

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events–October

7th Regular meeting 7PM PUMC

12-13– Flying Knights Pumpkin Fun Fly 10 AM-Ravena, NY

21st Board Meeting 7PM PUMC

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President's Corner

Hi Members,

Just a reminder that the Wallkill field is now close for the season. MHRCS only leases the field from April 1st through the end of Sept.. On Sun. Sept 29 all the equipment was packed away for the winter. Saturday there were about 11 people at the field flying and on Sunday about 7 people. @ really great day of flying was had by all.

Well by now the 2013 Jamboree event has come and gone. This year's event went very well. The weather was finally kind to MHRCS after 2 years of hurricanes floods. The Aerodrome flew 15 different aircraft in the airshow, the first time in many years. There were 5 aircraft in the air at one point. Sunday proved to be the most active day for flying with all 6 flight stations full at any given time. The last few years we have had a few young kids fly in the jamboree. This year we had about 6 or 7. It was great to see the kids flying and having fun. They flew mostly small electrics and at time felt a little intimidated by the many large aircraft.

The Aerodrome ran a Fund raiser on Saturday that was sold out. Many MHRCS members and Modelers were in attendance. Food was great and the Auction was a great success. The aerodrome raised about \$8,000.00. A great success.

The October Meeting will be at the Church on Oct 7th at 7pm. I plan on having a financial report on the Jamboree event. See you at the meeting

Warren Batson
MHRCS President

Rhinebeck 2013 is in the History Books.....at least in the annals of RC events.

In the words of a Frank Sinatra's song....."It was a very good year!" The weather was very good. The spirit of the participants seemed to be equally good. As usual, pilots came from numerous states and from Canada with a very wide variety of outstanding RC aircraft. With only a few exceptions, even after several days of frequent flying, most returned home with planes in excellent shape. The air show put on by the ORA on Saturday would have made Cole Palen very proud. Hats off to all of those who participated in the program. The fundraising dinner on Saturday evening was every bit as successful. It was a fun time for all in attendance. The editor enjoyed sharing a table with an elite group of individuals.....oh, it could be get even time here JR for that eating utensil comment, but I will resist. Lots laughs and fun conversations. The Balsa USA guys got well deserved special recognition from a large group of female pilots. They also won a couple auctions and returned home with pieces of Rhinebeck history which have already appeared in photos taken back home in the shop. Their sometime soon to be released Camel saw airtime during the weekend. When Mark was asked how it flies compared to the Pup and the Nieuport, he relied "more like the Pup." As many know, the full size Camel could present some issues at times. BUSA being aware of this have incorporated some design mods that I expect will have the Camel receive the outstanding flier reviews that their other planes typically get. Perhaps, in addition to BUSA, it is appropriate to extend a warm note of appreciation to all of the companies that have so generously supported the Jamboree with their contributions to prizes and awards. And finally, to the club members who worked so hard to make this year's Jamboree a success, thank you all for everything you have done. And as always, the CD Warren Batson has done a yeoman's job in seeing that all of the tasks related to making the event successful were done so well. Thank you Warren, for all you do as CD and as president of the club.



JR and his beautiful Waco.....It is nice to be a retired CD!



And Jim's Waco in the air....



Who would have thought back in the early days of Rhinebeck that we would be seeing models this size taking to the sky.



A pusher taxis out for a mission.



Another truly giant size model saw numerous mission during the week-end.



A beautiful Spad.

The ORA air show was the best in years!

They pulled out all the stops. Some planes that never leave the turf took to the air. And the regular flying aircraft looked to be in much better condition.



The good size crowd was even treated to some sky writing!



Formation flying was even on the venue this year!



But perhaps most important was what seemed to be an even stronger bonding among the ORA, MHRCS, AMA, BUSA and other RC industry companies. This can only be good for all of the parties involved. A special thanks to the BUSA group for your exceptionally strong show of support for ORA and MHRCS. We love your planes guys-obviously. And AMA, thanks for the great coverage in Model Aviation leading up to the event!

Don't Forget!

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It isn't in the magazine or on the AMA site.

For more info and directions, drop me a note. Ron

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