

# Pilot Briefing

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## Upcoming Events– November

7th -Regular meeting– 7 PM PUMC

21st Board Meeting– 7 PM PUMC

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## President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

It is hard to believe another month has passed already. With Fall being here I have not had much time to get out and do any flying. Training nights have pretty much been a washout with the rains. But we have had a few good nights. Nick and I have been flying some small electrics in our back yard to keep your fingers nimble.

The November meeting will be the Annual Elections meeting and we will talk about the proposed donation to the Aerodrome gift/bathroom building. See attached proposed motion that will be discussed and voted on at the Nov meeting. So far I have received many supportive email comments from members. The Old Rhinebeck Jamboree (ORA) has supported this club for many years and this would be a great opportunity for MHRCS to show our support to the ORA.

The holiday party is in the planning stages for Mid January. I sent out a note a few months ago asking for some one to run the holiday party and John Philbrick has stepped up once again. It is planned to be held at the Church again. The price was very reasonable and the food and service was outstanding. So I hope you can join us in January.

The club has approved holding a building seminar the last weekend of January. Roy Vaillencourt and Dave Wigley are looking forward to sharing their talents with us. From what I have heard Roy and Dave talk about, this years topics will be more building orientated. These 2 Top Gun winners have lots of high quality building talents and are very free with sharing their knowledge. If you do any kind of building you will enjoy this years event.

I am still looking for a **Vice President**. I am looking for a member that would like to jump in and help run the club. If you are interested please contact me.

Also looking for an **Activities** Chairperson. This person can help organize the planned club events next year. This does not required much time.

you are interested in joining other members please contact me.

## President's Corner Continued

The calendar for 2012 was planned at the last board meeting, and by positive comments from members the 3 summer meetings will be held at the Flying fields on Saturdays with lunch being served at noon. This change in venue went over very well this year.

Warren Batson  
MHRCS President

Our November meeting will be our annual elections of board members.

At our Oct meeting a proposal to make a club donation to the Aerodrome's fund raising efforts to build a new combined gift shop/rest room/rubber powered model display building was made.

The proposal was discussed and a vote was taken to proceed with the wording of the donation and to vote on it at the Nov meeting.

The Aerodrome has been a big part of this club for more than 45 years and MHRCS has benefited greatly from this relationship through the years.

Especially when Cole Palen was alive. This is a prime opportunity to do something good for the Aerodrome while also showing the Modelers support for this

Great Aeronautical treasure that we are so blessed to have in our back yard.

The proposal is below. The funds to support this would come out of the present club treasury and would have no effect on club dues.

A donation to the Aerodrome is also tax deductible.

If you have any questions please contact me directly.

PS: If you cannot attend the meeting and have any comment for or against, I would be grateful to hear your thoughts.

Thank you

Warren Batson  
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Aerodrome Fund raising Donation Proposal:

MHRCS Matching Grant for Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome building

For 46 years, the Mid Hudson Radio Control Society has worked closely with the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in sponsoring and running the annual Rhinebeck Jamboree. Recently, members of the club and other local modelers helped the Aerodrome rebuild storm damaged hangars and Madam Fifi's Lingerie shop, and have also worked on restoration projects involving full scale aircraft. Now we have an opportunity to support a major building project financially.

The Aerodrome proposes to replace the existing gift shop and attached model museum with a new building, which will also include modern rest rooms. The MHRCS Leadership proposes that the Club offer a challenge grant to club members and to other modelers in support of this project. The proposal would commit the Club to match gifts made by MHRCS members and other modelers, dollar for dollar, up to \$3500.

Accordingly, at the next MHRCS Meeting on Monday, November 7th at 7:00 PM at the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church on Rt 376 the club will vote on a motion to commit \$3500 of club funds from treasury to meet this commitment, please attend so that we may vote on this proposal and your voice can be heard.

What to do when our flagship field at Wallkill closes for the year?  
**Go On The Road– Connecticut Biplane Bash!**

So, on October 1st, a number of MHRCS members made the trip to Farmington in the rain! After arriving, there was a break in the weather. Some blue shy appeared and the real fun began.



Rick getting his plane ready to go....while Kathleen Turner hangs upside down inside.



The Mid Hudson RCS group had a nice area. Later in the day they were very well represented in winner's circle.



Rick ready to go!



And our own Nick Batson won the award for the smallest biplane.



Once again, Rick Rizza walked away with the "Rick Rizza" award —Best Sport (non-scale). 4 years running.



Whitney Philbrick took the best static model with his beautiful Nieuport 28



As mentioned earlier, the winner's circle was dominated by MHRCS members and on the far left, Neil Hunt was an ex-officio member as he came along with the editor and served as his pit crew! Neil won with his beautiful Ultimate Bipe.



Despite the fact that the guy to the right and the one to the left of the editor kept attacking his Sopwith Pup all day with their Hun machines, in the true spirit on WWI chivalry they ended the day on good terms.... It was a blast, the three of us flying our planes that were built simultaneously finally in the air together dueling in the Connecticut skies. Thanks guys, I can't remember having more fun flying RC than I did with you both. But remember this quote:

*"We saw at once that the enemy airplane was superior to ours."* [Manfred von Richthofen](#), after encountering the Sopwith Pup in combat

Who's gonna argue with the Barron!

I couldn't resist.....but I am sure I have not heard the last of it!

All in all, the Biplane Bash was one not to miss. Gerry Yarrish did a great job as CD and the CCRC Club members were wonderful hosts. And the homemade clam chowder alone was worth the trip! And the prizes given away by drawing numbers were no small ticket items. Several radio systems, planes, kits, etc. were taken home. Don't miss the fun next year. If you don't have a biplane now, plan on having one for next year's Biplane Bash. For more coverage

<http://www.modelairplanenews.com/bash11>

For a very interesting read – Winged Warfare In World War I-by Billy Bishop. 99 cents to load on a kindle.

Also, Fighting the Flying Circus by Eddie Rickenbacker—same price.

"I would rather have a million friends than a million dollars." Eddie Rickenbacker

## Warbirds Over Walden– That is- foam, electric Warbirds!

October 15th dawned WINDY after lots of rain....what's new? Well, the SOURS Sullivan Orange Ulster Radio Society hosted a fun fly that had some MHRCS members on the road again and in the winner's circle. The fun fly featured two events: Mission and Combat. In the combat event, MHRCS member Whitney Philbrick and Neil Hunt of Hancock, NY put on one great show. The two Marines seemed to thrive on the high winds....note the banner between the two vertical posts.



Whitney and Neil dueling in the sky. John Philbrick getting some action photos.



The Combat winners with their planes.



Neil Hunt's Corsair was the only plane to land successfully on the 4x16 foot plywood "carrier". No small feat in winds approaching 20 MPH. This maneuver and a pass under the ribbon on the strafing run earned Neil the Top Gun award in mission.

Photo by John Philbrick



The winners of the Mission and Combat events, Neil Hunt and Whitney Philbrick with CD Ron Revelle.

Photo by John Philbrick

Seeing Whitney and John arrive to support the SOURS' fun fly was like seeing the cavalry appear in the old cowboy movies. Thanks so much guys. And Rick Rizza, thank you for all of your help with the fun fly. Neil Hunt, you always come through— it is time to join the MHRCS! You all demonstrate the truth in Eddie Rickenbacker's quote on page 6.

CAVU till the next time, Ron Revelle.

Addendum next page.... For sale items.

**MOVING SALE – BUILT R/C MODELS**

<b>GREAT PLANES FLYBABY with OS FS-120</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>SIG FOURSTAR 120 with ST2500</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>GREAT PLANES DR 1 ARF with OS63 FX</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>GREAT PLANES SPACEWALKER with OS FS-90</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>SUPER SPORTSTER Electric</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>POLK DR 1 Electric</b>	<b>50.00</b>

**94” SENIOR TELEMMASTER – ARF KIT**

**MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT**

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**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE ON Saturday, November 5. 9 AM – 12 NOON AT**

**85 NANTUCKET DRIVE  
FISHKILL, NY**

**PAUL WILLIAMS**