

# Wing Tips

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### The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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### 2014 Club Officers

President: Bob Santoro

Secretary: John Knight

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Vice President: Ron Irvin

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Junior VP: Tyler Irvin

### Club Calendar

#### Coming Up:

- **Friday June 13: – MONTHLY MEETING,** West Road field, meeting begins 6:30pm, flying before and after the meeting.
- **Saturday June 22: - Central Connecticut RC Club Warbirds over Farmington,** for more information go to <http://www.ccrclub.org>
- **Thursday July 3: - July Wing Tips Article submissions due,** Send your submissions to [wingtips@modelmasters.us](mailto:wingtips@modelmasters.us)
- **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!

### From the President's Cockpit



May started out with a very productive field work day. On May 3rd a large turnout of members worked on the field to remove rocks from the newly excavated parking area as well as the slope on the eastern side of the runway. This was done to avoid mowers being damaged by the rocks. The appearance of both these areas has improved as the grass seed that was planted has begun to grow.

On May 5th I had a very pleasant and worth while meeting with Mrs. Carol Campbell, the newly elected Pleasant Valley Town Supervisor. Topics of discussion included the history

of our club, membership, activities, field usage, safety, insurance and community outreach. We also discussed the future of the park which at this time has no definite plans for development. Mrs. Campbell expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to learn about our club as she said her perception has greatly changed. She was quite surprised at the number of members we have and the amount of activity that exists at the field as well as the Highland Middle School. She extended her offer to help in any way she can. We are fortunate to have her as a supporter of our club

On May 24th we had a mowing day. We can no longer expect Lloyd do be the sole mower of the entire field and parking area. He needs our help. One suggestion was to have several push mowers at the field and use a number of members to do the mowing. George Amenta brought his mulching mower and it took 2 hours to do the parking area with George and 3 other members taking turns mowing. This is not an ideal plan but if we had 2 or 3 mowers available along with mowing volunteers, the time to do the job would be cut down considerably. Ideally we need members who have access to lawn tractors with the ability to transport them to the field. We have a gem of a field but it is only attractive and enjoyable to use when it is mowed. Unmowed it will start to look like a vacant lot full of thorny brush and a haven for ticks. I welcome any suggestions you have to tackle this challenging task

We have had a nice response to registration for the building workshop that will be conducted by Scott Fellin on July 12th. It will be held either at Brad's home or his new manufacturing facility on Salt Point Turnpike. This year's build will be a combat wing that Scott has built and found to be a very nice flyer. Hopefully these will be flown in combat at our annual picnic/fun-fly on August 9th.

Lastly, I am still waiting to hear if my application to have New York State designate August 16th as National Model Aviation Day has been accepted.

Fly Safely, have fun and remember our hobby/sport is as much about the people as flying the planes. Bob

## MEETING MINUTES – May 9, 2014

1. Meeting was called to order by Secretary, John Knight at 7:31pm.
2. There were 9 members in attendance and no guests.
3. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2014 meeting. Motion was carried.
4. Tom reported that there is \$1932.90 in the accounting including \$499.00 for mowing and plowing, \$500.00 on deposit for flying at Highland MS. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
5. President Bob has contacted the NYState gov't and is awaiting a declaration of Model Aviation Day.
6. The Field Work day was well attended. Thanks to all who participated.
7. Cameron Masker is seeking approval from the scoutmaster and the Town of Pleasant Valley to engage in additional field improvement projects.
8. President Bob, met with Carol Cambell the Pleasant Valley Town Supervisor. The club has been good stewards of the field. It appears that there are no plans to develop the park in the near future beyond it's current usage.
9. We are looking for a few people with push mowers who would assist in mowing sections of the field that cannot be mowed by a large tractor.
10. Our next combat plane for the picnic will come from Scott Felin. A building session is being planed for a day in the summer at Brad's house with Scott Moderating Watch your email for more details. (FYI- A build session is planned for July 12.
11. Reminder: No indoor flying at UCCC for May 11.
12. Next Meeting will be June 13 at the Pleasant Valley Field
13. Show and Tell

- a. Lloyd presented his vibrating battery voltage checker. The device is attached to the battery in your plane and will transmit a signal to a receiver. It will vibrate when the battery voltage has reached a predetermined level. Approx. \$30.00 from Hobby King
- b. Bob DiGiacomio presented his new Apprentice. It is equipped with SAFE technology. We wish Bob many happy flights.
- c. John K Briefly talked about the process involved in donating an item to the AMA museum.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48

Respectfully submitted, Secretary J. Knight May 30, 2014

## INTERESTING STUFF

**Dillon Losee** – Watch "Testing the Carbon Cub fight envelope" on YouTube --

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwQwO6XjfiU&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwQwO6XjfiU&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

**Bill Bolitho** – Full scale electric flight. A scale model of this would be unusual because it would use the same motive power as the original. -- <http://a380airbus.com/first-test-flight-of-airbus-electric-e-fan-aircraft/>

## MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER – George Amenta

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

Well for my 13th birthday I got some air time with a Cessna 172 and decided that I wanted to be a pilot. But then I realized that I can't get my license for a few years and don't have enough money to pay for lessons. Me and my dad had built a few plastic models and so I decided to try RC planes.

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

I have been flying model aircraft for about 9 months.

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

I am currently most interested in civilian aircraft and warbirds that are flown in a scale fashion.

### 4. What was your 1st plane?

The Hobbyzone Champ RTF. I saved up and bought it for \$100 and taught myself to fly without a simulator or any prior experience except that I gained from a real plane.

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

My favorite plane right now is the Parkzone P 47 Thunderbolt. It's a 4 channel warbird and me and my dad added the optional flaps and retracts. It's stable to the point where I have flown it in 13-15 mph crosswinds. And even with the throws at 100% it still flies scale.

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

The hardest part for me is trying to save up enough money to buy the plane or accessory that I want.

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

I would like to try and build a plane. I also want to give 3D flying a shot.

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



I have been playing guitar for almost 9 years now. I'm in a blues band called The Flaming Meatballs (you can look it up on youtube). We recently played at the chance in Poughkeepsie (actually a few members showed up). I also have been playing the string bass for about 4 years and I play in the school orchestra. I also build models. Plastic planes, wooden boats, and I have an N scale train layout.

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

Yes, I would say to go and join a club. I think it's the best way to get into the hobby and learn how to fly. Everyone is super nice and you can ask real questions instead of looking it up on the Internet.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE by Dillon Losee & Bob Santoro**

Photos from field maintenance performed on May 3:



We had a few members at the field Saturday 24th cleaning up rocks, filling the holes back in, and mowing there were 4 or more people switching the use of push mower, one of our fellow members brought, then when there was only a few of us left at the field Lloyd surprised us by coming down the drive way with his Kubota to mow the remaining bit of the field. I am glad we have people willing to help maintain the field we all use. I am glad I can help when able too.

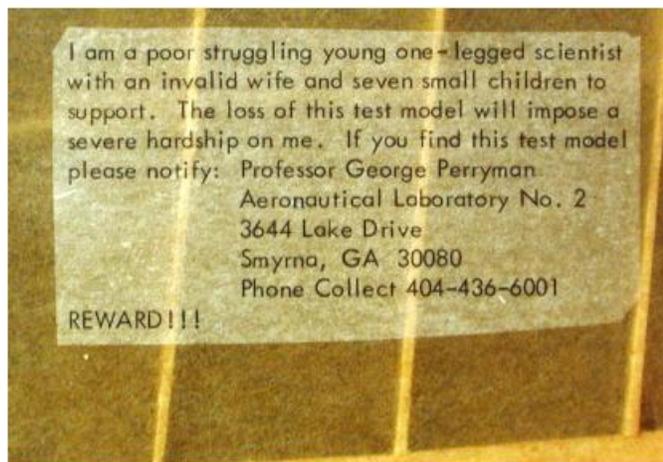
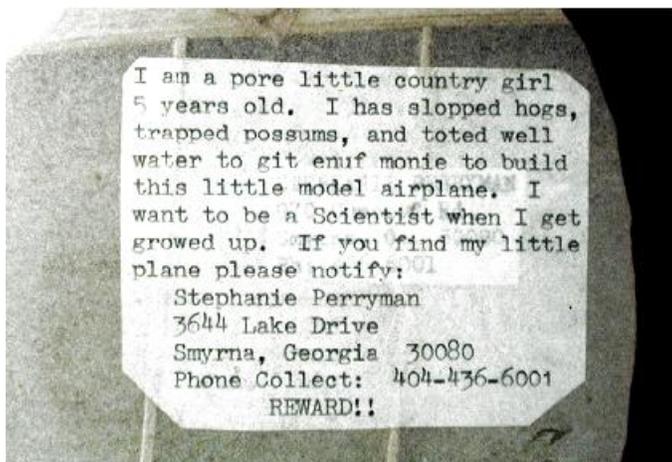


## GEORGE PERRYMAN'S HUMOR by Jesse Aronstein



*George Perryman at the '83 Nationals with one of his "Speckled Bird" designs*

I first met George at the '83 AMA Nationals at Chicopee, Mass., where he spent much time with a small group flying weird free-flight models in some offbeat events dubbed "the Unofficial Nats". George had a great sense of humor as well as a gift for modeling. His various "Speckled Bird" models were high-performing flying jokes, right down to the ID "reward to finder" labels. Here are two samples.



George could have been the "poster child" for my pet theme of "**model building as the training ground for our country's future aeronautical engineers**". He built his first model at age 6. Growing up with the hobby, he became an aeronautical engineer, and worked for Lockheed. He became a professor of aeronautics at Georgia Tech, where he helped educate the next generation of aero engineers. A lifetime model builder, he was an inspiration to many young modelers because of his unusual designs and the attention he paid to youngsters in our hobby (including my own son David, who is now a PhD Aero Engineer at Bechcraft). George Perryman passed away in Feb. 2003, and is fondly remembered.

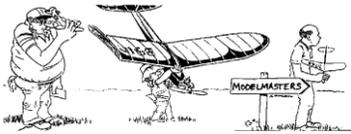
## BOY SCOUT CAMPORALL by Flavio Ambrosini

On the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Boy Scouts held their “CamporAll” at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY.

Several modelers from the Modelmasters and MHSRC clubs brought along various models and flight simulators to the event. There was a constant flow of curious scouts that visited our display, including their equally curious parents. On display were an assortment of models including gliders, a scratch built foam model, a biplane, electric ducted fan jet, and even control line models. The simulators were in constant use throughout the day.

A special “thank you” to the following people for their participation: Bill Bolitho, Bob DiGiacomio, Ron Kiedaisch (MHRCS), John Knight, Flavio Ambrosini





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