

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events.

April 5th Regular Meeting. 7:00 PM, Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

April 10th Redwing Field Work Party. 9:00 AM– subject to change

April 17th Wallkill Field Work Party. 9:00 AMO subject to change

April 19th Board Meeting. 7:00 PM, Philbrick's

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President's Corner

Well it looks like the nice weather has finally arrived. I had a chance to get my first flight of the season in last Sunday at the Red Wing Field. The first flight felt very good. Not any of the usually nervous butterflies.

I talked to the Red Wing Property owner and he informed me that the lacrosse teams will be starting in about 2 weeks. He delayed the teams start due the wetness of the fields. The girls team will be using our field #4 for games and practices.

Just a reminder that the teams use of our field take precedence over our use of the field. This agreement was part of the upfront negotiations from the very beginning. If you are at the field and a the sports teams show up to use the field please turn over the use to them.

Rick Rizza Wallkill field chairman will be checking the status of the Wallkill field on April 1st to see how wet the field is. This field remains closed until an official note is sent out the members. This is being done in an effort to stop the field from getting destroyed by ruts the first few days of the season. So please be patient.

Please check the MHRCS web site calendar as there will be a work party at both fields in the coming months. Wallkill will require the largest effort as we need to set the shed and make a larger more secure door and ramp for the mower. I will send out an email prior to each work party with a list of items to do and tools required.

The Boy Scouts have asked MHRCS to do a static display and indoor/outdoor flying at their 100th Anniversary Camporee held at the Dutchess County Fair grounds on May 15th, from 8am to 4pm. Food concessions will be open for lunch and dinner. They expect over 2000 people present at Sat. main event.

MHRCS will be given one of the taller pavilions to use for indoor flying for the day. If you would like to participate in this event please contact myself or one of the board members. More details will be passed along.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Warren Batson

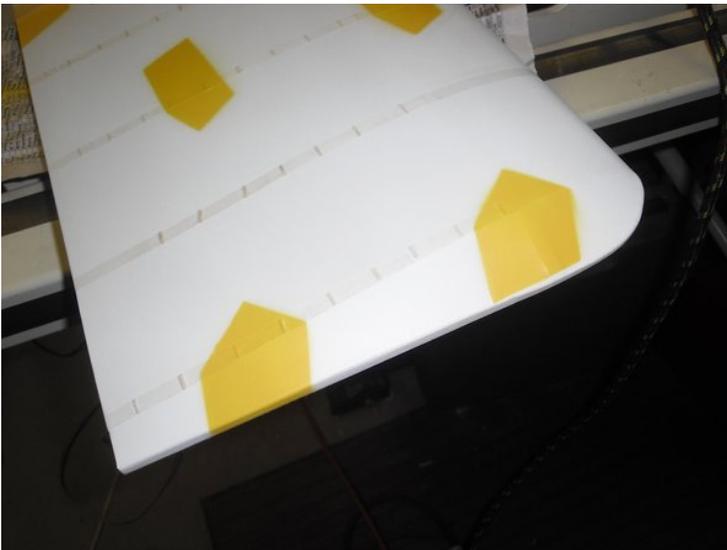
MHRCS President

PS: A new field committee has been started and will actively be looking for a new field. You can pass along any field leads to the board. Also contact the board if you would like to be part of this committee.



Warren's D7 Progress

The photos on the left and the comments below are from Warren concerning his progress in painting the D7 that we have been watching all along. Warren's observations made in the process of painting may be of help to other members as they venture into the use of latex paint, etc. .



Painted the tail feathers last night and the fuse center band and snake today.

I am really getting a good handle on this latex painting and really liking it. It is the easiest painting process I have ever used in 40 years of modeling.

I used clear self stick shelving paper (film, not really paper) placed over a whit background and shot the red over the stencil. You have to apply very light dry first coats but it worked out very well as you can see.

the wing is a test wing I set up with rib stitching to see if I could use a stencil to paint the lozenge patterns. The results were great. the stencil is not stuck in place so you have to hold the stencil down to the wing while spraying very light, dry coats of paint. There is some slight over spray that creeps under the stencil and gives a shadow line effect. I thin it will help it look like real silk screening process where colors overlay each other.

So making great progress. Tomorrow I make the rest of my lozenge stencils and maybe start painting the wings.

Progress is moving forward and never looking back!!!
and progress we are making

Warren

Some of you may have seen this but if not, it is a little fun reading for fill before our flying season really gets under way

Subject: Speeding ticket

Two Highway Patrol Officers were conducting speeding enforcement on I-15, just north of Oceanside, San Diego, California.

One of the officers was using a hand held radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching the crest of a hill. The officers were suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 miles per hour and climbing.

The officer attempted to reset the radar gun, but it would not reset and then it suddenly turned off. Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact locked on to a USMC F/A-18 Hornet which was engaged in a low flying exercise near this, it's home base location.

Back at the California Highway Patrol Headquarters the Patrol Captain fired off a complaint to the US Marine Corps. Base Commander for shutting down his equipment.

The reply came back in true **USMC** style:

'Thank you for your letter. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked on to, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it, which is why it shut down.

Furthermore, an Air-to-Ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had also automatically locked on to your equipment location.

Fortunately, the Marine Pilot flying the Hornet recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile system alert status and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched to destroy the hostile radar position.

The pilot suggests you cover your mouths when cussing at them, since the video systems on these jets are very high tech. Sergeant Johnson, the officer holding the radar gun, should get his dentist to check his left rear molar. It appears the filling is loose. Also, the snap is broken on his holster.'

Semper Fi

Newsletter input needed! By the Editor

As we approach the new flying season....ok many of us started it on January 1st....But as the weather warms and members get ready to test fly that new creation, how about sharing your experience in a few paragraphs and sending them to flycast1@hvc.rr.com so they can be included in a future newsletter. Tell us what kit, arf. homebuilt or whatever you are flying. Let us know what radio and what engine you are using. Give us a short review of the plus and minuses of the craft. You might include any modifications you found necessary to make it more airworthy. Your comments may help other club members decide to put together the same plane or avoid making the same mistake. For example, John Philbrick and I fly the same Cub and recently Ron Knapp decided to get one too. We were able to share our suggestions with Ron so he didn't have a strut come loose in flight.

Another example.....Two years ago I purchased a China Models 40 size P-40. It is a beautiful looking aircraft and the price was right. The finish is the most realistic I have seen. It looks great! Try to take off from a grass field with the stock size wheels and forget it! Nose over every time. Put larger wheels on it and it will get in the air.

It looks excellent in the air....but watch out...little or no wing washout and it will snap on you really fast if you don't stay on it all the time....I did some research on the net and found that virtually everyone that has flown the plane has lost theirs due to the same snap tendency. The article about the plane that appeared in Model Airplane News gave it nice reviews....only a minor mention of the plane's real flaw. From what I have heard, the 60 size version of the same plane does not have the same problem. Oh, also the directions that come with the 40 size version have the CG way off. In fact they are the correct measurements for the 60 size plane.... My China Models P-40 has one beautiful flight on it. A perfect landing and it now sits in my shop.....any buyers out there?

A while ago, Warren and Whit exchanged e-mails with it might have been Bill regarding setting up flying tips on 1/4 size aircraft. My laptop bought the farm so I lost the e-mails but I sure would love to include those tips in a future newsletter. Any chance any of you forwarding them to me? The advice shared would be worthy of keeping on file in a newsletter for others making the move to 1/4 scale aircraft.

Well, have to get this out to members, but please be sure to send me some reports on your new planes and how you like them. Also, since I will not likely fly regularly at the Red Wing field, photos and comments on happenings there would be appreciated for the newsletter. Most of my flying will be at the Walkkill field since it is so close to my home.

CAVU till next time.... Ron