

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– November

5th Regular Meeting PUMC 7 PM

19th– Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM

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President's Corner

Hi members,

Since the Wallkill field was closed on Sept 30th, a few MHRCS members (about 8) went to a pumpkin fun fly in Ravina, NY to get in one last giant scale flying session on Oct 13th. The day started out very cold with a heavy frost. Much welcomed hot coffee and donuts were served to help us all warm up. The sun warmed things up and we got in plenty of flying before the winds picked up at about 11:30.

The Flying Knights host club, were very friendly and there was about 50 people at the fun fly. There was a noon time combat demonstration and some fun fly event planned but the high winds caused much of that to be cancelled. Two brave pilot did manage to get 2 combat aircraft in the air and put on an impressive non demo. The heavy winds made it very interesting. There were no streamer cuts in the air until the 2 pilots decided to land and on final the 2 aircraft got crossed up and a streamer was cut.

Burger and dogs could be purchased for lunch along with more hot coffee. This club has a very nice flying field so if you get a chance to participate in one of their fun fly events you will not regret it. The field is about a 1 hour 10 minutes ride from the Poughkeepsie area. Members mentioned that they have been at this location for over 20 years.

I hope Ron Revelle will show some of the photos taken at Whitney Philbrick's going away party. Everyone had a chance to roast Whintey, as you know he would do the same to any one of us. It was all in good fun and the food was great. We then talked about Whitney's accomplishments and some club history and presented him with a plaque with a nice inscription honoring him for his accomplishments and dedication to the MHRCS club.

His hard work and dedication will be missed by many. I don't know about anyone else that attended but I learned a few things when we were talking about the club history.

Upcoming events
MHRCS meeting Nov 5th at 7 pm.

Holiday party at the Church meeting location.
Nov 30th. More details to come.

Building Seminar Mid January 2013

Model Masters indoor flying sessions in the Highland Middle school gym.
Flying time 6:30-9:30 pm
11/15/2012, 12/14/2012, 1/18/2013, 2/15/2013, 3/15/2013, 4/19/2013, 5/17/2013.

The Nov meeting will be the board of elections for the 2013 year.
The Dec meeting will be the budget review and voting for 2013.

Well that's all for now. Hope everyone will have a Happy Thanks Giving with their families.

Warren Batson
President

WALLKILL FIELD CLOSES FOR THE YEAR!

Good to the last minute-some members made sure to get some flying time during the last weekend of September!



No wonder some people need to move south.....it is only Sept. Whit. And on the other hand so few days left to pick on you before you move on!



Jim Wood preparing to taxi out for one of his several very nice flights of the day.

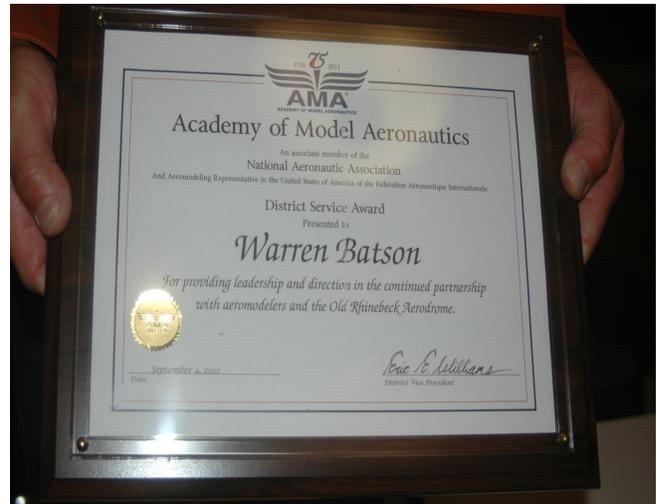
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We did have to wait out a little rain.

Rick, it looks like you are trying to give Bill L. a run for his money on the number of planes owned by one club member.

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING HAPPENINGS:



Warren Batson holding the AMA District Service Award that was presented to him by Eric Williams at Rhinebeck 2012. Congratulations Warren and thank you for all that you do to make the MHRCS so successful.



Whitney brought his beautiful new Corsair. This plane will have lots of bells and whistles. Certainly it will require a far superior engine!



Bob wins the Jim Wood raffle!

VERNONA NY “PUMPKIN FUNFLY”– ROAD TRIP FOR MHRCS FLYERS!

With the Wallkill Field Closed for the year a number of MHRCS members headed north to support CD Eric Williams and his club. The day was quite chilly, but the sky was clear. The runway looked more like a golf green than a runway. It was so lush you would have thought it was Astroturf.



As Bob Allen starts his Chipmunk, the editor’s Pup and Jeff Burton’s Big Stick stand ready to go up.



Warren waits while Bob tries to figure out how to turn on his transmitter.



Otto made the road trip along with the usual group.



Otto's Scrap Box Special did some nice flying.



Warren putting his Cub through its paces. He managed a couple of fine dead stick landings. But the innocent looking spotter behind Warren, without provocation and out of nowhere decided to turn on the editor's peaceful flying Sopwith Pup. Yes, I know it is hard to believe, but just when it seemed safe to get back in the air with the mean spirited Whitney Von Phibrick heading south, the mild mannered and formerly likeable Bob Allen attacked my Pup with his German razor! Then with a sly smile said, "I think I got you once!" Fair warning, don't turn you back on him!



Whitney's Cub coming in for a landing. The grass has been rolled so many times you would think you were flying off a paved surface.

WHITNEY "VON" PHILBRICK'S "ROAST" LUNCHEON BY RON REVELLE

On Saturday, October 20th a number of MHRCS members and guests got together at Coppola's Restaurant in Hyde Park to pay tribute to our friend and fellow pilot, Whitney Philbrick. The editor will use great restraint in resisting taking a few fun shots here at Whit. It ain't easy to do! Because that was a big part of the fun of spending time with Whit. The back and forth banter was always good for a laugh. But with the ease of internet, I am sure it will not cease when Whit heads to Tennessee. Further, when we meet at WOD, it will likely be in full swing again.

I am sure it was no secret that I, like so many members, totally enjoyed his company and appreciated the multiplicity of times that he coached me on building, finishing and other techniques. He was always magnanimous with his time and in the sharing of his talent. The door to his workshop was always open. He was usually the first to reply to a question posed over MHRCS Connections. As was mentioned during the luncheon by Warren, Whit played a key role in securing the Wallkill field for the club. This could go on and on, but to suffice it to say, we have all benefited from the many things that Whit has done for us and the club. As Eric Williams always says at the end of his District II column "remember, it's not about what we fly, it's about the people and the friends we make!" If you can count yourself among Whit's friends, you know how fortunate you are. Perhaps it is a result of his Marine background, he was always motivating us to achieve at a higher level. Thanks for that! Whit, we all wish you and your beautiful family much happiness in Tennessee. Your presence here will be missed.



Warren presenting Whitney with a plaque recognizing his outstanding contribution to the MHRCS.



The editor presenting Whitney with a roundel from the late N17 that fell as a result being hit by some junk falling off Whitney's Fokker. Would you believe.....it might have been lead coming from the rear gunner in the Fokker? Na! Couldn't be!

Luncheon Photos by John Philbrick. Thanks John.