

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events!!!

March:

- 1 Regular Meeting. 7:00 PM, Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church
- 13 CPAA R/C Flea Market. Lebanon, PA
- 14 15 Board Meeting. 7:00 PM, Magee's

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President's Corner

Hi Members,

Our Feb meeting got off to a late start due to the covering demonstration. This gave people more time to socialize with each other and around the 3-4 planes that were on display that night. A few people mentioned to me that it would be nice to have an informal "bring what you're working on night".

So in that spirit, the March meeting will be an informal project night event. We will spend most of the evening socializing and talking airplanes or model stuff. So I hope you bring out something.

We will have a very short meeting (I promise) as there are a few times on the agenda to talk about.

1. The Boy Scouts have asked MHRCS to have a static/flying event at a 3 day Boy Scout regional jamboree (I think that is what they call it). There will be 7 county's involved. It will be held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck.

Sat May 15
9am to when ever.

They expect to have 2000+ people present on Saturday.. It is planned for MHRCS to be able to do some indoor flying of small electric airplanes and heli's in one of the large buildings. If weather permits there is a possibility that we might get to do a flying demo on the Fairgrounds inner track field.

If you are interested in participating in either the static or flying please contact Warren BATson. This will be a MHRCS event so you can get work hours for this. Just showing up does not count.

2. Discussion on the purchase of a good mower to have at the Wallkill field. Many of you may not know this but I bought my mower out to the field at least 15 weekends last year to mow so MHRCS members (myself included) could fly on the weekend. This was largely due to the very wet summer we had. The grass grew 3-4 inches every 3-5 days so required to be cut 2 time a week. This field holds the moisture and the grass grows like weeds. Without Hopewell this year the Wallkill field may see more usage, and we need to be prepared.

President's Corner...continued

3. We are in need of a chairperson to organize Flight Training this year. You do not have to be MHRCS signed off flight instructor to hold this position. The chairpersons duties would involve scheduling and be the contact person when a member is looking for flight instruction. Anyone interested in this position should contact any Board member.

On a sad note, Bernie Liquorman passed away this month. Bernie was a life member and one of the founding fathers of this club. In later years he was very active with the indoor flying group and the Science Olympiads. I know I will miss seeing Bernie's pleasant smile and his every positive attitude. Bernie was always a pleasure to have around. I have many, many fond memories of Bernie and I for one will miss his presence. I am sure there are many of you that can say the same thing. My deepest sympathy's go out to Bernie's wife and family.

Warren Batson
MHRCS President

In Memoriam of Bernie Liquorman 1921-2010

As you know, we lost a very special person in Bernie Liquorman's passing. Bernie was a loving and devoted husband, father and friend. He was a regular attendee in his synagogue. He held a degree in aeronautical engineering and served in the United States Army Air Corp during WWII. In the work world he found success. But most of us, knew Bernie as a friend and fellow pilot. He devoted countless hours beyond the time he spent flying, devoted to the success of the MHRCS events. As Warren mentioned, Bernie was a founding father and life member of our club. As a final testament to what Bernie meant to this family and friends, there was standing room only at his funeral service this past week. A special thank you is in order to Bernie's wife and family members, for allowing us to share Bernie with them. He will be missed greatly, but never forgotten!

Written in Bernie's memory by Don Chickering:

"Bernie will be missed by our small soaring group. He was a kind and interesting man who was always willing to give information about the many different aspects of model flying he was knowledgeable about or listen intently while you explained a nuance in your particular area of interest. He seemed to have a perpetual smile on his face, was quick to laugh and was always a welcome sight when he arrived at the field to fly with us. I expect that in his new realm he'll be put in a position of teaching the angels how to spot a thermal. We all send our condolences to his family – may he rest in peace."

2010 WRAM Show Overview

Each year comments are voiced that the show keeps getting smaller! Yet, it is worth a trip! There are always a few things to be picked up for the new season. And it is an opportunity to see some old friends.



It is also an opportunity to spread the word about the Mid Hudson R/C Society's Rhinebeck Jamboree!



For some people the day isn't all play! Our Jonathan put in some work hours in a raffle booth!



Jonathan managed to find time to do a check on a miniature camera for my old friend Neil who has had two of the cameras that didn't want to work for more than about eight minutes on a charge. Jonathan had the camera recording for 15 minutes and still going when he turned it off..... The editor has one that I bet will be a challenge to get working even for the master of video productions!



A few MHRCS members gathered upstairs before the show opened. Fortunately the doors were opened for early arrivers and we didn't have to endure the nice brisk February until they did officially open at 10.

WRAM Show Continued



A view of the show from the Balcony.



One of the planes on static display....a file states... an F-6F Hellcat. They make some really great full size aircraft in Calverton, LI



The cockpit of a beautiful Corsair!



The business end of the same aircraft. A five cycle engine that my buddy said costs more than his house!



Landing gear on the full scale Saulnier that was on display from Rhinebeck!

The editor had a chat with Bill King from Rhinebeck who was standing guard on the Saulnier. We discussed the flying characteristics of a few WWI planes and especially the Spad. Bill mentioned that he and his own Jenny had passed their physicals, but the insurance company wasn't interested in covering the 80 year old pilot and the plane that has a few years on it as well. Bill let me get up close with the Saulnier to get a couple of photos of the landing gear suspension and the tail skid assembly that may help with the construction of my Pup.

CAVU till next time....