

# Pilot Briefing

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## Upcoming Events– August

4th– Walkkill Field Meeting– 9AM, Noon Lunch– Theme: Old Time RC Equipment.

20th– Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM

25-26– AMA Dist. II fun-fly– Johnstown

TBD Redwing Fun-fly

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## President's Corner

Hello everyone,

The June summer meeting and fun fly went very well despite having a mad dash around 1pm to vacate the field before the rain hit. Jonathan had 3 events planned, spot landing, egg drop and limbo. Due to the rain we only had a few attempts at the limbo which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> event of the day.

My favorite event was the egg drop. From all the laughing I think it was a hit with everyone, And, Yes, believe it or not we actually used hard-boiled eggs. This event proved to be quit difficult. It was fun to see all the mishaps with prematurely dropped eggs. Of all the dropped eggs I think there were only 2 or 3 that actually hit in any of the bomb drop circles.

In the end there was a great turnout and I think everyone had a good time.

I would like to thank the following people:

Lynda Elie, for all her efforts in organizing and set up of the food.

Rick Rizza for running the grill to cook the burgers and dogs.

Jonathan Elie for once again putting together a great event.

At the August field meeting, held at Walkkill field, Jer Milosek will be hosting a RC Nostalgia event. The theme of the event will be anything in the hobby that is old.

Jer is asking for anyone that has old Model equipment of any kind to bring it out and display it. This should prove to be a very interesting event.

I know some of our members were doing some u-control flying the last few years. It really would be great if you guys could put on a u-control display. I am sure there are many younger members that have never seen u-control.

The other upcoming event will be the MHRCS Rhinebeck Jamboree Sept 7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 46<sup>th</sup> annual event. I hope you can come out and help make this 46<sup>th</sup> Rhinebeck Jamboree event a great success.

See you at the field.  
Warren Batson  
MHRCS president

### Wallkill Fun Fly a Huge Success. Thanks to Jonathan and Lynda Elie



Jonathan holding the pilot's meeting



Ron Knapp, the ultimate winner, at the controls



The Batson boys, Nick and Warren tied for second.



Next in line was Rick Rizza here with Nora



Zack and Flavio tried to fly through each other's plane.



Ron collecting his first place prize, a ride in a full size aircraft



Some of the fine prizes that were donated.



The editor, Ron Revelle presenting President Batson with the Gold Leader Club plaques during the club meeting at the field. .



A very special thank you to Jonathan and Lynda Elie for all of their work in making this fun fly such a big success. In addition, we thank all of the companies that sponsored the event with some outstanding prizes.

## Speaking of Sponsors– by Ron Revelle

Steve Anthony of Hangtime Hobbies ( NoBS Batteries) is always in our corner as a sponsor and will be again at Rhinebeck 2012. But not only as a sponsor, Steve will be there flying a plane that many of us have wished was still available. Now it is! A PT-19. But this isn't your ordinary PT-19. Lots of options with this new kit.



Steve pictured with a completed PT-19. In the background another one that WILL be finished in time for Rhinebeck. In addition to checking out the PT-19 at the address below, browse the NoBS site and you will pick up some valuable information.



More info at: <http://www.hangtimes.com/aviationconcepts.html>  
In addition to checking out the PT- 19 and its options on line or at Rhinebeck, got any old batteries that need replacing– NoBS batteries can't be beat on quality. I have a 1900 mAh pack in my new Nieuport. Before heading to Warbirds over Delaware, I ordered a Loadmaster II ESV System it was at my house in two days. And while at WOD I picked up a heavy duty charging switch and a couple of additional battery packs from Steve. He knows his stuff and is extremely helpful. Two years ago I was looking a purchasing an item from him at the WRAM show and he advised me that a lower priced item that he sells was all I needed. How many people will do that? Thanks Steve, from all of us at MHRCS.

## The Road to Warbirds Over Delaware! - by Ron Revelle

A decision to attend WOD was made last Fall after experiencing the fun of flying with the group at Gerry's Biplane Bash in Conn. The new Nieuport 17 was test flown the necessary trial flights and was deemed worthy of a road trip! With the travel trailer behind the truck, Toni and I headed south on Tuesday morning. Within the first hour, the exhaust system decided to part from the catalytic converter. I blame the bumps on the Thruway! Then the decision to go or abort the mission? A check to see that nothing was hanging loose under the truck, and the Toyota sounding more like a Mustang's Merlin the trip continued. Toni commented, "it isn't that loud!" But then she was in the 77 Volari when we had the same thing happen but had to drive home from the beach with windows open because we had no air-conditioning. That was loud!

After jettisoning the camp trailer at Lum's Pond State Park we headed to the field to find that John Philbrick was there and had kindly reserved spaces for the entire MHRCS group. John then introduce me to almost everyone that was at the field that evening, making me feel right at home. Thank you so much John. I came back to the field a little later and got a couple of flights in to acquaint myself with the field.

The next morning, Geoff "MacGyver" Elie came to the rescue! He, Lynda and I headed to an auto parts store where he picked out what was needed to do some first aide on the truck's exhaust system. On returning to the field, he performed the surgery which would give us a much quieter and more enjoyable trip home. Thank you so much my good friend. And yes, we will fly fish together this fall and the truck had better behave on the way!

Back to flying. MHRCS was well represented at WOD. Piloting planes there were: Whitney, Amy, John, and Steven Philbrick, Rick Rizza, Bob Allan, Jonathan Elie, Ron Prestin and I. Was it fun? Was it worth the trip? You bet it was. What a fun filled four or five days. The event is very well run. The field is very good. In fact it is part of Lums Pond State Park. The campground where we stayed is about a mile away and is also part of Lums Pond State Park.. Camping was also allowed right at the field. If you have never attended WOD think about doing so next July. Enough for words. Some photos will speak louder than words.



Hodges Hobbies B-29 with a 20 foot wing span was the focal point whenever it was in the air. Impressive plane with equally impressive piloting!



The Bell X-1 after release from the B-29 rocketing off on its own.



Paul's beautiful B-26



Adam working on his impressive P-40 that won the how low can you go contest!



One gorgeous Corsair. Wings fold up remotely on the field.



A little advertising!



A BUSA USA Spad that flew a number of missions.



AMA President Bob Brown spending some time with Jonathan. AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson was also in attendance. Thanks guys for all you do for model aviation.. It was a pleasure to visit with you both.



One of many gear up landings!



A view of some participants. Observers were behind a fence.



But, yes, I did build this Nieuport 17 and it flew very well at Warbirds Over Delaware 2012! The lovely ladies sitting guard over it are Amy Philbrick and Toni Revelle