

45th Old Rhinebeck RC Jamboree



Where RC and full scale airplanes are the stars of the show

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Rhinebeck Jamboree 2011

This is the one that almost wasn't!! Three weekends before, Hurricane Irene came through. Though she was kind enough to weaken to a tropical storm, she left enough wind and rain damage in the counties around the Aerodrome to cut off whole towns, to flood streams, fields, and houses. The weekend before the Jamboree was scheduled, the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee dumped as much as 7" of rain on the already saturated ground, flooding streams, and cutting off small cities. It was a mess!



Curtis Switzer's Top Gun winning MB-2 in front of Madam Fifi's lingerie shop. Modeler friends of the Aerodrome repaired these structures last spring under the direction of MHRCS President Warren Batson.

On Monday, CD, groundskeeper, and MHRCS club President Warren Batson dodged thunderstorms to get in a first cutting of the flying field. The normal Wednesday work party was rained out; club members assembled around noon on Thursday to get done what they could, often with the help of early arrivals. At that point, defying some of the weather predictions, the sun came out, the clouds went away and the 45th annual Rhinebeck Jamboree started in earnest!

Rich Feroldi moving his Top Gun prize winning Ansaldo to the flying line.



Ron Prestin and Bob Allen preparing to launch Ron's SE-5A.



In spite of the terrible surrounding conditions, we had 115 registrants, many of whom had taken advantage of the on line registration. We had 3 families from Florida, others from as far away as Texas, Indiana, and Virginia. There were 6 from Canada and Team Glenn Torrance came up from North Carolina. The Balsa USA contingent were given an award for "diligence and perseverance," and perhaps for inefficiency in driving- they were detoured 600 miles to get around flooding in Williamsport, PA, and Binghamton, NY as they came from Wisconsin.

There were many familiar models- some of our long time attendees must have a Rhinebeck special in their hangar, pulled out for this event only. There were several Top Gun participants- Rich Feroldi with his Ansaldo, Curtis Switzer, also from FL, brought his spectacular Curtis B-2, and Glenn Torrance and Tom Kosewski were there. Keith Zimmerly flew his huge Nieuport 11, gathering an award at the end of the meet.

Sunday brought a moment's reflection. It was the 10th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the heroism that ended in a field in Pennsylvania. Glenn Stubbs, a MHRCS member and pastor of a local Church, led a brief memorial service.

The Aerodrome did itself proud, putting on excellent shows on both Saturday and Sunday. They had five pilots and newly repaired and painted planes, in spite of which the Black Baron was foiled again. The modelers got a chance to entertain the crowd before the full scale event with a mass fly of Rhinebeck eligible park flier electric models, and with a balloon bursting contest for the 1/3 scale birds. There were at least 15 models up in the mass fly, with a winner judged by the Boy Scouts and spot landing prizes from



Part of the flight line on Saturday, with Keith Zimmerly's Nieuport 11 in the foreground



Balsa USA's Mark Enderby bringing his Fokker D VII to the starting line



The electric fliers– participants in a crowd pleasing mass launch of Rhinebeck class electric models.

Fly RC and the “Last Up” award given out by Model Airplane News. Dave Perrone was the winner of the balloon burst, taking advantage of the power of electric motor in his Balsa USA Morane Saulnier to chase the balloons vertically!!

The judged award winners are shown below, as is a list of the sponsors and vendors who supported the event. All in all, it was a most satisfactory time. We’re already looking forward to next years, and thinking a little about the upcoming 50th anniversary event in 2016.

Awards:

Best In Show – Arizona Model Aircrafters - Jack Buckley - Tiger Moth

First Place - Airtronics - Tom Kosewski - Stinson SR-9

Spirit of Rhinebeck - Balsa USA - Brian Perkins - SE5a

Best WW1 – Glenn Torrance Models - Keith Zimmerly - Nieuport 11

Best Civilian - Vogelsang Aeroscale - Dave Reid - Funk

CD and MHRCS President Warren Batson and Rev. Glenn Stubbs leading a 9/11 Remebrance



Prize Winners, L to R– Tom Kosewski, Brian Perkins, Keith Zimmerly, Dave Reid, and Victor Stovkoich



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