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President's Corner

- Amy Philbrick

Happy summer! A lot of people have been enjoying the field. You can find our helicopter crew flying on a very regular basis with various airplane fliers dropping in for several hours here and there. A conglomerate of airplane retirees was seen last Monday morning. Sailplanes still fly between 12 pm and 4 pm on Thursday's. For the summer we are having our meetings at the field at 6:30 pm until dusk and bar-b-cueing. The club is providing food and members should bring whatever non-alcoholic beverages they would like to enjoy.



Chef Wayne Wirth...Bon appetite!



Enjoying the June BBQ!

This first half of the year has seen several activities so far. We had a field clean-up day in April headed by Jack Robinson. Several members brought equipment to help with clean-up including Warren Batson, Roger Stabe, and Lloyd Quick, with workers loaned by Val Rodina. Jerry Rohling secured several yards of item 4 for the roadway. Mark Monroe is keeping the field nicely mowed and if you are careful, you can catch Mike Hasselgrave mowing the outer areas and keeping the weeds low at the ends of the field (we happen to have the best "walk of shame" in Dutchess County :)). Please thank any of these folks when you get a chance for all of their help. Continued on page 2



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The Board of Directors has been tending to regular business, meeting minutes, keeping bills paid and taxes done. Bill Winkler has worked hard to bring the by-laws and field rules up to date with our processes over the past several years and new rules with changes such as the encroachment of the A&P and the 2.4 GHz radio frequencies.



Other fun activities were the float fly arranged by Jerry Rohling and some fancy U-control flying by Bob Magee.

Enjoy the summaries of activities in this summer's edition of The FlightLine and please review the attached by-laws and field rules.

The Float Fly was held on May 19th, a rainy, cold and windy day. Only five people were there for the event: Jerry Rohling, Jesse Aronson, Dick Lowery, Don Peters (non-member) and myself. Jesse flew his electric well. Jerry crashed in the water. Don Peters and I chickened out. Smartest one in the group was Dick, he left his plane at home!

Jesse also brought a sailboat that did very well. Jerry's powerboat died about 100 yards off shore and had to be retrieved by rowboat (not his lucky day). Despite the weather, a great time was had by all. Thanks to Jerry for setting it all up. Maybe next time the weather will cooperate.

U-Control

- Pictures by Lou Callan

Another impromptu get together with Bob Magee, Lou Callan and gang; Ucontrol flying. Bob Magee flying Lou Callan's Ring Master; Jack Robinson and Jerry Rohling assisting.



Herb Poland Family Donates Trainer to Club

- Don Chickering

A .40 size trainer aircraft, complete with an OS .46 FX and a programmable Futaba 6-channel radio system was donated by the family of Herb Poland, a former club member who passed away last year. As per his last wishes, Herb's trainer will now be available to assist those who are just learning to become R/C pilots through MHRCS' flight instruction program. Herb was always one of those "good guys" and it seems like it is still true even after he has departed. Flight Instruction Coordinator, Walt Erickson, has kindly volunteered to put the club's new trainer into flying shape and be its keeper, at least for the time being. Any student can request to use the trainer by calling Walt prior to the Thursday Student Night, or by coordinating with any instructor.

SAFETY is Important: 2.4 GHz and Other Safety Notes

- Amy Philbrick and Jerry Rohling

You may have noticed that some have been putting pins up on the board for 2.4 GHz. The AMA recommends, and the club has adopted the procedure of placing pins on the board regardless of using a 2.4 GHz or channel system.

Even though 2.4 GHz is a channel-less system, placing a pin on the board shows you have paid for membership and have AMA coverage. Additionally, it's a good habit not to break. Pilots with multiple radios must still remember to put a pin up when using their non-2.4 GHz planes. Pilots with system/channel awareness can fly with confidence that their plane will not experience frequency interference and potentially become uncontrollable. Please remember, the field and club existence are at risk if just one plane goes awry and hurts anyone at or away from the field.

On a separate safety note, when flying large aircraft, please fly from the left hand stations whenever possible. This should provide a better perspective and avoid accidentally flying over the A&P. Flying stations also protect you from other pilots' planes. Add this to your 'Good Habits List', have fun and fly safe.

Bylaws and Field Rules: Notification and Request

- Amy Philbrick

The proposed updates to the Bylaws and Field Rules are attached for your review. The Board requests any comments or feedback to be returned to any board member <u>by August 31st</u>. The vote on the final draft will take place at

the October regular meeting. I will send out further edits prior to the October meeting, pending Board acceptance. This written notification is in place of a reading typically done at a meeting prior to the vote.



Top 10 Reasons Why It's Not So Bad to Crash Your Airplane ...

- 10) If there are people in the club who are wondering why you haven't done it recently, they will finally be "off your case."
- 9) You get everyone's attention for a few seconds.
- 8) You get some people's sympathy for second or two.
- Certain club members run to get their camera to take pictures of the wreckage.
- 6) You don't have to fold the back seat down in your car to get your airplane in on the way home.
- 5) Your spare parts collection just got bigger.
- 4) You now have more room at home for your next airplane.
- You now have room on your transmitter for your next airplane (if you were maxed out).
- 2) You will never have to bring that airplane to the club auction.
- 1) You don't have to fly that airplane anymore.

From Roxbury Area Model Airplane Club, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, Submitted by Whitney Philbrick

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Regular club meetings are held on the first Friday of each month. Depending on the season meetings take place at either the All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church (Rt. 82, one mile north of Rt. 55 in LaGrange, NY) or at the Hopewell Field. Check the calendar for time and location.

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2007 Calendar of Events: July - December

July		
4	Wednesday Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Hopewell Field)	
6	Club Meeting 7:00 PM (Hopewell Field)	
11	Wednesday Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Rhinebeck)	
13-15	Warbirds Over Delaware, Lum's Pond State Park Bear, DE	
17	Board Meeting 7:00 PM (Philbrick's Home)	
18	Wednesday Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Hopewell Field)	
25	Wednesday Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Rhinebeck)	
August		
1	Wednesday Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Hopewell Field)	
3	Club Meeting 7:00 PM (Hopewell Field)	
8	Wednesday Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Rhinebeck)	
15	Wednesday Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Hopewell Field)	
14	Board Meeting 7:00 PM (Philbrick's Home)	
22	Wednesday Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Rhinebeck)	
29	Wednesday Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Hopewell Field)	
31	Club Meeting 7:00 PM (Hopewell Field) - Jamboree Planning	
September		
(No Regular Meeting)		
7-9	Rhinebeck Jamboree	
14-16	16 NEAT Fair	
18	Board Meeting 7:00 PM (Philbrick's Home)	
22	Biplane Meet CCRC	
October		
5	Club Meeting 7:00 PM (All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church on Rt. 82, one mile north of Rt. 55 in LaGrange, NY) – Officer Nominations Due	
16	Board Meeting 7:00 PM (Philbrick's Home)	
November		
2	Club Meeting 7:00 PM (All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church on Rt. 82, one mile north of Rt. 55 in LaGrange, NY)	
20	Board Meeting 7:00 PM (TBD)	
December		
7	7 Christmas Dinner	

