

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events!!!

Feb. 7 Next Meeting -7 PM Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

Feb. 13-NCRCC Auction Vernon,CT

Feb. 21 Board Meeting 7PM PUMC

Feb. 25-27 WRAM Show

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President's Corner

The New Year has started and Jan has had 3 successful club events already. The first was our frost fly which almost got snowed out. Roger Staub plowed the road into the field that morning and we were able to hold the event. Many thanks Roger. We had 7 or 8 members there to enjoy flying in the snow. The winds were light and variable and we had some good flying and lots of good conversation. There were about a dozen airplanes some with skis and some with floats and even some with wheels that were had launched. We will see if the weather lets us try this again in Feb.

The MHRCS Holiday party was a week later. There were 28 attendees and the event went very well. I have to say the church did a superb job on the food but more importantly the service. The service was better than some restaurants with plenty of food to go around. Gerry Yarrish, editor of Model Airplane News magazine, was the guest speaker for the evening. He gave a presentation on the history of the magazine and answered questions about the state of our hobby and its future.

Later in January the club hosted the Scale Building seminar. This event turned out better than anyone could have expected. The event had 54 attendees from as far away as mid Massachusetts. Roy Vaillencourt and Dave Wigley started the event with building tips and ended with a presentation of scale documentation and how to prepare your flight routine. I have been in this hobby for 45+ years and I walked away from this event with many new building tips that I know will make even my everyday airplanes look better and stronger. If you had any interest in kit, plan or scratch building this was the event for you. Dave and Roy openly talked about their 35+ years of building experience and openly answered anyone's questions throughout the day. Roy and Dave were impressed with the turnout and expressed interest in a return visit. I look forward to it.

Ok on to club business.

We have 2 more meetings before club dues are to be turned in for renewal on the March meeting. Rob Stubbs (Membership Dir.) work hours have changed. This makes it very difficult for Rob and I to meet up and transfer your renewals to him to process. For this reason I am asking all members to mail in their renewals this year. I will not be excepting any renewals at the meetings. Don't forget to include a **self addressed Stamped** envelope and a **copy of your AMA**. Thanks for your corporation. Gerry Rohling is planning a float fly at Lake Taconic for mid May time frame. No date is set yet. Gerry usually takes care of this in early April. It is too early to reserve the State park. When a date is set I will send out an email to everyone.

Well that is about it for this month. I am looking forward to the warmer weather and getting rid of this white stuff that never stops coming down from the heavens. You know it is a bad winter when you are looking forward to cutting grass in January
See you at the meeting.

Warren Batson
MHRCS President

MHRCS Holiday Dinner

The holiday dinner which was held at the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church was a huge success. Dinner was prepared by church members.



Good food and great company!



John, Thanks for the photos and videos during dinner!



Flavio caught taking a break from building his Cub!



It doesn't look like Bill was happy that big box was gone



How did Bill miss this one! It was great having dinner with a Brooklyn Dodger fan!



Gary making his presentation to an appreciative audience.

Scale Building Seminar Continued



A great turnout for a great program.



Our presenters, Roy and Dave. Thanks so much guys!



Dave, thanks for all of your encouragement!



Looks like a blessing of throats!



A great looking plane, Bob



Man does that look good!

Scale Seminar continued.....



The Top Gun!



January was a busy month for the society as pointed out by our president! A frost fly, a holiday dinner and a scale building seminar. All very successful events. If you missed any of these you missed a lot of fun. Besides our outstanding guest presenters, Gary, Roy and Dave, much appreciation is expressed to a number of our club members and officers that handled all of the details of the events. Please do not feel offended when I single out a couple who went so far beyond the call of duty. John W. for all of the work on the dinner as well as the scale seminar. Bob Allen, for his yeoman's work in initiating and bring to fruition the scale seminar. What a fantastic opportunity for all of us to learn from the best in the hobby. Thanks also to Bob and Whit for trucking in their own beautiful scale planes on one cold January day!

The plan was to include some ideas on making skis for you planes but not enough room in this issue. If that topic is presented in the next issue, it may be result in our not getting any more snow.



This issue of the Pilot Briefing is the second anniversary issue.

CAVU till next time... Ron