

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– August

3rd-Field Meeting and Fun Fly 9 AM Noon Lunch- Wallkill Field
10-11th Binghamton Aeros Giant Models Airshow
17 Town of Haverstraw Air Show
19 Board Meeting 7PM PUMC
24-25 AMA District II Fun Fly. Andover, NJ

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President's Corner

Hi Members,

Well, it is hard to believe another month has gone by so fast.

While I have not been able to get to the Red Wing Thursday night flying on a regular basis, Guys are once again flying on Thursday night starting at 5pm. Stop on our and join the flying and visit with other members.

I have been to the Wallkill field the last few weekends and there is usually from 5 – 10 members there any given weekend day. Like to announce that the hay has finally been cut so no more worries for a while about clipping a wing on the hay or catching the landing gear when coming in too low for a landing.

Due to all the rain this year, the grass at both fields is still green and very lush. Even the Red Wing field has totally filled in with grass this year to make a nice smooth runway.

The MHRCS Jamboree event held at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome will be here a in about 6-7 weeks. I will be sending out a chairperson list this week. If you would like to help at our event please contact one of the Chair people and sign up for your favorite work position. This years event is shaping up to be like some of years past. Many of the Aerodromes planes that have not flown in the past few years are up and flying again. I was at the Aerodrome this past Saturday helping build AMA Delta darts for the Women in Aviation weekend and it was great to see so many aircraft flying. Also there are many pilots who are friends of the Aerodrome flying their old planes in to add to the aircraft on

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display any given weekend day. I was too busy building models with the kids to get a good look, but there was an Aeronca and an old Cessna tail dragger there this weekend. Both were in very nice shape.

Don't forget the August meeting will be at the Wallkill field on August 3rd with a rain date of Aug 4th There will be a short meeting about 11pm and lunch will be available at noon time. Hope you can attend.

Warren Batson
President

And the Winner is: Jonathan Elie

Our July Fun fly had Jonathan in the winner circle twice. Jokingly, I complained to AMA President Bob Brown during Warbirds Over Delaware that we send a member to AMA Camp and they come back flying better than anyone else in the club.



In case you missed it at the fun fly Jonathan's photo was on display on the presentation poster he received from AMA. The same photo has appeared a number of times Model Aviation.

The second place winner was our secretary Flavio Ambrosini. He may be called “Fast Eddie” after the way he tore through the enemy anti aircraft tire and under the radar. The editor and CD for the event, Ron Revelle is seen presenting “Fast Eddie” with his award.



Taking third place in “Mission” was Matthew Miller. This young man is a dedicated RC'er and we should keep our eye on him as a possible future candidate for AMA Camp. Nice job, Matthew.

The winners for the best Combat simulation went to Jonathan Elie and one of our new members(certainly not new to RC) Wayne Curtis. These guys put on quite a show to just edge out Jonathan and Bob Allen's combat performance. Wayne's beautiful P-47 can be seen in Model Airplane News' video coverage of Warbirds Over Delaware. A beautiful full flaps three point landing. Glad to have you with us Wayne. Congratulations again Jonathan.



MHRCS Members Make a Good Showing at Warbirds Over Delaware



Setting things up for his first trip to WOD is Charlie Knight. Charlie plans to be back again next year with a B-25 and a P-52

Certainly not their first time at WOD but the first time as new MHRCS members, Rob Vandermeulen and Wayne Curtis. Great guys, great builders and great pilots.



Jeff Burton and new member Frank Pigniello were there to observe. Jeff promises to bring his Eindecker nest year. But to paraphrase JFK, Ask not how many older men does it take to hold up the author's ez-up. Rather ask how many older men will the authors ez-up hold up?

Who is having more fun? Jonathan flying Bob's DVIII, or Bob knowing it is in very good hands. Obviously, Bob wasn't the least bit worried about his plane!



Rick Rizza with his DRI getting a helping hand from Geoff "MacGyver" Elie.



Rob, with an assist from Wayne letting his plane know who is boss!



Rob's plane coming in for a low pass.



A lineup of some of the planes from our group. Ron Preston's SE-5 will be featured in this year's WOD DVD by Scott of SKS Video Productions



The editor getting his Pup ready to start off the flying for the day.



One of the few casualties of the event. Note the pilot's head sticking through the windshield. This plane went through the trees and seemed to have little wing damage.



Some planes deserve special attention. Paul's beautiful B-25 doing a low pass.

And Paul's beautiful A-10 coming in for a landing. At one point two full scale Black Hawks appeared on the horizon almost appearing to be questioning the appearance of an A-10 in the vicinity.



All in all, WOD was again a great time. We did experience some rain but that didn't discourage anyone. If you have not yet attended WOD, by all means, consider attending next year. Even if you don't fly there, seeing the fantastic models on display and in the air is worth the trip.



I didn't forget you Zach. Zach "VanWinkle" woke up to do some flying. What a fine young man. I am always encouraged by the quality of young people being attracted to the sport.

Final notes: If you can get to the Binghamton Aeros Giant Models Air Show on Aug. 10 and 11, Rob VandDerMulen will be CD. <http://www.binghamtonaeros.com/> for more info. Wherever Rob lands he makes a big difference. We are fortunate that he has recently landed with us. Support him if you can schedule the date.

CAVU, Ron Revelle