

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– March 2014

3rd—Regular Meeting PUMC 7 PM
8th — CPAA R/C Flea Market. Lebanon, PA
27th- Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM

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President's Corner

Hi Members,

The month of February was not an easy one with multiple snow storms and the dumping of 24 inches of snow in less than 24 hours. This on top of the 12 plus inches on the ground made for many ours of work for many people. I hope everyone made it through this hard weather with out any problems with theirs houses. As I drive around I have seen many out buildings and porches that have collapsed from the weight of the snow. By the time you get this February will be almost over. Thank Goodness. I for one am looking forward to spring.

I saw many of you Saturday at the WRAM Show. Did you notice the attendance Saturday seemed to be down a little. I also noticed some of the big vendors were not present this year. Many I talked to were only there to see new products and were not in the purchasing mode.

As I talk with WRAM club members I will ask them how the show went and will pass this along.

March meeting is the dead line for club dues renewals with out paying late fees. If you have not already renewed your club dues you still have time to mail them to membership director Rob Stubbs. They must be post marked before March 3rd. Don't forget to include a copy of your AMA and a SASE so Rob can mail you your card.

Upcoming events:

April

In April we will have work parties to get the 2 fields ready for the 2014 flying season. There is talk about cutting the brush at the North end of the Red wing field before it gets too high. We are still working this.

May:

This coming may we have 3 events.

1. May 10th, Annual Float fly at Lake Taghkanic State Park, Host is Gerry Rohling
2. May 15th, Boy Scout Camporee, Static display and indoor flying at the Dutchess county Fairgrounds. Host will be Flavio Ambrosini.
3. May 15-16, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Spring Fun fly. AMA event, CD Warren Batson.

Each of these events will require some help from members make these events successful. Contact Flavio if you can bring out some aircraft or flight sims for the static display or if you have some night Vapors that you might be willing to allow the kids to try flying. MHRCS ran an event like this about 4 years ago at the Boy Scouts 100th Anniversary Camporee and it was a big success.

The Aerodrome Fun fly will be more of a self run event. We still need a few people for registration, safety, Flight line and Impound. This event will be a very low key fun fly

Event. Based on the responses to the email notice sent out in January I think there will be 45+ contestants. MHRCS members are welcome to fly. All aircraft must be of representation of a full scale aircraft built before 1939. Same rules as the Jamboree.If you can help out at one of these events, contact the person hosting the event.

Look forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

Thanks

Warren Batson

MHRCS President

2014 WRAM SHOW..... By The Editor

It seems that the annual WRAM show comes at the perfect time. Most of us are ready to break out of the shop and pick up some much needed or at least desired items. For me, the most enjoyable part of the show is getting together with friends who share the love of the hobby. This year as usual, I attended on Friday. I arrived early and had no trouble locating a good parking place. As a pleasant surprise, the outer doors were open to allow early arrivers a more comfortable place to wait for the show doors to open. Thank you WRAM members! While I waited for John Philbrick and Paul Williams to arrive, Wayne Curtis, Robbie VanDerMeulen, his wife Deb and his dad Walt along with Kevin Breen and his dad, Bob, and I had some time to catch up on our winter building progress. Naturally, more than a few friendly jabs were exchanged along with kind offers to visit each other's hangers. That was a great way to start an outstanding day. When the doors opened, I had the opportunity to meet Roy Vaillancourt's lovely wife Nancy at their booth. Throughout the day I bumped into quite a few of our club members. At first, most of us just "cased the joint" before making any purchases until-



Rob Shultz broke the ice and spent some cash. He claimed these were pilots. Now, I am not going to say much more about this except, he may be watching a bit too much Duck Dynasty!

As part of the display of models, I set my eyes on a transmitter that I have not see the likes of for many moons. It was the same model that I first purchased back in the late 60's after my first free flight plane went into orbit never to be seen again.



The transmitter belongs to my good friend Bob Noll. For those of you who never had the opportunity to fly a plane with one channel, the switch on the left turned on the transmitter. The button on the right would be pushed to send a signal to stop the rudder in either a left or right position. At least that is how I remember it. I had to stop to talk to Bob about the transmitter. It still works. And Bob told me a number of guys are flying with buttons on systems that have been updated to make them more reliable.

In the photo at the right, a much younger me is seen holding a Mule transmitter and launching a School Master plane that I built from a kit. That same Fall I attended the Rhinebeck Jamboree and my single channel ("tail wagger") days were history. No, I don't think I want to get back to button pushing flying. But I would love to build another Kwik Fly sometime.



This is a much better way to learn to fly. The AMA trailer was a very popular attraction at the show. As you may notice, at the right of the photo, AMA Executive Director, Dave Mathewson was on hand to welcome visitors to the trailer. President Bob Brown, his wife JoAnn and District II Vice President Eric Williams along with numerous other AMA officials were in attendance.



The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome was well represented. Tom P. is shown with the Sopwith Dolphin.

Tom is shown here at the Rhinebeck booth.



Our own John (Padre) Philbrick is seen taking a very close at a beautiful P-51. With an impending move to TN, John was probably well aware of what would happen if he were to bring a big plane home.



Old friend Neil Hunt is seen talking with Kevin B. Note the right wrist. Neil had surgery on his wrist earlier in the week after a fall in a restaurant before taking his son Mark and his grandson Mathew to the airport for their return trip to their home in Texas. Neil's son, Mark made a presentation on aircraft design, at the Aeroguidance Society meeting in Binghamton during his visit home. Mark took third in pattern in the Master's category at the Nats this past summer. Planes that Mark has designed are regularly in the winner circle. No details available on the pants Neil was wearing.....but with great restraint, suffice it to say that the pants made life easier for him.



This beauty was covered with Monokote. Beautifully done.

Most of you will recognize this beautiful DR1 as belonging to Gerry Yerrish. Gerry mentioned that it is difficult to bring the famous clam chowder to the show, but his wonderful wife sent along some of her delicious big chocolate chip cookies to hand out to friends. If you haven't yet attended the Big Biplane Bash hosted by the Central Connecticut RC Club. Don't miss it this year on Sept. 20th. The flying is great and so is the clam and corn chowder. And yes, in the afternoon, Gerry's wife comes to everyone's tent handing out those cookies. And if you don't have a subscription to Model Airplane News, shame on you.... Subscribe for 2014 and get the hard copy along with the digital version with some of Gerry's extremely helpful "how to" articles.



A view of the display table at the show. Many models were still arriving.



Some of the planes on display



From the Shop by Ron Revelle

Although my P-47 was coming along pretty well, I knew it would not be ready to fly this coming season. So, it came off the building board to make room for the BUSA Cub that was painted and ready for some final steps and equipment installation. But I had second thoughts about the engine that I had wanted to use in the plane. The problem that presented itself was that the blind nuts for installing a Zenoah 20 were already installed in the firewall per the instructions. Seems like an easy remedy. However, the top two blind nuts were impossible to access due to the dashboard and a plywood shelf that ran from the dashboard to the firewall. That is why BUSA recommends installing the nuts during construction. Fortunately, a gift my wife Toni had given me last Christmas provided just the tools I needed to resolve the issue.

They are an assortment of tools that others may be interested in purchasing. Most of us have a magnet on an extendable antenna type arrangement. But this packet had that and more.



After re-drilling the firewall to accept a DLE 30, I cut a hole in the dashboard to enable me to insert the bolts from inside the firewall to connect the engine standoffs on the DLE. Getting the bolts into the holes would have been all but impossible without the magnet on an extendable antenna. And seeing where the bolt should go was made possible with the small flashlight on an antenna which came with the pack. The hole in the dashboard will be covered up by the 1/4 scale instrument panel that my buddy Neil Hunt gave me for the plane.



The bolt and washers on the magnet. On final installation, only a washer will be installed on the inside.



This small flashlight was perfect for the job.



The tools come in this small case from the Deluth trading Company for \$39.50.



The Cub almost ready for clear coat.

Don't forget.....MHRCS dues time!

CAVU, Ron Revelle