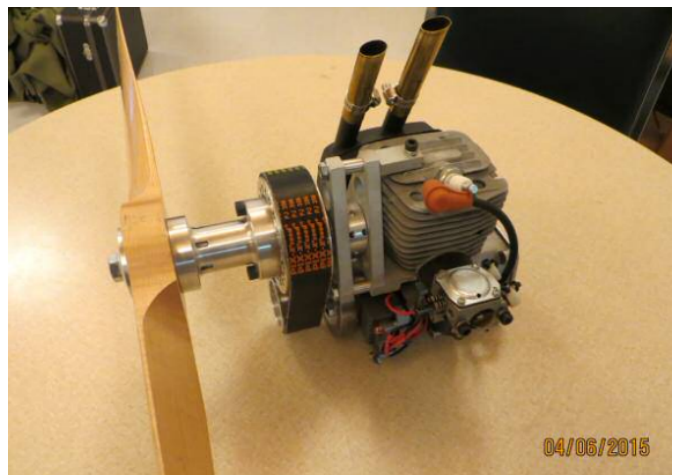
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Do you know the MHRCS schedule and important dates are available at <http://www.mhrccs.com/pages/schedules.htm>

### Project Night Pictures



Rob Van Der Meulen's P-38



Bob Allen's G62 reduction drive



Charlie Knight's ESM 110

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*Ron Revelle's Extra*



*Charlie Knight's Breitling powered by a DLA-58*



*Flavio Ambrosini's Cub*