

MHRCS and Scouting Celebration

3200 Scouts and leaders, plus family members and friends celebrated the 100 year anniversary of Boy Scouting in America, and the Mid Hudson Radio Control Society, supported by the Mid Hudson Modelmasters, helped. Held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on a windy Saturday, we were given a 60' x 20' building with at least a 14' height in which we showed various kinds of model aircraft, let the scouts enjoy flight simulators, or fly rubber powered planes. Planes and helicopters were flown both inside and outside. We were busy answering questions and talking to scouts and parents from 9 AM until 4:30. It was a great time.



Scouts looking at a ParkZone electric powered J-3



MHRCS Club member (and Assistant Scoutmaster) Leo Sampson describing his Balsa USA Cub.



Jesse Aronstein helping a Scout do indoor slope soaring



One of Jim Wood's friends gets in a flight.

Ten members of the MHRCS turned out plus four Modelmasters, bringing quite an array of models. The hit of the show, as far as the kids were concerned, were the planes they could fly. Jim Wood and Jesse Aronstein (members of both clubs) and Modelmaster member Chris Hutton were kept busy all day. Jim had both hand launched and ROG models. Jesse had a hand launched plane that would circle its way to the ceiling, then gradually "wind" down. Even more fun was his "indoor slope soaring", as he'd help a scout keep a glider floating along by pushing a large board through the air, generating an upwards air current that would keep the glider flying!!

Craig Domonkos demonstrated indoor and outdoor RC flying, with a variety of craft. He had tiny helicopters as well as various sized 3D foamies and ARFS that wowed the crowd. Jesse Aronstein flew a Hobby Lobby Bleriot that seemed to float in the air. Whitney Philbrick flew a small J-3 E-flite model, doing touch and go's from the smooth floor.



Craig Domonkos, club member and owner of local hobby shop “Hobby House”, demonstrating 3D flight.



Whitney Philbrick flying a ParkZone J-3



Flavio Ambrosiini demonstrates his electric ducted fan jet.

Flavio Ambrosini demonstrated the power (and noise) of his electric ducted fan Panther. Warren Batson and Leo Sampson talked about their models to fascinated scouts. Bill Bolitho, another Modlemaster member, showed model building techniques as he carved out a hand launched glider.



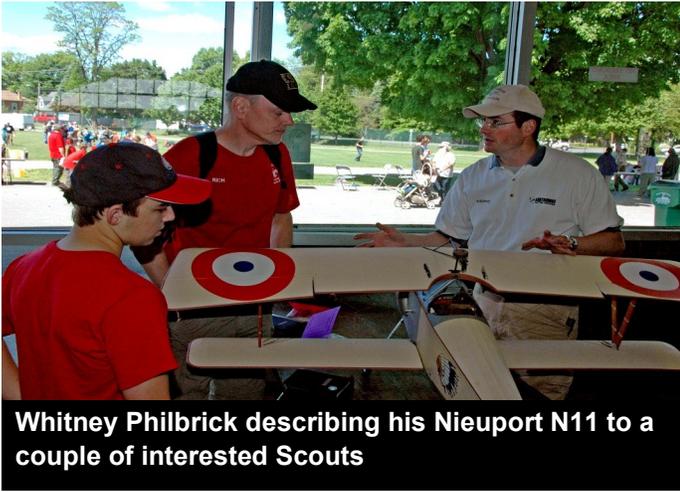
Scouts enjoying the always busy flight simulators



MHRCS Club members Jesse Aronstein, Craig Domanos, Warren Batson, Flavio Ambrosini, Whitney Philbrick, John Philbrick, Al Stouter, Jim Wood, and Ed Batson, shown in a photo taken by Leo Sampson. There were also eight members of the Modelmasters, four of whom are members of both clubs: Warren, Flavio, Jim, and Jesse are members of both, and Bill Bolitho, Bill Poythress,, Chris Hutton, and Bob Santoro represented the Modelmasters.

The two flight simulators were never without a crowd.

One scout loudly declared that this was his favorite activity and didn't want to leave. His father convinced him to leave after about an hour, but we noticed his reappearance (without his father at first) about a half hour later. His persistence was rewarded with an "all access pass" behind the table barriers to see and touch the large scale models several club members had brought along. All in all, it was a great time!



Whitney Philbrick describing his Nieuport N11 to a couple of interested Scouts



Two cub scouts being introduced to rubber powered flight by Jesse Aronstein



NHRCS Club President Warren Batson talking to a Scout

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