

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– October

1st Regular Meeting PUMC 7 PM
13-14 Pumpkin fun fly –Ravena, NY
15th– Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM

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President's Corner

Hi members,

Well by the time you receive this newsletter the Wallkill field should be closed for the season. The field will close for our usage this year on Sunday Sept 30th. A bunch of us are planning on flying Sunday the 30th and having a small work party to close up the field for the season. Hope you can come out and join us. It is hard to believe that the flying season is almost over.

The 46th Mid Hudson Jamboree was a few weeks ago. I would like to thank every member that came out and helped make this year's event a great success. While the rain forced the field prep to start on Thursday, things came together very well. We had 4 big mowers that day to make short order of the wet grass. However there was a lot of grass raking this year. Many contestants were already set up on Thursday when we arrived at 10am. They were amazed how the Mid Hudson crew turned around the field in less than 4 hours. Many did not know that we actually rake the field every year.

I received many comments on how amazing the Aerodrome field looked this year. So thank you to everyone that helped on field prep day.

The weather stopped much of the flying on Sat but Sunday's weather made up for it with Blue skies and light winds. The 6 flight stations were full all day. We do not keep track of flights in a given day but the number of flight that day had to be high.

I am sure Ron will have some photos of the Jamboree to share. A full report will be presented at the Oct meeting.

Ok moving on to club business.

With Whitney and Amy Philbrick moving out of the area, Mid Hudson is in need of a Treasurer. I have sent out a note on this already but we are also in need of a Vice president. What you many of you don't know is that Whitney has been my right hand man the last 5 years I have been president. With Whitney leaving, I really do need an active Vice President. I will again run for president in 2013 but I am going to need help form the members to run the club as it has been run the last 5 years. So if you are interested in helping run the club please consider taking on one of the 2 open board positions.

Upcoming events:

Holiday dinner, Friday Nov 30th , to be held at the Church where we have our meetings.

Scale seminar, Sat Jan 19 or snow day Jan 26

Rhinebeck Jamboree 2012



The CD of the first Rhinebeck Jamboree, Dick Allen flying this year with Ken Hall as his spotter. For more on Dick Allen's contribution to the Jamboree and the sport, be sure to check out: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/files/AllenRichardCDick.pdf> In our sport, Richard C. Allen is one of the greats!



Jeff Burton welcomes George Buso, who helped plan and organize the first Rhinebeck Jamboree and served as CD for 14 years. As a former club president, George is a life member of the MHRCS. It is always an honor to be in his company. Check out: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/files/BusoGeorge.pdf> For more information on another person that has always been one of the greats in the editor's book.



As this year's CD, our club president Warren Batson greets pilots. This year, Warren was presented with a special AMA award for his outstanding work our sport. Thank you Warren for all that you do for all of us!



Whitney Philbrick, taking care of business between flights of his bullet ridden Triplane.



No, Adam is not enjoying clam chowder it is a fuel tank repair.



AMA District II Vice President and AVP Eric Williams Reid Condon were on hand to enjoy the event and to present President Warren Batson and the MHRCS with awards.



While observing his men, the flight line director manages to keep from starving.



Some planes demand a closer look!



Bob Allen, another SE 5A pilot discusses the plane above with its builder and pilot.



What a work of art!.

Central Connecticut RC Club Biplane Bash 2012

Over 50 pilots attended this year's Biplane Bash. Unfortunately MHRCS was only represented by two pilots. Rick Rizza went home with a new motor and an airplane kit as a result of having two winning tickets. Well maybe one of those was really Nora's. Along with Rick and the editor, was Neil Hunt from Hancock, NY. Unfortunately Neil's Ultimate had engine troubles and wouldn't start. Rick did some very nice flying. The editor took his Sopwith Pup back again this year for some flights. This year with the pilot wearing new goggles, no VonPhilbrick tripes or VonBatson D-7's were there. But for good reasons. Whit got a buyer for his home and had to remain on the home front to care for his wonderful harmonics (ham radio jargon for children). Warren was busy doing Ed Norton type work in his yard. Naturally Nick had to give him a hand.

Rick Bell picked up the CD responsibilities and did a fine job. Even though Gerry Yarrish was not serving as CD this year, his wife Anita once again prepared her famous and delicious clam chowder. In addition, she made a big pot of corn chowder that was a special offering for those who are allergic to sea food-(Whitney). Neil Hunt was responsible for eating Whitney's portion of that and reported that it was delicious. The day was started off with blueberry crumb cake and other pastries also made by Anita. Duncan Donut coffee was available to everyone. Toward the end of the day Anita came to every tent serving giant size home made chocolate chip cookies. Let me tell you, it doesn't get any better. The flying is always fun from a very spacious field. But the special food puts this fun fly in a category all its own and one not to be missed. Think about making a road trip next year. You will not be sorry.



Rick "Rickenbacker" Rizza's D-7 off on a mission.
Photo by Neil Hunt who served a spotter for Rick and the editor all day.



One of the beautiful PT 17's at the event!



Some of you may recognize this Top Gun pilot's replica of himself sitting in another PT 17. Not to be outdone, the ponytail is his own hair!



The halftime show was presented by Dean , a 16 year old pilot flying his Beast. He put on a 3D flying routine that was very impressive. He is seen in the photo with his dad in front of him. Videos of his flight are available on line. Just look under Biplane Bash 2012. Not only did he put on quite a show, he went home with the best aerobatic plane award as well as first prize in the raffle drawing. Quite a nice prize, a plane, and engine and a complete 2.4 radio system. A lucky day for him and his dad as they had four winning tickets.

CAVU till the next time, Ron Revelle