

Wing Tips

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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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President: Bob Santoro

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Junior VP: Tyler Irvin

Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **Friday, Sept. 12 – Sunday Sept. 14: - NEAT Fair:** For more information see → www.neatfair.org/
- **Sunday, Sept. 13 – Pleasant Valley Days RC Experience:** See Bob's From the President's Cockpit article, volunteers are needed to assist.
- **Friday, Sept. 19: - CLUB MEETING,** West Road Field, 7pm, flying anytime before and after meeting (last meeting at field), Rain date Saturday, September 20, 2014 11am
- **Saturday, Sept. 20 - CCRCC Big Biplane Bash, Farmington CT.** For more information see → <http://www.ccrclub.org>
- **Thursday, Oct. 2: - September Wing Tips Article submissions due,** Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us

Regular Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS AT HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Oct. through May club meetings and flying sessions at will be held at Highland Middle School, dates are: October 10th- Friday; November 14th-Friday; December 19th- Friday; January 15th- Thursday; February 19th- Thursday; March 19th- Thursday; April 16th- Thursday; May 15th- Friday
- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT WEST ROAD FIELD** - Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting. Charge your batteries and let's fly!

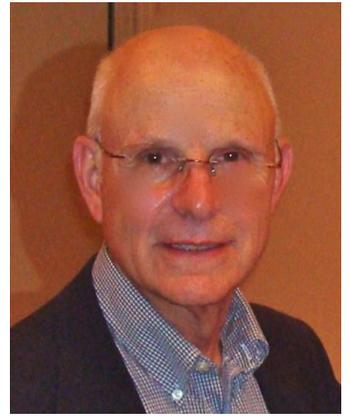
From the President's Cockpit

The highlight of August was our 4th Annual Picnic/ Fun-Fly. Attended by 38 members and guests we had excellent flying weather, great food prepared by chef Tom Eng and his helpers, wife, Susan Eng, John Knight and Dom Fusca. There was a lot of participation in the creatively designed Fun-Fly events developed and conducted by Brad. The results of the competitions are included in this issue.

We participated in National Model Aviation Day sponsored by our national organization, AMA and raised \$100 for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Although I'm disappointed we did not receive a proclamation from New York State for National Model Aviation Day we did receive a Certificate of Recognition awarded and signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Our biggest asset, other than our members is our flying field. I'm happy to report that



STATE OF NEW YORK EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

Certificate of Recognition

Presented to the:

MID-HUDSON MODELMASTERS

on the special occasion of your celebration of National Model Aviation Day. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I commend the purpose and practice of your association, which furthers and develops the appreciation of model airplanes, sharing this enjoyable pastime with the public, and supporting local charities.

Congratulations on this growing recreational activity
and best wishes for continued success.

Awarded this sixteenth day of August
in the year two thousand fourteen




ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

regular mowing by Bruce Fallon, Lloyd Quick, Brad Quick and Dillon Losee have made a marked improvement to the appearance of the field. Lloyd has maintained our newly acquired tractor which we are using to mow the area in front of the runway. The use of the mower is still in a trial period. Ultimately, if all goes well, we will be seeking volunteers to share in the area of mowing done by the tractor.

We will be participating in Pleasant Valley Days on Sunday, September 14th. We will be doing flight demonstrations, have simulators available and possibly provide flight opportunities. I hope available members will come to the field between 9:00 AM to 12:00PM so we can do a good job of showcasing our hobby.

I'm determining the interest for a field trip to an aviation museum within a reasonable driving distance from our area. See my article in this issue and please let me know if you have any interest.

The last club meeting at our field will be held on September 19th at 7:00 PM. Beginning in October our meetings will again be held at the Highland Middle School. See the schedule in this issue.

Fly safely, have fun and remember, our hobby is as much about the people we meet as the planes we fly. Bob

AVIATION MUSEUM FIELD TRIP by Bob Santoro

In addition to flying aircraft of various types members often discuss the historical background of their aircraft as well as aviation history in general. In light of this interest I thought it would be nice to visit an aviation museum within a reasonable driving distance from our area. My research uncovered a number of such museums, two of which appeared to be quite good, at least in the opinion of visitors that reported on them through internet sites such as Trip Advisor.

The two museums that appeared to have a lot to offer in the way of exhibits both inside and out that got excellent reviews are:

1. New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT which is adjacent to Bradley International Airport. Detailed information can be found on their website which is www.neam.org
2. Cradle of Aviation Museum, located in East Garden City. Detailed information can be found on their website which is www.cradleofaviation.org.

Both of these museums are approximately 2 hours from Poughkeepsie.

I would appreciate your feedback so I can determine if there is sufficient interest to schedule a visit, probably in November. If you have visited these museums I would like your comments. If you know of other aviation museums you think are worth visiting please let me know. Thank you, Bob

MODELMASTERS CLUB PICNIC CONTEST RESULTS

Following are the results from the Fun-Fly contests at this year's picnic. Congratulations to all the winners.

- Climb & Glide: 1st Dillon Losee, 2nd Tom Eng, 3rd Bob Santoro
- Touch & Go: 1st Tyler Irvin, 2nd Caleb Irvin, Dom Fusca & Tom Eng
- 90 Second Flight: 1st Lloyd Quick, 2nd Bob Santoro, 3rd Dillon Losee
- Bomb Drop: 1st Lloyd Quick, 2nd Dom Fusca, 3rd Dillon Losee
- Carrier: 1st John Knight, 2nd Caleb Irvin, 3rd Lloyd Quick



This spoon was left at the field after the club picnic. If it is yours, please contact Tom.

MEETING MINUTES – August 9, 2014

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Bob Santoro at 9:00 AM.
2. A motion was made to amend item #3 of the minutes of the July 11, 2014 meeting to reflect that Tom and not Bob gave the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made to accept the amended minutes of the July 11, 2014 meeting. Motion was carried.
4. Tom reported that there is \$1681.40 in the account. There is \$363.42 in the mowing fund. Expenses include:
 - a. \$40.00 mowing
 - b. \$75.00 for battery and tire sealant

5. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. Motion Carried
6. The tractor is now working. Lloyd, Brad, Bruce, and Dillon have mowed. Please contact Bob if you would like to volunteer to mow. It takes about 1.5 hours to mow the designated areas. To limit the amount of gasoline remaining in the mower, we ask that after mowing DO NOT REFILL THE GAS TANK. You should be prepared to fill the tank when you arrive at the field to mow. Reminder: you are reimbursed \$10.00 and 200 Model Master Dollars for mowing.
7. Thanks to all those who participated in helping to reach a mowing solution including Brad, Lloyd, and DJ
8. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM
9. Next Meeting: Friday, September 19, 2014 7pm at Redl Field. Rain date Saturday, September 20, 2014 11am

Respectfully submitted, Secretary J. Knight

MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER – Flavio Ambrosini

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

My next door neighbor helped me get into the radio control part of the hobby. As a young kid, I would go over to watch him run his engines to fine tune them. My father had passed when I was eleven, and my neighbor was kind enough to let me tag along with him to the flying field. He helped me get my first radio unit, a used single channel push button radio.



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

I have always had an interest in aviation, even at an early age. I remember being around 4 years



old and watching a Piper Cub type aircraft putting along over our house. The rounded wing tips made an impression on me. I started making Guillow models when I was around 7 years old.

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

I would have to say that scale models are my main interest.

4. What was your 1st plane?

My first model was actually built for me by my father when I was 6 years old. It was a Jetco "Jet 50", flown without any jet motor. I remember being mesmerized by watching it float along. It unfortunately met its demise when my



younger brother took it out to fly without my knowing. He found that when it did not fly correctly, he could just break off some of the wing trailing edge to make it fly better. After a number of tries and adjustments, the model was returned to me with very narrow wings!

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

Actually my most recent model, a quarter scale Balsa USA J-3 Cub. I enjoyed experimenting with and incorporating "scale" features into the model. Since it is a larger model flies, I like how you need to fly it. It really starts to mimic a full scale aircraft in the way you handle it, just like my "full size" flying years ago.

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

Trying to keep a clean and orderly hobby room! It gets hard after a while just trying to find the things you need (I know that xacto knife is somewhere under that pile over there!).

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

I would have to say that I have two goals. 1) have fun. 2) share the hobby.

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

Some things that I enjoy to do are; guitar playing, cooking, and drawing.

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

Don't be shy to ask questions. I know I would always feel embarrassed to ask a question. I would think that I was the only one that did not know the answer. I found that the majority of those in the hobby actually enjoy the opportunity to share their knowledge with others.

MAIDEN FLIGHTS



George Amenta: North American F86 Sabre 1



Scott: Hanger 9 Tiger Moth Giant Scale 1

INTERESTING STUFF

Dillon Losee – List of interesting videos to watch

- Watch "Hobby King B17 Flying in the Bomb drop contest" on YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmUF1ikZk4M&feature=youtube_gdata_player
- Watch "EDF Office Chair Challenge Part 1 - HobbyKing Live" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drivLNWq04A&feature=youtube_gdata_player

ITEMS FOR SALE

Park Zone Sukhoi (44 inch wingspan). It has flown twice. There is a small scrape on the right wingtip. I am selling it because I am not a fan of AS3X. Comes with everything you need to get in the air except the transmitter and battery. Check out all the features this plane has on the Horizon Hobby Website <http://www.horizonhobby.com/products/sukhoi-su-29mm-bnf-basic-with-safe-technology-PKZ8050>. \$175.00, John Knight [REDACTED] (cell)





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