

HI Members,

The flying season is well under way and from talking to members it seems that both fields are getting a lot of usage. I would like to remind everyone that our July 2nd field meeting will be held at the Red Wing field. Come early and fly. A very short meeting will be held at 7pm.

There were 5 new members that recently joined Mid Hudson so we are doing a formal training night on Thursdays at the Red Wing field. This is not an exclusive flight training night. Our first 2 nights out were windy but these new pilots braved the 15mph+ winds and flew, and they did very well. The strong winds turned out to be a good experience for them. I am pleasantly surprised that Red Wing is working out very well for training. I thought the tunnel effect caused by the trees on the left side would be problematic to new pilots, but they seem to be coping well.

I would like to say a few things about safety. While at the Wallkill field this past Saturday, a .60 size airplane went into the pit area. This plane flew past a pilot on the flight line and landed in between two cars. No one was hurt. This was caused by a strong wind gust upon lift off and not enough airspeed on take off to control the airplane. While this can happen to any one of us, I would like to remind our members to be aware of the airplanes abilities to handle the flying conditions and more importantly your own flying skills. If there are a lot of people at the field Please adjust your flying accordingly to the flying conditions as well as the crowd. If your airplane or flying skills are not up to handling the winds please do not fly. Safety must come first. I bring this up as this plane just missed a pilot and just missed landing in my tent area.

One last item to discuss this month is the upcoming Rhinebeck Jamboree held at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Sept 10, 11 & 12. It is once again that time of year when chairpersons will be asking members to sign up for work positions. For new members this is an opportunity to get your work hours which will reduce your dues for next year.

I will be getting a Chairperson listing and send it out in a separate member emailing.

Hope everyone is getting to use our facilities and they are getting lots of flying time.

Fly safely.

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