

# Pilot Briefing

Mid Hudson Radio Control Society



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Upcoming Events  
Sat 7 Jan  
Frost Fly – Redwing

Mon 9 Jan 7pm  
January Member  
Meeting  
United Methodist  
Church, Red Oaks Mill

Mon 23 Jan  
Board Meeting  
United Methodist  
Church

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Peter Gregory

## President's Corner

Greetings to all with wishes your Holidays were Bright and all the best for good things to come in 2017.

As the New Year starts we have a new newsletter editor so we will have a newsletter again. Thanks Peter Gregory for taking on this task.

We also have a new Membership Chairman. Jer Milosek. Thanks Jer

And welcome to the board Bob Shilkunas

We had a few hardy souls show up for the Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Frost Fly at Red Wing. Warm clothes, boots and head-gear were the order for the day that started out at 17F rose to about 30F degrees at the field. Those temps caused LiPos to be unresponsive, for the most part. A few, very brief flights were made, though.

Well, after ringing in the new year after our momentous 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jamboree in 2016, and as the days lengthen, we can start thinking about Jamboree 2017. Since we really delivered in '16 we are looking at another well-attended event this year. Of course, we've been requested to run that mission event, once again

We will need help from you the members and any comments from last year's event will be appreciated, get to one of the board member's about any thought's or ideas on how to improve from last year's event. Warren did a great job in running the event and keeping it safe for everyone. And, thanks to Ron Revelle for all the prep work over the previous year with coordinating with AMA and the Aerodrome for awards given out at the Jamboree to MHRCS and the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. It is an honor to the MHRCS heritage that we've been awarded the AMA Gold Member Club – and

looking forward to many more years of our club's popularity and success.

Renew Now! Let's be kind to our new membership director: Get your applications and checks into Jer, now. Don't forget to renew your AMA as it is now based on AMA members' join date, not the 1 Jan date it used to be based on. The AMA went to a rolling membership renewal a year or two ago which might not be obvious to long-time AMA members whose renewal well be on the 1 Jan date.

Also don't forget the AMA Expo Show on Feb. 24-26<sup>th</sup> previously produced by the WRAM's Club. Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome will have a major display with their Pietenpol Air Camper on hand for the event.

Of Utmost Importance! Don't forget your better half for Valentine's Day Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - you never know you maybe allowed to buy a new airplane.

Regards,

Pete

MHRCS 2017 President

## MHRCS Membership Renewals

First, the club thanks Jer Milosek for taking on the role of Membership Director for this year.

2017 MHRCS membership dues are due by the General Club Meeting in March which falls on Monday, Mar 6, 2017. After that time, a late fee (\$15) applies. After 1 April, late members are charged the Initiation fee, as well.

Please review these instructions and follow closely:

From pg.1 of the renewal form,

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"All mailed renewal applications must contain a copy of AMA card and a self addressed stamped envelope. Membership cards will not be returned unless both of these items are provided."

Additionally, **Make checks payable to MHRCS, only.**

Checks made out to the Membership Director or anyone else will not be deposited.

Something to be aware of...

As many of you are aware by now, the AMA changed its billing policy last year so that your membership is on a rolling 12-month basis, where single- and multi-year AMA memberships had previously started 1 Jan and ended 31 Dec of any year.

This new policy puts the burden on individual clubs of assuring all club members are active AMA members according to the rolling cycle. It used to be a simple matter for MHRCS to check for AMA membership at the time of club renewal (beginning of the calendar year).

Jer is having to add AMA membership information for each MHRCS member on a monthly basis. This adds a complication and we ask everyone to be prompt with submitting your records at your AMA renewal date to minimize Jer's effort to maintain this now-monthly updated information.

## Builder's Corner

Here's an item that Jer Milosek sent in – sounds like sage, hard-won wisdom coming from some trial and error with finishing aircraft:

A word about using Rustoleum rattle can's.

I used Rustoleum primer recently while finishing a model. Its totally incompatible with the rest of the world. Once you apply Rustoleum that model is married to it forever.

**DO NOT USE ANYTHING BUT RUSTOLEUM OVER IT!!!**

If you visit a car restoration site you will find many posts complaining about it. For example, it does not inhibit rust.

Guys used it on their cars without putting on paint. Its so porous that rust occurred between the primer and the metal.

The paint I was applying on top is a solvent based paint, it was not water based.

Remember finishing's Cardinal Rule:

**DO NOT MIX MANUFACTURERS.**

## Winter Things to Do, Besides Building!

RC-Related (click to follow)

### 1. FlyJam V!

Chase Sports Complex  
Albany, NY area

\*\*\* For more info see Note From Organizer Bob Lippman at end of this Newsletter

### 2. [AMA East](#) – Formerly WRAMS Show

Fri-Sun, 24,25,26 Feb 2017  
Secaucus, NJ

### 3. Swap Meet: [Lebanon, PA](#) – Central

Penn Aeromodelers Association RC Flea Market  
Sat, 11 Mar 2017

### 4. RC Show: [Toledo RC Model Show](#)

Fri-Sun, 7, 8, 9 April  
Toledo, OH  
~9 hours via US Rte 80 from Rte 9 / US84 in Fishkill

### 5. [Joe Noll Week](#)

8 1/2 Days Fri 12May – Sun 20 May  
Triple Tree Fly-In, Woodruff, SC

### 6. Add an Event Here! Contact the news editor

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## Regional Aviation Attractions

(click to follow)

We have the opportunity to organize a club caravan to any of these museums – contact newsletter director if interested

1. [New England Air Museum](#)  
Windsor Locks, CT  
1hr 46 minutes from Rte 9 / US84 intersection, Fishkill  
Feb 18
2. [Glenn H. Curtiss Museum](#)  
Hammondsport, NY  
4 hours from Rte 9 / US84 intersection, Fishkill
3. [Cradle of Aviation Museum, Planetarium and Theatre](#)  
Garden City, Long Island  
1hr 35 minutes from Rte 9 / US84 intersection, Fishkill
4. [The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum](#)  
On the Intrepid aircraft carrier  
New York, NY
5. Mid Atlantic Air Museum  
Reading Regional Airport  
Reading, PA
6. Golden Age Air Museum  
Grimes Airport  
Bethel, PA
7. Harold F. Pitcairn Wings of Freedom Museum  
Horsham, PA
8. Piper Aviation Museum  
William T. Piper Memorial  
Lock Haven, PA
9. MHRCS Members – Let me add Your Recommendations Here!

## MHRCS Frost Fly 2017

A total of 8 intrepid souls showed up on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Jan for the annual Frost Fly. Frost, there was, as the temp in the care started out in the high teens. It was a gray day with a building wind at about 10mph +/- 5mph coming right down the field from the north. Flying my own little electric Sig Rascal was eventually out of the question, as were any of the smaller, light electrics at the field. Pete J. avoided greater catastrophes(!) with his ill-fated P-40 electric when it nosed over on the frozen turf and broke the three-bladed prop, apparently made from rare and pricey unobtainium. Lloyd Henry proved to be the bravest putting his electric Das Ugly Stik in the air, but the frigid temps were too much for LiPos and his low power warning started wailing shortly after take-off on two occasions, A wise man, he brought the plane down fast, but gets full credit for a couple single-circuit flights around the field.

## Attendees included:

Peter Jagich  
Rob Schulze  
Larry Mesic  
Charlie Knight  
Lloyd Henry  
Jonathan Elie  
Flavio Ambrosini  
Peter Gregory



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With the truly low prices we appreciate right now, the lowest-price strategy may not be working for any of our latest best-friend companies – maybe even HobbyKing. HobbyKing has reduced al sales in the US to just one distribution point. It's tough out there, although we are enjoying a period of some of the most diverse, inexpensive and fastest moving technology in the hobby.

## ORA at AMA East, 2017

The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome is getting great coverage at the AMA modelaviation.com pages for AMA East

[Click to view](#)

## Industry Scuttlebutt

It is never easy on the modeling hobbies industries. Look at the litany of companies which were once near and dear to our hearts, and are now relegated to the fixations of our nostalgic natures. It is impressive a company like Sig Manufacturing still carves out a market in an industry where the rate of tech advancement is at the speed of light, these days. Well, even our dear Hobbico has had its share of challenges referenced here in this news video that reveals possible financial challenges:

## [Hobbico Says It Can Not Make Payments For Its Stock Ownership Program](#)



From the newsletter editor...

## Request for Articles and News

Hey everybody, you can't spell newsletter without news! Let me know what's going on.

### **Builds**

Big, medium, small, rebuilds – it's all fair game for articles or just short mentions. We have a club of extraordinarily skilled builders with newsworthy projects. Tips, materials, skills, tools, and gotchas all welcome.

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To jumpstart this segment of the newsletter, I just jumped into an online build-off in RCGroups with a little classic 1/2A Brit design from David Boddington, [the Mini-Tyro](#).

## Flights

Anybody logging their flight time, or even just have an interesting flight to share – let's chat.

## Competition

If you are competing or even accidentally win an award, please get in touch with me.

**Airborne Video:** Anyone thinking of connecting video in their planes for this season? Contact me about adding to a future newsletter stories.

## Battery Technology

Whether you fly fuel or electric, battery technology has revolutionized model flying

## Road Trip Reports

Did you visit one of the regional flight attractions listed in this newsletter or find a new one to add? Let's hear about it!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/228088577609364/>

\$15 admission for 3 hours of flying – wives, girlfriends and those just interested in just watching and learning about RC flying are free. Complimentary Pizza and drinks, provided by the Flying Tigers to those with paid admission. The Club will also be holding a 50/50 raffle.

Please let us know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly and order enough food and soft drinks for everyone!

Keep 'em flying!

Bob Lippman, President

North Country Flying Tigers Model Airplane Club, Inc.

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## FlyJam V! Indoor Flying event

This announcement reproduced from an email sent out by Peter Jagich.

Hello fellow RC Pilots!

I'm just sending you a quick note to let you know that we're hosting one final indoor flying meet-up this season, to bring together pilots from all around upstate NY and District II. **FLY JAM VI, will be held on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the Chase Sports Complex.** Information about the event can be found here:

RC FlightDeck:

<https://www.rcflightdeck.com/event.cfm?id=6355>

Or Facebook:

