

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– June 2014

See the President's Corner listing or the MHRCS website.

Presentation and Book Signing

DATE: June 5th @ 7:00pm

PLACE: Walden (Josephine-Louise) Library, Scofield St. Walden, NY

World War II air combat service and aspects of the history of the 8th Air Force bombing missions in Europe by Lt. Col David C. Lustig—Author of Initial Point—Reminiscences of A WWII B-17 Bomber Crewman.....

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President's Corner

Hello,

Well it is June already and some nice weather has finally come to the North East. It has only been the last 2 weekends that I have been able to get in any nice flying at either of our fields. If it has not been the rain it is the winds or muddy roads. From talking with other members it pretty much has been the same for everyone. Hopefully that will change. The last 2 weekends have had at least one nice day and I did manage to sneak in a few flights.

The Spring Fun Fly at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome had 21 registered pilots on Saturday and 3 new pilots on Sunday. About half the pilots stayed over for the 2nd day. The atmosphere was very relaxed and even I got 4 nice flights on my Fokker D7 on Saturday and 1 very windy flight on Sunday. Since it is very early in the season I used better judgment and did not fly the rest of the day Sunday as I like to go home with the same amount of pieces I arrived with. Of the 34 pilots, 3 were first timers at the ORA and 3 were MHRCS members, the rest were die hard ORA Jamboree attendees.

The Saturday night campfire was very nice. It was hosted by Adam Lilly who is a regular on the RC event circuit in the North East. Everyone shared their stories and experiences from the many years of making the yearly visit to the Jamboree event and visiting the ORA. Many in attendance that night expressed heartfelt thanks to the MHRCS members and the many returning volunteers that have had a helping hand in turning around the ORA. The group talked about all the repair work and painting, the finished Ryan hanger etc and they were just WOW'ed buy it all. Each and every one said they will let their club members know that the ORA is back. So I would not be surprised to see an even bigger attendance for the Jamboree event this year. I was so relaxed at this event that I did not even take any pictures. Just ask any of the MHRCS members that attended the event either day.

I would like to thank all the MHRCS members that came out to help for both the Boy Scout event and the Spring Fun fly.

Now this same weekend MHRCS had a display and simulators at the Boy Scout Camporall. I was not in attendance but Flavio said the kids had a great time. I will let Flavio talk about this event at the next meeting.

Also this past month was the float fly at Lake Taghkonic. While not the biggest attendance that we have had at this event I understand everyone enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Gerry Rohling for hosting this event.

A few MHRCS members were present for the first public flight of the Albatross after last years restoration and new paint scheme. Most of the crowd present that day were from the high school in Connecticut that donated \$22,000.00 toward the restoration of this aircraft. Pictures are on page 7.

Upcoming Calendar

June 6th. Regular summer field meeting at the Wallkill field

July 5th Regular summer field meeting held at Red Wing field

August 2nd Regular summer field meeting held at Wallkill field

2014 Rhinebeck Fun Fly



Lou Callahan reported that there were 21 pilots on Saturday and it was a beautiful day. Lou also contributed the photos of the event. Thank you, Lou





Our president assembles his D 7 under close supervision.



Ken Hall's 1/3 Razor has probably seen as much air time over Rhinebeck as any of the full scale aircraft.



Rick Rizza and friend enjoying the show.

Some Float Fly Photos compliments of Jer



Jesse enjoying the day. A great photo of a great guy!



Otto with one that looks like it will do the job.

Drones, Drones and More Drones. By Ron Revelle

During the past couple of weeks some small drones have gotten quite a lot of TV coverage. It seems in both cases they caused serious concern to pilots of full size commercial aircraft. The pilots of the commercial aircraft interviewed were justifiable upset. I recall my dad, who flew with Guard, telling me that flying over the Memorial Day parade in Newburgh, even released balloons some caused him concern. The two incidents mentioned above got a lot of attention. In one case the discussion turned to model aircraft. I expect we will be seeing more of these kinds of things as the number of drones in the air grows like topsy.

I know that our members are well informed about the danger a small aircraft or drone could cause to a full size aircraft and we obey the well defined safety guidelines developed by the AMA with regard to altitude, proximity to airports, etc. I think that with respect to the cases mentioned above, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our AMA leaders for being ahead of the curve with regard to working with Congress and the FAA and in clearly articulating what modeling is all about and pointing out our safety record. If you regularly interact with modelers who are not AMA members, you might be sure to point this out to them and encourage them to join the AMA. Good leadership makes all the difference. Thank you Dave, Bob and Eric.

Newsletter Editing. By now, six years plus into the process, I expect we would do well to encourage another club member to step up to the plate of editing the newsletter. I know we have some exceptional talent in the club. I plan to step down from the editing job no later than December of this year unless someone wants to take the job sooner. In December I will include some remarks about my experience, but for now, I will keep cranking them out for a while.

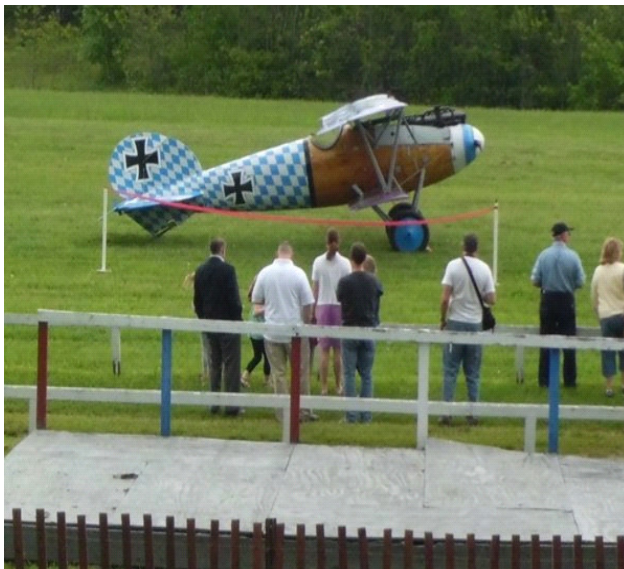
Ron Revelle

The club will be providing Burgers and Hot dogs for each of the summer club meetings . We are asking everyone to bring their own drink and a small desert or salad dish to supplement the food event.

The Thursday night flying at the Red wing field has also been restarted by popular request. We did not get off to a good start due to the weather but 5 members did manage to attend last week. Roger has had some problems cutting the grass due to the field being very wet. On one occasion the field was so wet that his mower tires tore up the grass on some of the hilly areas. So if you go to the field and it has not been cut, it may have been too wet. Roger is trying to cut the grass every Tuesday so it is usable for the Wednesday day time and Thursday night groups.

Hope to see you at the fields.

Warren Batson
MHRCS Presedent



And there's the Albatross in her new colors

A small sample of the 150 people that came out to see the Albatross fly for the first official Public flight after her restoration in 2013.



On the move for to the South end of the runway for take off.



Flight went off without a glitch and pilot Ken Cassen later told me that while he was flying he could see that it was pouring in Kingston. The Aerodrome received a few drops of rain but nothing more. I do have some flight video but I cannot attach that. Ken did a 5 minute flight and did a nice 3 point landing.

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CAVU till next time, Ron Revelle, Editor