

# Cole & Rita Palen Memorial Free-Flight Model Meet News

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## A N N U A L M O D E L M E E T D A T E S E T F O R J U L Y 2 5 , 2 0 0 9 !

### 2009 Theme - Centenary of Bleriot Channel Crossing and the Reims Meet

We had lots of fun at last year's meet, and that is the same basic plan for this year as well. With the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Louis Bleriot's flight across the English Channel occurring exactly on day of our event, and the first international Air meet at Reims in France taking place in August of 1909, it seems fitting to pay tribute to Bleriot and the other aviators and machines of the Pre-war era this year. Participants are all encouraged to build models of Pioneer type aircraft for the 2009 meet. Of course we will still have our regular events for WWI, Golden Age and All categories, but we would like to put extra emphasis on the 1903-1914 era.

### Pioneer entries to participate in '09:

- **Matt King** - Avro Triplane
- **Ian Hurley** - Eastbourne Monoplane
- **Chris Rogine** - Blackburn Monoplane, Eastbourne Monoplane
- **Tom Polapink** - Bleriot XI, Hanriot, Blackburn
- **Francis Tuoti** - Bleriot XI
- **Herb Eisen** - Nieuport 2N

More to be added to the list as we learn about projects underway. Let us know what you are building!

### Bleriot plan designed specifically for this event

We are developing a special Bleriot XI plan just for the meet which is based on the

Bill Hannan designed Sommer monoplane construction. The fuselage structure uses primarily 1/16" sq. balsa, and the wings and tail are



Above: New Bleriot Plan in development for 2009 Meet - 16" span

made from 1/32" thick sheet balsa. We have wheels and other items available too. If you'd like a plan and some parts, let us know and we'll get them out to you as soon as they are ready. We'd like to make sure our model flies

first before giving out the plans though!

### Other Plans available of Pioneer Era subjects: Henry Struck Designs

Bleriot Channel Conqueror  
[www.arts.ualberta.ca/~idesign/apr-03/apr-2003.html](http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~idesign/apr-03/apr-2003.html)

Wright Flyer  
[www.arts.ualberta.ca/~idesign/jan-03/jan-2003.html](http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~idesign/jan-03/jan-2003.html)

Curtiss Pusher  
[www.arts.ualberta.ca/~idesign/dec-03/dec-2003.html](http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~idesign/dec-03/dec-2003.html)

Caudron monoplane Racer  
[www.arts.ualberta.ca/~idesign/jun-02/June2002.html](http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~idesign/jun-02/June2002.html)

Here's the model page of the Bleriot.org site.  
[www.bleriot.org/docs/models.htm](http://www.bleriot.org/docs/models.htm)

## B O X Y B I P E S & F O K K E R D . V I I S S T I L L W E L C O M E

### Boxy-Bipe Mass Launch

Last year we had an event for "Boxy-Bipes" dressed up to look like WWI fighters. This Bill Hannan designed model is a simple build and flies well. It originally appeared in the Feb. 1977 issue of Model Aviation. This time around the we are encourag-

ing builders to decorate or modify their Boxy Bipes to look a bit more like Farmans, Voisins or Wrights.

Feel free to use your WWI Boxy Bipe from '08 if you aren't inspired to build a new one for 2009.

### Fokker D.VII Mass Launch

Do to the popularity of last year's D.VII Mass-Launch, we'll do it again in 2009 - The list is growing!

Peter Truesdell  
Matt King (2)  
Ken Cassens  
Ryan Cassens

Mike Plot  
Chris Kopely  
Chris Rogine  
Tom Polapink  
Allan Forsyth  
Todd Condelli  
Mike Gross Jr.  
Bob Johnston  
Stew Sommerville

## EVENTS AND AWARDS FOR THE '09 MEET

Basic Events

We will have our usual events, and prizes will be given down to third place unless otherwise specified.

**Pioneer Event** (Pre-WWI)

**WWI Event** (1914-1918)

**Golden Age Event** (1919-1939)

**Mixed Event** (non-scale and/or post 1939)

**Mass Launch** (all types, scale preferred)

**Proxy Event** (all types, scale preferred)

**Taxi Event** (all types)

**Indoor High Flight**

**Pilots' Choice Perpetual Trophy**

Memorial Awards

**Rita Palen/Judy Meyers-Ulfik Memorial Award**

**Larry Potter / Gordon Bainbridge Craftsmanship Award**

**Dick King, - "Sir Percy Goodfellow"**

**Sportsmanship Award**

**Bob Love - Technical Achievement Award**

**Dick Day - Concours d'Elegance Award**

Models do not need to fly (Static Scale welcomed)

**Dave Fox, -"Regal Eagle" Fokker D.VII Mass Launch Award**

**Cole Palen - "Black Baron" - Best Triplane Award**

Special Events for '09

**Boxy Bipe Mass Launch**

**Bleriot Cross Channel Event**

**Fokker D.VII Mass Launch**

2010 Event

The focus will shift to the Golden Age in 2010 in celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pulitzer Trophy Race in NY, and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Air Races in Chicago. Participants will be encouraged to build Golden Age Racers of all types for this meet.

## BLERIOT CROSS CHANNEL EVENT RULES

To participate in the cross Channel event, models should represent a pioneer era machine (Bleriot's and Antoinettes preferred, but not mandatory). The Cross Channel event will take place in the gym. Each participant will get **three attempts** to land their machine on the white cliffs of Dover (the stage) **from three different start locations:**

**A) the nearest foul line** of the basket ball court, or

"Channel" as we will refer to it throughout the weekend.

**B) from half-court**

**C) from the far-side foul line** on the other end of the Channel.

Models landing on the stage from point "A" will receive 30,20,10 or 0 points for each successive attempt. Models landing on the stage from point "B" will receive 60, 50, 40 or 0 points for each successive attempt. Models

landing on the stage from point "C" will receive 100, 80, 70 or 0 points for each successive attempt. Highest score possible is 190 if all three flights land on the stage on the first attempt. Models hitting the curtain and falling to the stage will have their score reduced by 50% for that attempt. Well...that's the preliminary plan anyway...more news and rules as they develop. We need to make sure we can get the gym first!

## PEOPLE NEWS

Congratulations to Bob and Amy Mackenzie and their new baby Lyla. Congrat's also to new Grandma Helga, Grandpa Gary and Great-Uncle Scott!

See Korean Air's newest pilot, Bill King in this youtube TV commercial - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP70e4ITO8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP70e4ITO8)

Look for Andrew King in the new "Barnstorming" film trailer on the Reel Fest Film Festival site, go to

[www.reelstuffilmfest.com](http://www.reelstuffilmfest.com) and click on "Trailers."

Happy Birthday to Ken Cassens (2/4), Herb Eisen (2/10), Mary Hare (2/10) and Jim Hare (2/20).

We are sorry to report the passing of August Blume - Av-historian, author and a former member of the WWI Aeroplanes, Inc. Board.

Happy Anniversary to Stew and Maxine Sommerville!



Bob M. reads the bedtime story of Manfred von Richthofen to little Lyla.

PALLEN MEET HISTORY



Hanriot and Blackburn

Past events

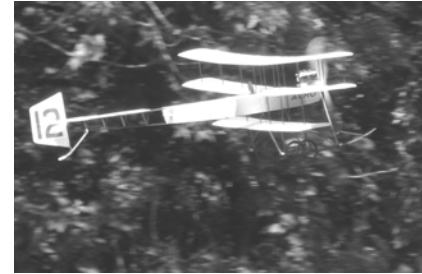
2005 - Cole Palen/Wright Brothers Celebration

2006 - Cole and Rita Palen Celebration

2007 - Cole, Rita & Trans - Oceanic Flight - Lindy 80th Anniversary Celebration

2008 - Cole, Rita & 90th Anniversary of the Armistice

2009 - Cole, Rita & 100th anniversaries of the Bleriot Channel Crossing and Reims International Air Meet



Matt King's Avro Triplane to participate in 2009!



MORE PIONEER ERA PLANS AND KITS TO PICK FROM

PLANS

Peanut-scale Lincoln Beachey Monoplane, Santos-Dumont 14bis, various Bleriot, Castaibert IV, Wright Bros. Types, Chiribiri No. 5, Morane-Saunier Racer - similar to a G or H fuselage. Bleriot VII - 1907-08 low-wing with covered fuselage, Antoinette, Blackburn, Deperdussin and more...just ask us what you are looking

for and we'll try to find it for you.

KITS

[www.pennvalleyhobbycenter.com](http://www.pennvalleyhobbycenter.com) has several kits of Pioneer types available: **RN Models** - Lincoln Beachey Monoplane 28" and 36", Bleriot XI - 26", Caudron Monoplane - 31" (Struck design), Avro Triplane 32", Curtiss Pusher- 26".

Easy-Built Models -

"Museum Series" kits, (may not be designed for flying, but will build up to be nice static models). Series includes - Curtiss Silver Dart, Wright Flyer, Bleriot XI & Taube.

If you prefer, you can call Penn Valley Hobby Center here: (215) 855-1268

*In August of 1909, 500,000 spectators gathered at Reims, France to witness the first International Air Meet.*

2008 WINNERS

Pioneer

- 1st—Peter Rogine
- 2nd— Gwen Ackley
- 3rd—Tom Polapink

WWI

- 1st—Matt King
- 2nd—Chris Rogine
- 3rd—Sean Tavares

Golden Age

- 1st—Michael Maniaitis
- 2nd—Ryan Cassens
- 3rd—Peter Truesdell

Mixed event

- 1st—Mary Ellen Sinclair
- 2nd—Ken Cassens

3rd—Peter Truesdell

Taxi Event

- 1st—Francis Tuoti
- 2nd—Mike Sweeney
- 3rd—Chris Rogine
- 4th—Connor O'Neil

Boxy Biplane Mass Launch

- 1st—Peter Truesdell
- 2nd—Ken Cassens
- 3rd—Mary Ellen Sinclair
- 4th—Connor O'Neil

Fokker D.VII Mass Launch

- 1st—Matt King
- 2nd—Mike Plot
- 3rd—Stew Sommerville

Pilot's Choice—Matt King

**G. Bainbridge/L.Potter /A. Keefe Craftsman-ship award** - Michael Maniatias

**Bob Love Technical Achievement Award** - Howie Applegate

**Best two-seater**—Sean Tavares

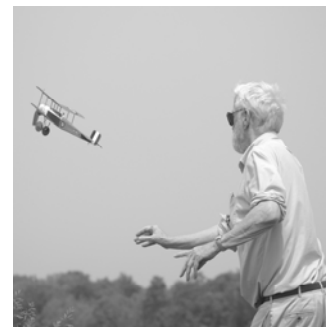
**Rita Palen/Judy Meyers Women's event Award**—Mary-Ellen Sinclair

**Dick King Sportsmanship Award**—Tom Polapink

**Cole Palen/Best Triplane Award**— Matt King

**Dick Day Concours d' Elegance Award**— Ken Cassens

**Best Tree Climbing Performance**—Charlie Day



Leo Opdycke once again flies a Bristol Scout D; this time at our 2008 FF meet.





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**Start building something now!**

Cole Palen gave the world his life's

work...the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. In addition to building, flying and restoring full-scale antique aircraft, Cole was an avid Free Flight model builder & flier. In 2005 some of his friends and fans decided to honor his memory with an annual Free Flight Model Meet..

For the first event, we celebrated Cole's Dec. 29 Birthday on December 17, 2005 (also the 102 anniversary of the Wright's first flight), and flew our models in a foot of snow! Thankfully, the sun was shining on us that day and the air temperature was warm enough to allow us to enjoy ourselves. Unpredictable December weather in New York's Hudson Valley prompted us to move the event to the spring and summer months in subsequent years. We also honor the memory of Rita Palen for her important role in supporting Cole to achieve success in doing what he loved to do so much.

## Come join us for a fun day of Flying!

This event is *primarily* for scale, rubber-powered models of full-scale aircraft built between 1900 and 1939. Awards will be given for *Longest Individual Timed Flights of Pioneer Era, WWI, & Golden Age* models, and there will be a "Mixed Category" (for non-scale models & post 1940 scale models). Prizes for the *Mass Launch, Pilot's choice* - (voted by the participants) and the special *Taxi/shuffleboard event* (for those of us who have no hope of winning a flying event) will also be awarded. Other categories may be added as plans for the event continue to develop.

The primary goals of this event are:

- to remember Cole & Rita Palen
- to have a lot of fun while doing so.

### Directions:

Red Hook High School  
(This location may be tight for better performing models)

From the NYS Thruway: Red Hook High School is located just West of the main intersection of Rt. 199 and Route 9 in the heart of Red Hook. From the NYS Thruway, take exit 19 and follow signs to the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. Cross Bridge and make a left onto 199 at the second light. Go to the next light and make a right onto route 199 toward Red Hook. The school is located on the left side, just past the ball field (which you will see on your right). If you cross Rt. 9, you have passed the school. LOOK FOR SIGNS WHEN YOU GET

NEAR THE AREA.

From the Taconic State Parkway: Get off at the Red Hook/Rhinebeck exit for 199. Head toward Red Hook. When you come to the fork in the road, bear right to remain on 199. Pass Route 9 and the school will be on your right. First you will see Red Hook Junior High School, and the High School follows it. If you pass a baseball field on the left while on Rt. 199, you have just passed the school. LOOK FOR SIGNS WHEN YOU GET NEAR THE AREA.

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This event is not associated with Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Airshows/Rhinebeck Aerodrome Museum