

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– April

1st– Regular Meeting PUMC 7 PM

5-7—Toledo Show Toledo Ohio

13– Work Party– Wallkill Field 9 AM (rain date-4/20)

13-Swap Meet. Watervliet, NY

15th Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM

27—Work Party– Redwing Field 9 AM (rain date-5/4)

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President's Corner

Hi everyone,

Will this winter every end???

With April 1st only a few days away and more snow predicted, I do not think we will get into the Wallkill field on April 1st. With all the moisture in the ground we are going to need a few weeks of sun shine before the field dries out. I have been talking with Rick Rizza and I think we will have to postpone the work party scheduled for Dec. 13th. We will email everyone an update as we get closer to the April 1st.

Everything is in place to do our normal spring field maintenance setup for both fields. As usual we will roll each field and spread the tick control material. The Safety benches at both fields will need a little TLC, and we might need to do some brush cleaning at the Red wing field. I need to contact the owner to see it will be ok.

Gerry Rohling will be scheduling the Spring Float Fly at Lake Taconic for May 18th at 9am: the park service is not available till the end of April. As soon as we get more info we will send it along. The float fly will be a 1 day event this year. There just has not been a good turnout for the second day the last 2 years. Everyone had a good time last year so I hope you can come out either to fly or visit with everyone.

I would like to thank the few members that have volunteered to help run some of the club or Jamboree chairperson activities. I really appreciated that they came forward to help, however we are still short people to run 2 of the field meeting food events and the Jamboree T-Shirts & prizes chairperson is still open. We really could use the help. You can contact me by email or at one of the meetings.

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Not much else to report on other than staying warm and trying to get planes ready for the flying season. The common theme I keep hearing is "I am dying to get out to fly". Well soon we will be complaining about the heat. I am sure spring will arrive, but cannot be soon enough for me and many others.

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Walkkill work party, April 13, at 9am

Red wing work party, April 27, at 9am.

Taconic Lake Float Fly, May 18th. 9:00 AM

At the April meeting Brad Quick will give a presentation of building your own multi engine heli's. He will be talking about all the new components that are making these machines very easy to fly. **I know, I know**, we are not a heli club, but I think the technology that is being used in these aircraft could also be applied to tame an unruly fixed wing aircraft. In fact, I have heard that Lloyd quick is using a Gyro devise in one of this home made aircraft. I am sure Llyod could be persuaded to talk about this as well. We will do this presentation at the end of the business meeting so if you are not interested in this topic you we will not bore you to death. Brad did this same presentation at the Modelmasters meeting recently, and He is very knowledgeable on this subject.

Well, I hope to see you at the field or next meeting.

Warren Batson
President MHRCS

March MHRCS Meeting Presentations:



Lloyd making his presentation. Don't forget, Lloyd's son Brad will do the follow up presentation at our April meeting.



Jesse showing off his newest creation. Meticulously built as always. We will miss you Jesse, much happiness in you new location.



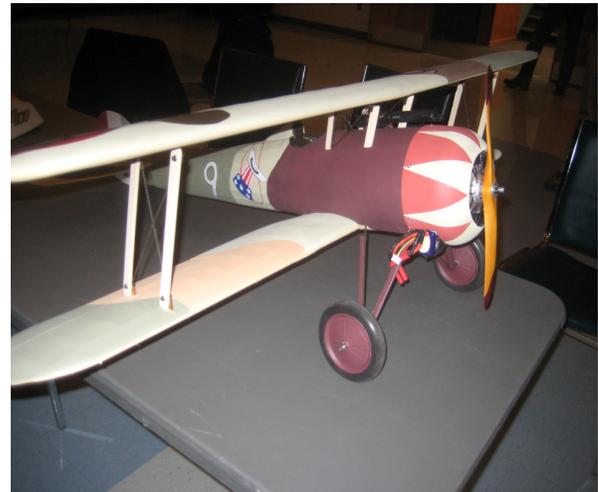
Pres. Warren demonstrated the use of several lasers which could be very useful in the construction of models, not to mention the many other uses around the house. A couple of the lasers Warren spoke about were relatively inexpensive. Lasers have always made the editor a bit uncomfortable since seeing where they were headed in Gold Finger.



Rick spoke about his current Roy Vaillancourt-giant scale project. Rick is it an L-5 or L-19? Whatever, keep us posted.



Charlie apparently threatening anyone who goes near that beautiful Nieuport 28 to his left!



Charlie's beautiful electric powered 1/8 scale BUSA Nieuport 28. Charlie reported that it had been a number of years since his last real build. You would never know it as this model is as good as it gets. Great job, Charlie



Sometimes good things come in big packages! Jeff stands by his newly delivered aircraft.



This is the vertical fin and rudder of Jeff's new 32% Pilot Decathlon .from Chief Aircraft.



The photo doesn't do justice to the size of this monster...



A shot of the hinged door and framework. And now for the big question. Just how is Jeff going to get this baby to the field?

Using great restraint, the editor will not say much more than, if he shows up with it loaded on something hhe is pulling instead of inside something he is pulling he will not like the music that will be playing upon his arrival at the field.

A Dusty old Book by Ron Revelle

During the winter months, in addition to working on my new Nieuport 17 and prepping my planes for the new flying season, I managed to pick up a book that had been sitting on a shelf in my parents' house for as long as I can remember. It is Wings over America- no, not by Paul McCartney, rather this is Wings Over America: The inside story of American aviation by H.A. Bruno (1942). You can pick it up at Amazon for about \$20.00 used and \$50.00 collectible. This book should be a must read by anyone interested in the history of aviation. Don't miss picking up a copy. It is filled with fascinating information about all of the major early events in aviation from pre Wright brothers, the first flight cross country, Lindbergh, Billy Mitchell, Hindenburg, and so much more. The author knew most of the major players personally. Harry Bruno was below the Hindenburg when it exploded. He credits his flying background for saving his life. He ran into the wind!

A little trivia from the book:

Did you know that the first regular airline service in America ran from New York to Havana? You might ask why that route rather than from New York to another major city in the country. Bruno points out that the answer is in a copy of the United States Constitution circa 1918-1933. Got the answer? Another hint, they called it the High-Ball Express. Bruno further points out "there was enough thirst in America in 1921 to guarantee full planes on every trip, but the passengers who took the Aeromarine F-5-L just to get some liquor under their belts returned to the States determined that henceforth they would campaign for commercial airlines between American cities, too." Pick up a copy and let me know what you think.

Road Trip!

No, don't pull out your DVD of Animal House. On second thought if the winter weather we are having has you a bit down, that might not be a bad idea. The road trip being suggested here is attending and supporting one of the many events sponsored by other AMA Chartered Clubs within easy driving range. Why not considering putting one or two on your calendar this year. Usually Pres. Warren circulates a list of them and you can always check the back of Model Aviation. If you haven't made a road trip before or since the old days of flying Phonex 6's and Kaos' (Mr Knapp) considering joining the MHRCS crew for one this year. There are a number of them that are easy one day trips. It is a great time to meet other modelers and to support the clubs that send members to support Rhinebeck. You will love seeing the great variety of models and meeting new friends. As Eric Williams always says, "It's not about what we fly, it is about the people and the friends we make." And who knows, you might end up seeing a photo of your self in one of the model magazines like in the Spring Issue of High Flight IMAA). Nice photos of our president with his Cub and Ricky "Rickenbacker" Rizzi with his DR 1- along with a very complementary note about Rick and his plane. "It flew often and well in his hands." Why not give a road trip a try this season.....PS And, Mr. Knapp if you think you might need to replace a fuel tank, I will bring along an extra one for you my old friend. Furthermore, I will trailer your plane and give you a lift in my truck!

CAVU Ron Revelle