

# THE FLIGHT LINE



## MID-HUDSON RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT: BOB MAGEE

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### MARCH CALENDAR

- 1 Indoor Flying, Old Beacon HS 9-Noon
- 3 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM
- 8 Indoor Flying, Old Beacon HS 9-Noon
- 22 Indoor Flying, Old Beacon HS 9-Noon
- 28 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

A rubber-band powered airplane demo at Anderson School... pg 5.



(L to R) Jim Wood, Jesse Aronstein and Ed Perls

What's the status of the Hopewell Field?

**Skuzzy Hat Contest Winner**  
**...Jim Rangitsch!**

Have you checked out  
[WWW.MHRCS.COM](http://WWW.MHRCS.COM)



## **NEWS FROM THE TREASURER**

The following information from the Treasurer was inadvertently omitted from the February Flight Line. These policies were reviewed and agreed upon at the January board meeting and were added as an attachment to the current by-laws. As noted in the February Flight Line, these policies and procedures are already "known" and "done" but were never included in the club by-laws.

### **MHRCS Fiscal Policies and Procedures**

**Version 1.1, Jan 25, 2006**

#### **Fiscal Responsibility:**

- In that club funds are the net result of efforts and expenditures of each past and current member, it is the responsibility of the club membership and the Board of Directors to ensure wise use of club funds for current modeling activity and for expected and unexpected future uses to promote and maintain the activities of the club.

#### **Budget Process:**

- The Board formulates a yearly budget based on last year's results, projected expenses for the upcoming year and expected number of members. The membership fee is then based on that budget/expected membership.
- The Club Membership approves the budget at a regular meeting.
- It is the goal of the club leadership that each year's budget be either balanced or have a surplus when possible. The club may exceed the budget for major expenditures with prior approval of the club membership (i.e. to develop, improve or acquire flying sites.)

#### **Disbursement of Funds:**

- The authority to disburse club funds is a tiered process:
  - Step 1: The Club Membership approves a line item budget for the upcoming year.
  - Step 2: The Board of Directors can then approve spending of funds against that line item budget up to those amounts without further club approval.
  - Step 3: Board members or Directors may spend against their respective budgets without further approval, subject to a \$100 limit.
- Any non-budget item in excess of \$500 must have PRIOR approval by the Club Membership.

- Any expenditure by a club member must have prior Board Approval for any funds to be reimbursed.
- Any expenditure must be accompanied by a receipt for reimbursement.

#### **Reporting Requirements:**

- The Treasurer shall report to the club at each regular meeting the current balances of each club account and the status of each budgeted line item. These reports are to be filed with the club secretary and are available to any club member for viewing during or after each meeting.
- Any club member may request to see the books of the club at any time.

### **THE FLIGHT LINE**

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Regular club meetings are held on the first Friday of the month at All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church on Rt. 82, one mile north of Rt. 55 in LaGrange, NY at 7:30PM.

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Please e-mail input to [MHRCSFlightLine@aol.com](mailto:MHRCSFlightLine@aol.com) or send to Thea Kjellstrom, 81 Montrose Point Rd. Montrose, NY 10548.



# In Memory of Paul J. Bruno



As the editor of the MHRCS Newsletter for three years, the most difficult thing I had to do during my tenure was to announce to the Club the death of a fellow modeler. Well, it just got worse. One of the nicest guys I had ever met through modeling, Paul Bruno, has succumbed to cancer.

In September of 2005 he was starting to have pains in his arms, shoulders, and back. So much so that he finally went to the doctor to find out what was going on. Well, that was when the roof caved in. He was told he had lung, liver, and bone cancer throughout his body, and was given about a year to live. He and his family were devastated, as were guys like me, his other flying buddies, and his newfound friends at the DOT, where he had just started to work the year before.

He was so grateful for me helping him get that job, he mustered up the energy in October to drive up to my house from Valhalla and insisted on giving me two of his favorite models. I didn't know what to say, but he really wanted me to have them, so I accepted.

Well, six months after his diagnosis, he is gone, and this Club, and all of us in it, has lost a good friend and an excellent modeler. Paul was an exceptional builder and flyer, and the two models he gave me will hang in a place of honor in my new shop down here in Florida, and only be flown on very special occasions. I never knew Paul's age, it didn't matter, I surmise he was in his mid 40s, but he and I, and anyone else who had the privilege to know and fly with him, always had a grand time together at the field. He switched from glow to electrics a few years ago, I wonder why, and excelled in that field too. His passing has been one of the saddest times in my 45 years of modeling, only surpassed by the passing of my flying mentor years ago, Lou Morgan.



So the next time you look up into that beautiful blue sky, think of Paul, with his blue eyes and never ending smile, and say hi. He is most certainly in a better place, looking down on us and smiling as we fly our models for him.

CAVU, Tom Smith

Here is Paul's self-portrait doing what he enjoyed the most when he could.

Picture was taken from his well-built J-3.

Paul was one of the first to provide the club members with an aerial video of the flying field.



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- Bob Magee

Let's start this month with news about the Hopewell Flying Field since enjoyment of flying model aircraft is what we are all about. Mr. Joseph Petrinella, owner of the Hopewell field, has informed us that the transfer of ownership of the field to Toll Bros Builders has been postponed from February to November. He has also informed us that we will have full access to the field for all this year for sure.

When questioned about the possibility of Toll Bros Builders already having building permits thru the Town and County building permit process as previously reported to us by one of the Town officials, Mr. Petrinella stated that he didn't see how this is possible as he is still the owner of the property and only the owner can petition the Town and County for building permits. This seems to tie together with the observations of a friend of the club who has access to the Town and county permit process and has not seen any activity in that regard.

The other force acting in our favor is the gradual cooling off of the housing market. According to the local Real Estate board, houses are on the market longer, interest rates are up and the number of new buyers is off somewhat. If I were Toll Bros, I might consider delaying the purchase of that property also if for no other reason than to see where this is all headed.

So, your guess is as good as mine. I think we will be flying at Hopewell until year-end 2008. Yes, that is three summers to go. Let me know what you think...I am sincerely interested in hearing your opinion.

Just be aware that one "dork" into the A&P plaza or noise nuisance over the plaza and we are finished. Don't be the one that causes the club to loose Hopewell.

The demonstration at the Anderson School went very well. The Anderson School is a facility dedicated to the care and education of Autistic children and the event was very well received. Thanks to the many Heli guys who showed up. Your efforts didn't go un-noticed...thanks a ton for making the effort. It is events such as this that will make our petition to the County and State for a flying site a much more viable request.

The Indoor flying at the Old Beacon High School gym is proceeding very well. Bernie will be meeting with the Board of Directors of the current owners to work out a more permanent schedule. Right now, the thinking is every other Wednesday or better stated, the first and third Wednesday of every month. Whatever the outcome, we will post the news on the web site.

We have no planned activities for March as the Mall show was cancelled. Enjoy the mild winter and get some flying in. The Hopewell field is open and waiting for you.

# Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society visits the Anderson School

- Whitney Philbrick

Pictures by Whitney Philbrick,  
with assists from Bob Allen and  
Dave Messina.

The Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society (MHRCS) held an indoor model aircraft demonstration for the children of the Anderson School on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen MHRCS club members brought indoor rubber-powered aircraft, indoor electric airplanes and helicopters and did three organized demonstrations along with several hours of sport flying.

The children and staff of the Anderson school were present, along with Rachel Tolliver-Johnson, representing Assemblyman Joel Miller's office. Rosemary Hoffman, the Anderson School Vice President of Development organized the Anderson School children and Jesse Aronstein of MHRCS ran the event and organized the demonstrations. About 20 rubber band-powered airplanes, 5 indoor electric radio-controlled airplanes and 6 radio-controlled helicopters were flown during the 4-hour event. All the flying was done in the Anderson School's indoor basketball court.

There were several impressive mass rubber-powered launches, and Jesse's Hobby Lobby slow-flyer was picturesque doing touch and goes

A Rubber Band Mass Launch.  
Bob Magee in forefront with Jim Woods, Jesse Aronstein. Ed Perls and Bernie Liguorman.



within the basketball court, but the highlight for the kids were the heli demo's, particularly Val's spot landing on a tower of exercise steps in the middle of the court. Had they still been there they might have really enjoyed his "near-loop" later in the day during free-time!



Students and Staff view one of the demonstrations.



Jesse Aronstein shows Rachel Tolliver-Johnson a rubber-powered aircraft.



Indoor helicopters being flown by Val Rodina and Joe Williams while Students and Staff look on.

**Thanks to:** Jesse Aronstein, Bob Allen, Bernie Liguorman, Bob Magee, Dave Messina, Ed and Jeri Perls, Lloyd Quick, Val Rodina, Roger Stabe, Joe and Paula Williams, Paul Williams, and Jim Wood.



**MID-HUDSON RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY - General Club Meeting Minutes - February 3, 2006**

*There were no January meeting minutes.*

Meeting called to order by Bob Magee (President) at 7:35 p.m. with 41 members present.

Treasurer's Report was submitted & accepted (Whitney Philbrick)

Field report: At this time we have the Hopewell field until 11/1/06 so far (Bob Magee)

Membership: Total membership stands at 98 (Mark Monroe)

Flight training: Begins May 4<sup>th</sup> (Whitney Philbrick)

Safety report: everything going well - however we must continue not flying over Hopewell and the shopping center, this is very important. (Jerry Rohling)

40<sup>th</sup> Rhinebeck Jamboree: A vote was taken on the reduction of entry fee for pilots/ helpers to \$10.00 for their support of this event and our club over the years. However this may affect the Christmas dinner. The total revenue for the event may be reduced. The vote was in favor by all.

The March Mall Show has been canceled due to lack of interest (no one to run it).

Indoor Flying at Beacon Gym is going very well with excellent participation.

New web site is going very well. Flavio was congratulated for a great job.

New flying field: The field that was being looked into looks like it will not be obtainable (the owner backed out). Whitney Philbrick has the list of properties that he acquired from the county, which may contain possible sites to be looked at. This is important to the club, if you can spare some time to help look, please contact Whitney for more information.

Float Fly: Jerry Rohling is trying to set up one for the spring and one in the fall.

After Meeting Demonstrations and Raffles:

- 50/50 was won by Roger Stabe (\$25.00)
- After careful judging (rubber gloves and facemasks were worn - safety you know), the Skuzzy hat contest was won by Jim Rangitsch. The prize was a new hat that was sorely needed.
- Also tickets to the WRAM show & some Rhinebeck tee shirts were raffled off.
- Whitney Philbrick brought his scale spitfire that he has been working on for ten years that is finished. This was an exceptionally detailed & documented model. Nice job Whitney.
- Also discussion on an electric ARF by Bob Zuznis which was very informative

Minutes submitted by Lou Callan.



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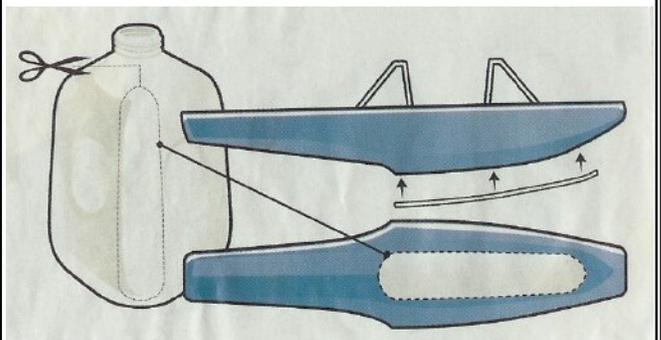


### R/C Tip of the Month

Here is an old tip we came across and  
wanted to share with our fellow  
enthusiasts.

### Milk-Jug Protection

You'll be able to safely beach your  
seaplane if you protect the bottoms of  
the pontoons with plastic strips cut from  
an empty plastic milk jug. Cut the  
corners form a gallon jug and glue them  
into place, as shown, with waterproof  
glue such as Zap-a-dap-a-Goo.



**WE NEED Your HELP!** Stop in with your  
hand built model to have your picture taken.  
The top 12 will each represent a month in  
our 2007 R/C World Calendar!

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**FOR SALE**

- (1) Scratch built Fokker EIII Eindecker. Complete, ready to fly. Great indoor flyer. \$135.00
- (2) Diddle Bug with Cirrus Micro Joul radio, ready to fly, indoors or out. \$150.00
- (3) Demoiselle from Dare kit. Excellent scale indoor flyer. RTF \$125.00
- (4) GWS Douglas DC3, complete, ready to fly park flyer. \$150.00

None of the above comes with a transmitter. All are in excellent shape, and fly very well.

Contact Tom Smith ([tande896@bellsouth.net](mailto:tande896@bellsouth.net))

**DID YOU ID YOUR PLANES for the 2006 Flying Season?**

Contact Mark Monroe, Membership Director, for new plane I.D. labels. Mark will be at monthly meetings or can be reached via email at [mlmonroe@optonline.net](mailto:mlmonroe@optonline.net)

Central Connecticut RC Club's  
**5th Annual Multi-Wing Fly In**  
 June 26, 2006



**Farmington CT,**  
 At the CCRCC Club flying field on Meadow Road

Landing fee \$10 includes pilot's lunch AMA Sanctioned, AMA card required



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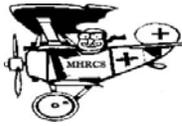
For more information, contact Contest Director Gerry Yarrish, (860) 354-6273 evenings; (203) 894-3661 day-time. [www.gerry@airage.com](http://www.gerry@airage.com)

**ANYTHING TO SELL OR TRADE?**

**YOUR AD COULD BE HERE TOO...**

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# 2006 MHRCS EVENT CALENDAR

Last Updated February 28, 2006

## JANUARY

- 6 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM
- 14 Winter Fun Fly 10 AM – 2 PM  
Hopewell Field (Weather dependent)  
*See email for specifics*
- 21 Alternate date, Winter Fun Fly
- 24 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

## FEBRUARY

- 3 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM
- 4 Swap Shop 1- 6 PM  
Community Methodist Church  
Rt 376 Poughkeepsie
- 12 NCRCC Auction/Swap Shop  
Vernon, CT
- 21 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 24-26 WRAMS Show  
County Center, White Plains

## MARCH

- 1 Indoor Flying Old Beacon HS 9-Noon
- 3 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM
- 8 Indoor Flying Old Beacon HS 9-Noon
- 22 Indoor Flying Old Beacon HS 9-Noon
- 28 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

## APRIL

- 5 Indoor Flying Old Beacon HS 9-Noon
- 7 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM
- 19 Indoor Flying Old Beacon HS 9-Noon
- 22 Project Night 7 –10 PM  
Community Methodist Church  
Route 376 Poughkeepsie
- 25 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 29 Hopewell Field Clean-up 8AM to Noon
- 30 Alternate day, Hopewell Field Clean-up

## MAY

- 3 Start Wednesday AM Breakfast EverReady  
Diner, Hyde Park, followed by Flying at  
Rhinebeck Aerodrome (*Alternates every other  
Wednesday with Hopewell*).
- 4 Flight Training starts 5:00 PM
- 5 Regular Club Meeting 7:30 PM
- 23 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

## JUNE

- 2 Regular Club Meeting 7:30 PM
- 10 Father's Day Picnic 10 AM to Dusk  
Hopewell Field
- 24 Central Connecticut RC Club 5th Annual  
Multi-Wing Fly In, Farmington, CT
- 27 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

## JULY

- 7 Regular Club Meeting  
Hopewell Field  
Flying at 5PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 25 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

## AUGUST

- 4 Regular Club Meeting  
Hopewell Field  
Flying at 5PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 22 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Regular Club Meeting 7:30 PM
- 8 –10 Rhinebeck Jamboree
- 15-17 NEAT Fair
- 26 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

## OCTOBER

- 4 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM
- 24 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

## NOVEMBER

- 3 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

## DECEMBER

- 1 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM
- 7 Holiday Party (tentative date)
- 12 Board Meeting 7:30 PM