

Wing Tips

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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **Friday, Nov. 14: - CLUB 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 Nov. 15: - MAKER FAIRE**, Poughkeepsie Day School, 260 Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, 10am – 4pm. For more information see the article by John Knight.
- **Thursday, Dec. 4: - December 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: 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! Photo on right taken Sat. 10/18, after several people had already left. Come join us!

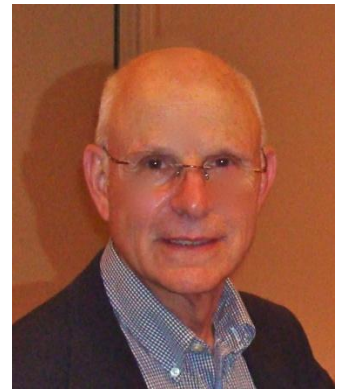


From the President's Cockpit

Because of a busy schedule in October I had limited time to visit our field and do any flying. However, I knew, under the direction of Cameron Masker, who is working toward becoming an Eagle Scout, that field improvement projects were schedule to begin. What a surprise when I visited the field several days ago to see the amount of work that has already been done. We have a new asphalt flying pad,



the tables have been refurbished and the entrance to the park has been cleaned up. Looking ahead Cameron will be directing the construction of ramps that will extend the present ramp leading to the runway. We are thankful for all the work Cameron and his fellow scouts have done and will continue to do. We can all be proud of a field that has been transformed from an area of high grass and thorny bushes to a landscape of mowed grass and a beautiful vista.



A big upcoming event our club will be participating in is the Mini Maker Faire, on November 15th at the Poughkeepsie Day School. In an article in this issue John Knight will give you information about the Maker Faire Movement. John is heading up a team that will participate in this event. I hope many of you will attend this event and support our efforts to showcase our club to the community and beyond.

A nominating committee has been formed to seek potential officers. If anyone is interested in serving please make your intentions known to any of the present officers who comprise the committee. Election of officers will take place at our December meeting.

Our club has for many years supported the Science Olympiad program in our schools. Students build projects such as rubber powered aircraft and compete in state and regional competition. This year Scott Owitz has volunteered to coordinate the flight portion of the competition which will be held at Ulster County Community College on February 7th 2015. Scott will need volunteers to help judge and time the events. All events are interesting and fun to observe and the commitment is minimal. Please let me know if you can assist Scott.



May you and your family enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving and may it be filled with Peace, Love, and Harmony! Bob

IN MEMORY of DON TYPOND by Jesse Aronstein

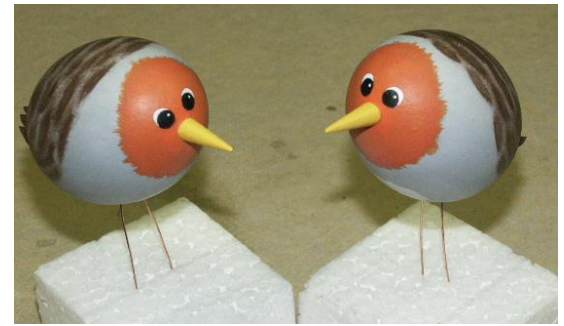
Don recently passed away after a series of heart problems. My association with him was mainly through the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters, starting in the mid 1990s. He showed up at a meeting/flying session at the Marlboro Middle School gym, and none of us there knew anything about him. Here, from the Feb. '97 "Ampeer" (a Michigan club's newsletter), is a brief picture of his achievements up to that time.

"Don Typond, *A modeler for over 50 years, Don is the former Editor of Model Airplane News, Air Progress, and Private Pilot magazines. Over the years he has been involved in Free Flight, Wakefield, Coupe, Towline and HL Gliders as well as indoor and outdoor Rubber Scale, Control Line Stunt, Speed, Scale, and R/C Sport and Scale. Don is a member of the AMA's Scale Contest Board. He is a full scale pilot with Landplane, Seaplane, and Glider ratings. Don has published articles and original designs in Model Airplane News, Model Builder and Flying Models magazines as well as having written for Flying and Sports Cars Illustrated magazines."*





Don blended in with the Modelmasters, and he served as club President for a term or two. He was primarily involved in the indoor flying sessions and in the club's coaching at schools for the Science Olympiad "Wright Stuff" and other aero-related



events. Don helped organize and run the regional and State competitions for those events, and served as a presenter at the annual NY State Science Olympiad Coaches' Workshop. He coached the students at Goshen

HS and JHS, where he was loved and admired by all. He never paraded his expertise, but always pitched in and helped our members and the students solve building and flight trimming problems.

Don was an outstanding model builder, craftsman and artist. I have turned up mention of him teaching the fine art of sculpting and painting realistic pilot figures for scale models. He had a fine sense of humor, which came out in some of his whimsical modeling and art projects, such as the eggshell creations shown here. I could have used photos of some of his more serious creations -- beautifully detailed scale models, or delicate indoor creations. But, I want you to share what I will always think of when I remember Don: his talent and his humor.



Don will be missed by all who knew him.

MEETING MINUTES – Oct. 10, 2014, Highland Middle School

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Bob Santoro at 8:05 PM.
2. New Attendees were introduced
 - a. Chris Luy-30 years in the hobby. Left it for a period of time, and is now looking at getting back into the hobby. He is converting some of his fuel planes to electric.
 - b. David Cerasaro—Friend of DJ. He was in the hobby in the 70's. Now that he is retired he wants to resume his activities in the hobby.
 - c. Akul was also in attendance. (He is now the 3rd best 12 year old racquet ball player in the world)
3. Motion to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried
4. Treasures Report- \$1352.19 (cash on hand). Expenses include \$273.67 for mower repair, and \$500.00 on Deposit at Highland School District for the use of the gym.
5. Thanks to DJ for donating the riding mower.
6. Thanks to Lloyd for maintaining the mower.
7. Pleasant Valley Day turnout was light. For next year we need to be prepared with better signage and advertising to get people to the field.
8. Cameron Masker as part of his Eagle Scout project will refurbish the picnic tables and add an additional flight station.
9. John asked for volunteers to help man the booth at the Maker Faire.
10. Bob is creating a list of popular websites used by our members. Forward to Bob a link to your favorite website(s).
11. If you are interesting in a field trip to an air museum in either Hartford, CT or Garden City, NY contact Bob.
12. Tom plans to attend the "Dirty" Fair on Oct. 10. The event will be held at the same location as the NEAT fair.
13. Show and Tell
 - a. Dillon presented a charger for NiCad and Alkaline batteries.

- b. Graham presented his Blade 300 CFX flybarless heli with AS3X technology
- c. Bob reminded us to pay attention to our LiPo batteries which can puff up and ignite in a matter of seconds if not treated carefully. The life of these batteries can be extended by discharging to storage voltage and then storing in the fridge.

14. Next Meeting: Friday, November 14, 2014 at Highland Middle School. 6:30 flying. 7:30 meeting.

15. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Secretary J. Knight

MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER – Larry Kunz

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

Like most of us, I messed with these things as a teen. Built a couple of them and had some brief control line flights ending in rapid disassembly. Had RC airplanes on my bucket list for when I could no longer race motorcycles, windsurf, tennis etc. Then my wife bought me one for Christmas 5 years ago. The crashes resumed!

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

My wife bought me a plane for Christmas 5 years ago.

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

I just want to get outdoors and fly the things. They need to have manners, and be slower than my brain. They must also be inexpensive and easy to glue. I'd love building them, but would never fly something I put all that time into, so I'll stick with foamies!

4. What was your 1st plane?

My first plane in my second childhood was a plastic bodied Parkzone J-3 cub. Good time to start: It had a brushless motor and ran on LiPo batteries. Destroyed one, and bought another.

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

My Parkzone T-28 for a long time, but now probably my Visionaire. (they both meet the requirements in #3, above.

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

Returning the plane to earth without the need for subsequent gluing.

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

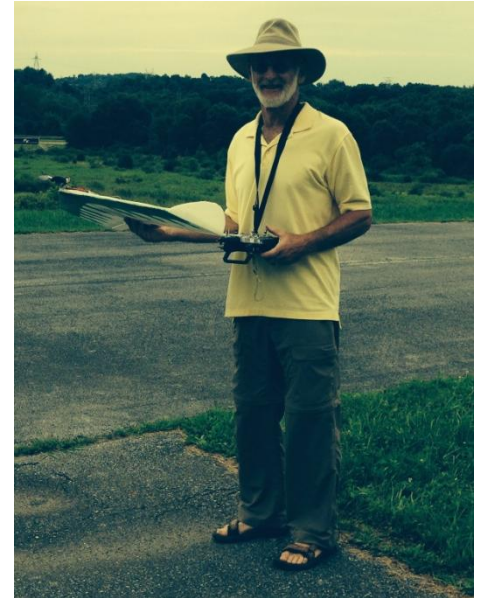
Just to land with confidence, and maybe learn some basic stunts.

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

Windsurfing, Tennis, Snowboarding, camping, travel, woodworking.

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

Spend a lot of time on a simulator, but it's a lot more fun to just get out and fly ! (I have two simulators, but can't seem to spend more than a couple of hours a year on them.)



MAKER FAIRE by John Knight

At our last meeting, I called for volunteers to participate in the Model Masters booth at the Mini Maker Faire which will be held at the Poughkeepsie Day School on November 15, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Maker Faire. In addition, I sent emails to several individuals that I thought might be interested in taking part in the venture. Of course this begs the question, what is a Maker Faire? The Maker Movement is part science fair, part county fair, and part something entirely new. Maker Faire is an all-ages gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers,

hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students, and commercial exhibitors. All of these “makers” come to Maker Faire to show what they have made and to share what they have learned. A perfect fit for us Model Masters.

Maker Faire is primarily designed to be forward-looking, showcasing makers who are exploring new forms and new technologies. But it’s not just for the novel in technical fields. Maker Faire features innovation and experimentation across the spectrum of science, engineering, art, performance and craft.

Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. It’s a venue for makers to show examples of their work and interact with others about it. Many makers say they have no other place to share what they do. DIY (Do-It-Yourself) is often invisible in our communities, taking place in shops, garages and on kitchen tables. It’s typically out of the spotlight of traditional art or science or craft events. Maker Faire makes visible these projects and ideas that we don’t encounter every day.

The following members of our club have indicated their willingness to help make the Model Masters participation in Maker Faire successful: Lloyd Quick, Brad Quick, Bob Santoro, Chris Luy, Bill Bolitho, Scott Fellin, and Bruce Fallon. Activities that will take place in our booth will be personal building, helping attendees build gliders from foam boards, 3D printing technology, flight simulators, and static displays.

For additional information please visit the Maker Faire website at <http://makerfairepoughkeepsie.com/>

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Maiden Flight

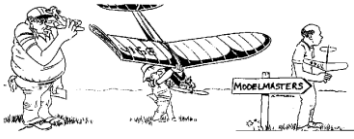
Dillon Losee - I had 3 great flights with the flyzone tidewater at morgan lake it is a great seaplane and handles well I enjoy flying it around and it is much easier to land on a lake rather than a runway.



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.> ; \$165.00,

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