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Club Summer Picnic

By Lou Callan

Seventeen people attended the Club Summer Picnic, aka Father's Day Fun Fly, held June 10th at Hopewell Field. Conditions were very, very windy. Only three planes and three helicopters flew.

The hamburgers and hot-dogs were cooked to perfection on the new barbecue grill! A side of baked beans and Mike Tebolt's world famous brownies, that he assured us he baked himself (not), provided tasty nourishment for the day.

Except for the wind it was a very nice day.



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President's Corner

By Bob Magee

It is the 4th of July weekend as I write this column and the flying season is in full swing. The field is in super shape, probably the best I have ever seen it at this time of year and I want to thank everyone for their individual effort to keep the area pristine. I know there is a lot of individual effort to weed whack the trench, keep the tables and stands repaired and especially those who are picking up the stray trash inadvertently left by other

members and guests. Again, thanks...your efforts are not unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. When out flying Sailplanes on a Sunday AM several weeks ago, I saw folks show up specifically to manicure the place. I was too far away to see who it was but my hat is off to you. That is what makes this club and our field what it is. The "pavilion" addition to the shed is progressing and will be a great addition to the field. I was caught

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in a thundershower several mornings ago while flying and the roof was a great refuge. Thanks to Roger and his crew for taking the time during their heaviest work schedules to make all of this happen.

The June meeting, the first at the field this year, was by any measure a great success. Many issues that have been festering for some time were brought to the forefront in a very constructive manner and hopefully many were resolved. I spent a lot of time discussing the outcome of the meeting with many of those that were in attendance who were on both sides of the fence on many issues. The meeting agenda was so successful, in everyone's opinion, that I plan on having additional field meetings in July and August. If the attendance continues we can even hold field meetings in September and October perhaps on Saturday mornings since it will be getting dark early.

I walked away last meeting with the feeling that the current meeting location during the fall and winter months is just too remote and that the membership would like to hold the meetings in Hopewell or Wappingers. Am I reading this correctly? If so, perhaps we could consider the Italian Center on Rt. 376 across from the Hess station as a meeting hall. What are your thoughts? Do you have any suggestions on where to meet? See me at the field, email me at ramagee@optonline.net or bring it up at the next meeting.

I also heard the membership loud and clear have two parting thoughts for this month...

relative to the Board meetings and the actual or perceived actions taken by the Board. I could spend the next several pages writing about the history of the Board but let me try to sum it up as succinctly as I can. The Board meetings were intended to relieve the regular meetings of the drudgery of discussing mundane business issues that arise in trying to run an organization as large and as diverse as the MHRCS. This was in direct response to the membership complaining many years ago about the hours of business instead of modeling discussed at the meetings. As the years progressed, more and more issues were discussed at the Board meetings, which in retrospect, probably should have been discussed at the membership level. There is an air of mistrust or perhaps better stated, a feeling that the "inner circle" runs the club, held by many. It doesn't matter if this feeling is shared by two, twenty or one hundred and twenty members, this is incredibly divisive and whether real or perceived has got to change. Accordingly, I have cancelled the last two Board meetings and guess what...the club still runs! Amazing. I will not have another board meeting unless there is an issue that cannot be resolved in the general meeting. I do not know what that issue might be at this time but if one does arise, I will consider a Board meeting.

I also heard the membership relative to the Rhinebeck Jamboree. This is another incredibly divisive issue and to put this to bed let me just suggest that those who wish to sponsor a Jamboree, do so and those that do not, do not participate with no retribution whether real or

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perceived. Plain and simple. The organizers of future Jamboree's should assure themselves that there is sufficient committed support before scheduling the event. I realize the issue may be a little more complex than my over simplification but all of this can be hashed out at future meetings. You will not hear anything further from me on this issue.

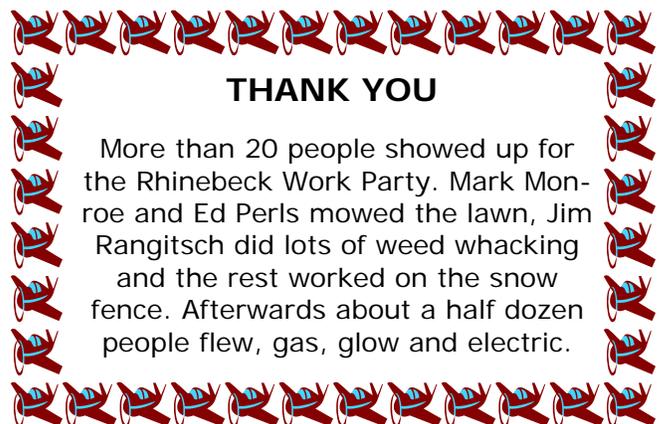
Lastly, this hobby has changed radically in the past several years. Fifteen years ago everyone was flying .40 to .60 glow powered "buzzer beaters"...with balsa and monocoite! There were no composite Sailplanes, there were no practical helis, electric was pitiful and ARFs just didn't exist as was the case with Giant scale. We are a fraternal organization, more literally stated, a band of brothers, drawn together by our interest in aviation as diverse as that might be. In my opinion, this club is still governed like it was in 1965. Project nights don't work in an ARF world.....very few fly or are even interested in scale and so on There are tremendous demands on your time just to support your families let alone fly models. I am fortunate in that I have lived long enough to see both sides of the family situation...1940's, 1950's vs. 2006. We need to adapt to our new environment. We need to re-invent the MHRCS to go forward in 2010 and beyond. This is not the time to sit in the background and complain. Bring the issues forward as was done at the June meeting. Try to do it on a constructive basis however, it is easier on your President's blood pressure that way.

I have two parting thoughts for this month. First, thanks Mark Russo for having the personal conviction and presence of mind to get

us started on last month's meeting conversations. I believe that discussion will be remembered as the single most important discussion that started significant positive change in the organization. Secondly, if you have not read Dave Brown's article in the current July issue of Model Aviation, page 5, read it now. *Dave Brown is writing about the MHRCS.* We always wanted AMA recognition and complained bitterly when nary a word was published. Now Dave writes indirectly about the MHRCS. Read the whole article. For all you Gray Eagles, memorize the very last paragraph:

'Look around and see all of the gray hair. Our average age is increasing. Soon we will run out of friends if we do not get some new blood in the sport. That new blood is banging at the (MHRCS's) door, all we need do is to welcome it'.

Dave Brown, Pres AMA



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Photos from Club Summer Picnic provided by Lou Callan -



Ed, Jack and Jerry



Whitney



Jerry, Ed, Rob and Bob

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Flight Training, 5PM	7 Regular Club Meeting, Hopewell Field, ~ 7:30PM	8
9	10	11	12	13 Flight Training, 5PM	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Flight Training, 5PM	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Flight Training, 5PM	28	29
30	31					

AUG 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Flight Training, 5PM	SEP 1	Regular Club Meeting, Hopewell Field, 7PM	NOV 3	Regular Club Meeting, 7:30PM
4	Regular Club Meeting, Hopewell Field, ~8PM	7, 14, 21, 28	Flight Training, 5PM	DEC 1	Regular Club Meeting, 7:30PM
		8-10	Rhinebeck Jamboree	8	Christmas Party, Umberto's
		30	Float Fly (Oct 1 rain date)		
		OCT 4	Regular Club Meeting, 7:30PM		

Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society General Club Meeting Minutes - June 2, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:25 PM by Bob Magee at the Hopewell Field.

Number of members present: 20

Meeting minutes for May: Sent out in the newsletter via e-mail (some hardcopy)

Treasurer's Report: Given by Bob Magee (Whitney out of town)

Membership: Stands at 102 with some applications pending

Flight training: No report

Safety Report: Going well. Stay away from the South end of the field

New Web site: Going well. No report.

New Flying Field: Ongoing.

Float fly: Went well (very windy).

Newsletter: Distributed.

Indoor Flying: No report.

Hopewell Field: We do not know if we will have it after November. New barbecue grill is at the field and working out well (Norm Cord).

Rhinebeck: Still in question at this time.

New Business:

A proposal was made to spend \$500.00 on adding a secondary roof to the shed. It was voted on and approved.

A second proposal was made to spend \$500.00 on item 4 to fix holes and improve the parking area, if we retain the Hopewell Field after November for another year. It was voted on and approved.

Meeting adjourned 9 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lou Callan



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