

Wing Tips

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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **Friday May 9: – MONTHLY MEETING**, Highland Middle School Gym, 71 Main St., Highland, NY 12528, 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Indoor flying, and a short meeting will begin at 7:30pm. *Note: Please limit flying to indoor types -- fly the larger, more aggressive models outdoors or at larger indoor sites. Sneakers or other gym floor type footwear should be worn.*
- **Saturday, May 10: - FLOAT FLY AT LAKE TAGHKANIC**, see April Wing Tips Issue for details
- **Sunday, May 11: - INDOOR FLY SESSION, CANCELLED** Senate Gym, SUNY Ulster, 1:00pm – 5:00pm.
- **Saturday, May 17: - BOY SCOUT EVENT**, Dutchess County Fair Grounds, Flavio is asking for volunteers to set up a static display and possibly limited flying at a Boy Scout. Contact Flavio if you can assist and/or provide a flight simulator.
- **Saturday May 31: - Ralph R. Smith Hobby Day**, West Road Field, RC Hobby showcase. (see From the Presidents Cockpit article for more information)
- **Saturday, August 9: - CLUB PICNIC**, West Road Field. Additional info to follow as the date approaches

Regular Events:

- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT WEST ROAD FIELD** - Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting. Charge your batteries and let's fly!
- **MONTHLY WINTER CLUB MEETINGS AT HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Upcoming club meet-

ings and flying sessions at will be held at Highland Middle School, dates are: 6/13/14.

Editors Corner

If you have articles or info to share with the club please do send it along. The next Wing Tips deadline is June 6. Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us

From the President's Cockpit

Flying activity in the past month has picked up considerably at the field in spite of unseasonably cool temperatures and quite a few windy days. Members are showing up with recently obtained planes that were either purchased or built.

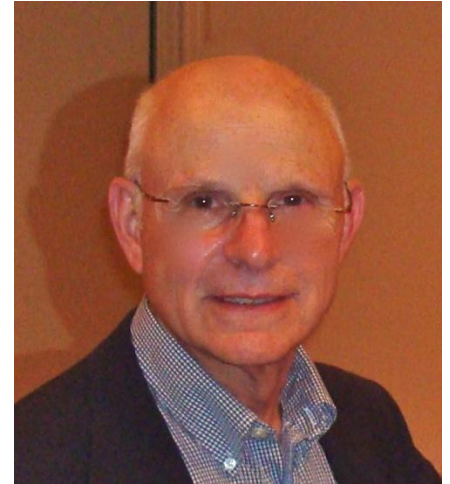
Plans are in place to make improvements to our field over the next several months. A work day scheduled for May 3rd will focus on the expanded parking area where the soil will be cleared of rocks and grass planted. Cameron Masker, as part of his work to achieve Eagle Scout status has proposed a number of projects to enhance our field. These include such things as building and securing 2 new raised paths from the steps to the flight pads, constructing a new flight pad on the runway, removing weeds from the runway, fixing some of the cracks and staining the picnic benches.

We have been asked again to showcase our hobby at the Ralph R. Smith Hobby Day on May 31st and Pleasant Valley Days in early September. Unlike in the past when we have gone to the sites of these programs we are now inviting people to come to our field. In this way we can provide a better understanding of our hobby as well as opportunities to have a flying experience.

We will be participating in National Model Aviation Day on August 9th., the day of our annual picnic/fun-fly. Funds raised will go to the Wounded Warrior Project. I am still waiting to hear if our request for a State Proclamation for this day has been granted.

One of the highlights of our annual picnic/fun-fly has been the combat event where Flying Wings attempt to cut each others streamers. The Flying Wing that may be used for this year's event has been designed by Scott Fellin. It's a great flyer and Scott has agreed to do a building workshop for those members who would like to construct it. You will be notified of the details of the workshop as soon as they are worked out.

Fly Safely, have Fun and remember, our Club is as much about People as Planes, Bob



MEETING MINUTES – April 11, 2014

1. Meeting was called to order by President Santoro at 7:30pm.
2. Thanks to all who contributed to the April Wingtips. This was one of our largest newsletters to date.
3. John briefly talked about his trip to AMA headquarters, and encouraged others to go.
4. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2014 meeting. Motion was carried.
5. Treasurer Tom reported that there is \$1892.90. Expenses this month included stamps for the secretary and our AMA Charter fee. Not included in the \$1892.0 is \$500.00 that is held by the Highland School District as a deposit for the use of the gym. There is \$509.00 in the snow removal/mowing fund. A motion was made to accept the Treasures report. The motion was carried.
6. At the request of the membership, Bob Santoro contacted the AMA to ask why was the Wounded Warrior Project chosen as the entity to be the recipient of funds collected during National Model Aviation Day. He was told that since many AMA members are veterans as are many members of the AMA Board of Directors, it seemed appropriate to support that organization. Please note that we may support any group that we wish. A motion was made to support National Model Aviation Day by donating any funds collected to the Wounded Warrior project. Motion was carried.

7. President Bob has contacted the Governor's office and will put the wheels in motion receive a New York State Proclamation of National Aviation Day.
8. Ralph R. Smith School's Hobby Day will take place again as last year at the HP railroad station. Brad, Lloyd, Bob, and Tom participated last year. Dillon, Grahame, and Bob expressed an interest to help this year. Bob will also ask Lloyd and Brad if they are able to help this year.
9. Make sure to label your planes in accordance with AMA regulations: Ensure the aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. (This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.) AMA Safety Code Effective 1/1/14 A(2)(f)
10. The MAPS club flies at New Paltz HS on Sunday Mornings. You are invited to attend.
11. The Pleasant Valley field is in need of some maintenance, rocks removal, and grass planting. We also need more people who are willing' and have to equipment to mow the grass.
12. A member asked that club meetings (in Highland) and flying at UCCC not be scheduled on the same weekend.
13. Show and Tell
 - a. Bob D. Presented is Sea Dog made by Steve Curran. Bob pointed out the rubber powered dethermalizer.
 - b. Dillon presented his Flyzone Tidewater float plane. He did the maiden flight at Morgan Lake in Poughkeepsie. He also offered his video camera to anyone who might be interested in borrow to film their flights.
14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Secretary J. Knight May 1, 2014

INTERESTING STUFF

Dillon Losee –

- This is a special video I made as a contest for our club. There are 4 categories TO=takeoff ST=single trick L=landing and C=crash. 3 rules to vote,
 - you must be model master member
 - 1 vote in each category per member
 - Should any ties occur, Dillon will be the tiebreaker.

More info and video clips for your review can be found here →

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDfAXkakB04&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Email your votes to kyuubi1989@gmail.com or post to the comments section of the video clip. (vote Example TO1 ST1 L1 C1). The video will be unlisted but live via the link provided till after may 30th

I hope you all enjoy this contest, I hope to see you at the field soon.

- If you have seen me flying my wl toys v913 400size fp4ch heli I must say DON'T GET ONE. 10-15 flights in the main motor has burned out or quit and that's why it just dropped out of the sky that day at the field. SO NOT A LONG TIME RELIABLE RC HELI.
- Watch "ARMIN WING CONSTRUCTION: start-to-finish process with links to detail videos" on YouTube → https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=karr67ZYho4&feature=youtube_gdata_player
- As a thanks and because the member who gave me this plane has not yet seen it fly so here are the links to the flight of my telink extravaganza
 - <http://youtu.be/et2f4TFJuL8>
 - <http://youtu.be/LpHk51vR8dI>
 - <http://youtu.be/jghyHe5sz-A>
- And some others
- Brad quad freestyle stunts
 - <http://youtu.be/-66-fYQFNII>
- Scott's micro mig 15
 - <http://youtu.be/xJliaZyk8Z4>
- Brads 737

- <http://youtu.be/DpskmxeAKPU>
- Best indoor 3d (that I was able to film) this past winter
 - <http://youtu.be/AZZ8yhDzKaA>
- This is my first experience with lipo failure and man was it scary. I smelled some smell like warm electronics and looked immediately at my charging lipo and it was almost 3x larger than it should have been I now have it in salt water in a pot in my bath tub and will leave it there for 3 days to let it slowly discharge or till total failure so I can dispose of it safely. The entire battery was heated even the discharge plug I carried it by was hot I am extremely lucky it did not burst in to flames. This was the battery I flew my telink on last. I'm am glad there was no property damage. Thank god. Make sure to keep an eye on those batteries. Fly safe, see you all at the field.

MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER – Graham Foster

1. How did you get into the hobby/sport?

I got into the hobby by buying a plane off of QVC shopping network. While my wife and I were watching, a Cox Cessna R/C with a two channel radio was for sale which I purchased. It turned out to be a piece of garbage. I showed it to Lloyd Quick who had me take it to a Mid-Hudson R/C Society meeting where it was picked apart. It was there that I met Don Williams who I became good friends with. He found me a trainer, cheap, that I purchased from another member. Don lent me a radio, flight box and everything else I needed to get started in the hobby. For Christmas that year my wife bought me a new Futaba 4 channel radio, starter, flight box, battery and OS4 FP engine. I also received a Midwest Aerostar 40 kit which I built with Don at his workshop.



2. How long have you been in the hobby/sport?

Started in summer of 1987.

3. What aspect of the hobby/sport are you most interested?

Electric planes and Helicopters -use to be into nitro powered but electric is much quieter and cleaner.

4. Do you remember your 1st plane? If so which one?

Yes, it was the Midwest Aerostar 40 mentioned above.

5. Do you have a favorite Plane? If so which one and why?

The Beast - because it is very stable, maneuverable and a lot of fun to fly.

6. What is the most challenging part of the hobby/sport for you?

Learning helicopters, I can fly them around but I need to learn how to do 3D flips, loops and rolls.

7. Do you have goals regarding what you want to accomplish in the hobby/sport?

I would like to eventually have the patience to teach others to fly, especially kids, to get them into the hobby. I would like to get a group of kids to show them how to build and cover a plane (kit). One member of the group would have the plane, the radio and supplies and I would teach them how to fly it. I think that the more youngsters we get into the hobby the better.

8. Do you have other hobbies or areas of interest and if so what are they?

Not really the radio controlled is very addicting.

9. Do you have any advise for new people getting into the hobby/sport?

The best thing they can do is to get involved with a club or a person that knows how to fly. If not, immediate crashes are inevitable, resulting in discouragement and giving up the hobby. I am glad that I knew Lloyd who got me into the club.