

# Pilot Briefing

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## Upcoming Events– January 2014

4th– Frost Fly– Red Wing Field 9 AM

6th—Regular Meeting PUMC 7 PM

20th- Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM

25th—Scale Building Seminar PUMC 10 AM-5 PM

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## President's Corner

Hi everyone,

With the new year around the corner, MHRCS has had another great year. We had a great flying season and good turnout for the club events for 2013. We are planning more of the same for the 2014 season and I hope you may be able to fit a few of the club events into your schedule.

The club's annual Frost Fly is scheduled for Jan 4th at 9 am, at the Red wing field. This event always brings out some interesting aircraft, especially if there is snow. There are always a few interesting methods of attaching skies or floats to aircraft to enable them to fly from the snow. They may be funky but usually work very well. Watch for emails as we get close to the date and the weather does not look good.

Roy Vaillancourt has offered to do another Building seminar this year. His presentation this year will focus on his newly designed 1/3 scale SE5. He will concentrate on showing how the previous seminars techniques were used in creating and building this new aircraft design. Roy will also discuss some new topics as well. It should prove to be very informative. This event will be Jan. 25th starting at 10 am.

### Work items for 2014

As we start the New Year, the board will be concentrating on 2 major items this year.

First will be membership. Our membership has been on a slow steady decline the last few years so the board is looking at many options that will allow for new membership growth while maintaining the local and friendly club atmosphere. As the Board reviews the pros and cons, and a plan is formulized, a letter will be sent out requesting your feedback.

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Second focus will be to secure a larger year round field in Dutchess County. I don't think it came's as a surprise to anyone when I say, the Red Wing field usage has declined, due to the tighter flying restrictions. The board recognizes this and is on our list of things to look into.

Wishing everyone a great Holiday season and looking forward to the New Year.

Warren Batson

Event Dates

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Frost Fly, Red Wing field at 9am.

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Building Seminar 10am, at the Church meeting place

## Happy New Year to Everyone.....2014

Let's begin the new year with some really good news concerning one of our members.....

**Jonathan Eli has passed his Commercial Pilot written examination!**

What a fine accomplishment. Congrats Jonathan, we are all so proud of you. Keep up the great work.

Now for some recent club meeting photos.

It seems that Charlie Knight is trying to overtake Bill Lederer in the who has the most planes contest. At our December meeting, Charlie showed up with this beauty:



Charlie's Giant Scale P-51 came home with him from Warbirds Over Delaware 2013. Nice to move to save shipping costs. We look forward to seeing it in the air.

Apparently, Mustangs as usual were appealing to the eyes of at least one other club member, since Jer Milosek showed up with this big bird:



Not to be outdone, the editor has been informed that Wayne Curtis had a giant scale ARC P-51 delivered to his door as a Christmas gift. Wayne's Mustang will appear wearing "Gunfighter" clothes. It will be the third of his P-51's with gunfighter markings. The other two are smaller versions.

Besides the model displays at our December meeting, Pres. Warren Batson made a presentation concerning his MonoKote techniques.





Warren is shown demonstrating how gets such outstanding MonoKote work accomplished.

While Mustangs seem to be making a big showing in the hangers of club members....at least three other members are working diligently on a plane that starts out looking like this:



Wishing you all a Happy New Year. Don't forget to renew your AMA membership.....  
CAVU Ron Revelle, Editor