

Pilot Briefing

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Frost Fun Fly Fun For Fliers!

Try to say that five time fast! Come on at least try it!

Feb. 14th turned out to be a clear and bright day. Snow was off the Hopewell field and the approach road was passable. The temperature was a little chilly and at times there was a bit of wind. BUT....a good number of club members turned out to enjoy some air time and friendship. During the day there were electric planes, gas planes and a helicopter in the sky. At least two flights were quite memorable. First was the helicopter flying that was very impressive. by Mark Russo. And to top it off he did it with one arm in a sling! Great flying Mark. We can't imagine what it would look like if you used two hands! The other was Roger's Stabe's Aeroworks Yak's somewhat unorthodox and hair raising landing approach. See the photos on page 3.



Jesse and his Jenny at the Frost Fun Fly

Upcoming Events!!!

Dutchess RC inc. & Mid Hudson
RCS inc. RC Swap Meet
Sat March 21st
Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church
1576 Main Street
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
10am to 4pm 9am if you are setting up a table
\$5.00 per table
Call Graham Foster to pre-register
546-0520

Field work parties

Hopewell April 18th at 8am rain date of 4/19

Wallkill May 2nd at 9am rain date of 5/2/3

Next meeting: March 2, 2009

Reminder- Dues are due by this meeting

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President's Corner

Presidents Corner
Hi Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ron Revelle for taking on the daunting task of newsletter editor. I ask everyone to be patient as we go thru our growing pains getting the newsletter up and running again. If you have anything you would like to submit please forward it to Ron. Articles, for sale items, pictures, etc.

I would also like to ask for help from someone that is very computer savvy. While it is not

President's Corner Continued

the intentions of doing a formal hardcopy mailing we do have 6-8 members that do not have computers and will require a hardcopy mailing. The club will pay printer and mailing costs. This person would have to be capable of printing the e-mail newsletter and mailing to these few members. If you think you might be interested in taking on this task please give me a call at 266-3862. This task would count towards your work hour requirements for the year.

Well it is that time of year again where the days are getting longer and everyone is ready for winter to be over. Warmer weather is around the corner and I for one cannot wait to get flying again. I am looking forward to the new flying season this year do to the great success of our 2 fields. However this coming year holds much more promise do to efforts of a few key MHRCS members in closing a deal on a new flying field.

At our March meeting, Bob Magee will announce that ongoing negotiations with a Lagrange property owner and the Town of LaGrange have lead to a long term deal with MHRCS for use of this property for a RC flying site. While there are a few loose ends, the deal is closed. The main issue is getting the property owner and property insured through the AMA. This will take a few weeks to get in place.

Both the property owner and the town of Lagrange want the MHRC club to use this property and all that they ask in return is that we be good stewards of the property. Both parties have been to our Hopewell field and were impressed with our operation there. This property is about 5-7 miles North of Hopewell Junction at the intersection of Rt55 and Rt82.

The field is graded and seeded for use as an athletic field so not much work should be required to make this field flyable for the 2009 season. The board will be reviewing the field setup and flying areas and will be presenting recommendations for usage at upcoming meetings. Due to the uncertainty of the Hopewell field the timing of this new field could not have been better for MHRCS.

Our Feb frost fly had a very good turnout. The warm weather the week before the event helped clear the field of all snow. Despite the cold and small winds, many flights were flown that day. I estimate about 25 members attended and we had a few guests as well. I was there for about 2 hours when things started to break up. Since I was sick as a dog that day, I had to leave early. I believe Ron Revelle will have some pictures in this newsletter. It was great to see everyone having a good time.

In closing I hope the news on the new field helps squash uneasiness and uncertainty about the future of the Hopewell field. I look forward to the 2009 season with great promise for all MHRCS members. Looking forward to seeing everyone a the fields again.

2009 WRAM Show



MHRCS was well represented on the opening day of the show!

Some Frost Fun Fly Photos



Mark's helicopter putting on quite a show! Note that smoke trail! Why did we keep hearing Mark say, "down is up...down is up...."



After the landing! The general consensus was that the miniature pilot in Roger's Yak decided to bail out when Roger scared him half to death on the landing approach!



Displaying the nerves of a test pilot, Roger seemed to be saying "I meant to do that!" All in all, great recovery Rog! Or were you trying to do with an airplane what Mark did with the helicopter!



A nice wood fire provided an opportunity to warm up a bit or shoot the breeze!





Somewhere in Eastern Europe (Duchess County) this Fokker D-7 is being meticulously constructed to be flown by Werner Von Batson



Meanwhile in Western Europe (Orange County) this Sopwith Pup is being "thrown together" to be flown by Capt. Eddie RickenRevelle



Will these two planes see each other in the sky this year? Both are 1/4 scale Balsa USA planes. The D-7 sports an 88 inch wing span vs. the smaller 77 span on the Pup. But.....help may be on the way from the Pup's larger cousin, a 1/3 scale Nieuport 28c that is currently under construction by "Razors" Philbrick

Here's a link that will bring you to the start of the "thread." on the Nieuport
http://www.rcscalebuilder.com/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=10271&PN=1&TPN=1

This link will bring the reader towards the end of the 53 page thread:

http://www.rcscalebuilder.com/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=10271&PN=1&TPN=53

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Thanks to Whitley for info on this thread and for all of his work in posting it. You may have to register with rcscalebuilder to read the thread but you don't have to join. Lots of info on many projects at rcscalebuilder.com



Another famous pilot has been secretly watching the construction of all WWI aircraft. He successfully flew missions during the 1968 Rhinebeck Jamboree. In the photo on the lower left, he can be seen making a low pass that weekend and getting plenty of due attention! People could not believe their own eyes when he actually took to the sky.