

# Wing Tips

## January 2015

The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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### 2015 Club Officers

President: Bob Santoro

Secretary: John Knight

Sgt. at Arms: Flavio Ambrosini

Vice President: Ron Irvin

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Junior VP: George Amenta

### Club Calendar

#### Coming Up:

- **Friday, January 9** – Payment for Annual dinner is due to Bob Santoro
- **Friday, January 9** – WRAM show advance tickets, \$12 each, contact Domenick Fusca
- **Thursday January 15: - 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.*
- **Friday, January 23: - Modelmasters Annual Dinner/Auction**, Coppola's on Route 9 in Hyde Park, 6pm. More info in this newsletter.
- **Thursday, February 5: - February Wing Tips Article submissions due**, Send your submissions to [wingtips@modelmasters.us](mailto:wingtips@modelmasters.us)
- **Saturday, February 7:** Olympiad program, at Ulster County Community College, Contact Scott Owitz
- **Friday February 20 – 23:** 47th Annual WRAM Show at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in New Jersey, opens daily at 10 am.
- **Sunday, March 29: - INDOOR Flying**, Ulster Community College Gym, 1-5pm *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.* No indoor flying in February.

#### 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: Thursday; January 15th- Thursday; February 19th- Thurs-

day; March 19th- Thursday; April 16th- Thursday; May 15th- Friday

- **INDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT SENATE GYM, SUNY Ulster:** 1-5pm (time revised), All dates are Sunday. March 29, April 12 (new April date), May 10, September 13, 2015, October, 11, 2015, November 8, 2015. No indoor flying in February.
- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT WEST ROAD FIELD** – Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting.

## From the President's Cockpit

I wish to extend my best wishes to all members and their families for a New Year filled with joy, good health and peace.

The year began with our annual dinner/auction which was well attended and where Brad Quick was recognized for his outstanding service to our club.

There was increased interest and participation in indoor flying both at our monthly meetings and at Ulster County Community College throughout the winter months. The snow and cold weather however did not stop members from flying at our West Road Field. Thankfully, Brad quick plowed the driveway and runway several times which made this possible.

In our effort to reach out and provide community service we participated in, Boy Scout Troop 33 R/C Hobby Night in February at the Traver Road School in Pleasant Valley. Lloyd Quick did a Power Point presentation and brought several laptops with simulation programs. In June Lloyd also assisted the Highland Middle School Aviation Club advisor, Mike Watts in completing an E-Starter plane that our club had donated along with all the electronic components. The full day session ended with a successful maiden flight at the school athletic field.

July was a very busy month as Bruce Fallon, George Amenta, Brad Quick, John Knight, Tom Eng, Lloyd Quick and Larry Kunz had maiden flights with their newly constructed aircraft which included the combat wings. Scott Fellin conducted an outstanding building workshop at Brad Quick's new manufacturing plant on Salt Point Turnpike. 10 members spent the day building a combat wing that would be flown in competition at our annual picnic/fun-fly in August. Lloyd Quick donated his garden tractor, which was originally given to him by D.J. Amodeo and agreed to leave it at the field so volunteers could mow the field and parking area.

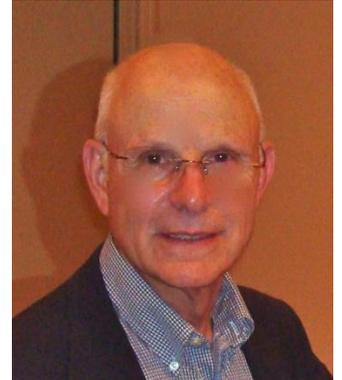
The highlight of August was our annual picnic/fun-fly attended by 38 members and guests. We participated in National Model Aviation Day sponsored by our national organization and raised \$100 for the Wounded Warrior Project. For our participation in National Model Aviation Day we did receive a Certificate of Recognition awarded and signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo.

In September we participated in Pleasant Valley Community Days by inviting members of the community to visit our field where we showcased our hobby. Many different types of aircraft were flown and Lloyd Quick provided flight simulators and as well as flight opportunities using his buddy box system.

In October Scott Owitz volunteered to coordinate the flight portion of the Science Olympiad program which for many years was done by Jesse Aronstein who relocated to Schenectady last year. Our club for many years has supported the Science Olympiad program in our schools. Students build projects such as rubber powered aircraft and compete in state and regional competition. The 2015 competition will be held on February 7th at Ulster County Community College.

Also in October we were saddened to learn of the passing of Don Typond, a long term member of our club. Don was a modeler for over 50 years and former Editor of Model Airplane News and other aviation magazines. He was a full scale pilot with land plane, seaplane and glider ratings. Don served as president of our club for several terms and was very active in the Science Olympiad program at the state level and coach at the Goshen middle and high schools. Don was a great contributor to our hobby and will be missed.

November was highlighted by two major activities. First, under the direction of John Knight, our club participated in the Mini Maker Faire held at the Poughkeepsie Day School. It was a resounding success as dozens of visitors stopped



by our site to receive gliders, use simulators, see a 3D printer in action and to view live flying demonstrations on the school soccer field. We had the opportunity to impart a great deal of information about our club to these visitors.

The second major activity was our field improvement work. In partial fulfillment of his requirements to become an Eagle Scout, Cameron Masker organized and directed a crew of scouts in a number of projects at our field.

Projects include the installation of a flying pad, the extension of our ramp leading to the pads, refurbishing our picnic tables and giving a fresh and new look to the entrance to our field. We are very thankful to Cameron and the other scouts for their efforts to enhance both the appearance and functionality of our field.

We begin 2015 with the hope and expectation that it will be as much fun and exciting as 2014. With all of our continued interest, help and participation it should be a great year. I hope to see many of you at our dinner/auction on the 23rd. I can promise you great food, a fun gift ex-change and a lively auction.

Remember... "It's not about what we fly, it's about the people and the friends we make" (Eric Williams)

Build Straight, Fly Safely, and have Fun, Bob

## MEETING MINUTES – Dec. 19, 2014, Highland Middle School

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Bob Santoro at 7:30 PM
2. Minutes of the November meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer Tom reported that there is \$1636.19 (including 433.57 Mowing/snow clearing) + \$500.00 (Highland School Usage) in the treasury.
4. Treasures report was approved
5. Being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee to nominate the following candidates for the indicated positions, and that the secretary should cast one vote in favor: The motion was approved.
  - a. President-Bob Santoro
  - b. Vice President-Ron Irvin
  - c. Secretary-John Knight
  - d. Treasurer-Tom Eng
  - e. Sargent at Arms-Flavio
  - f. Jr. Vice President-George Amenta
6. Holiday Party update:
  - a. Holiday party will take place on January 23, 2015. The cost is 22.95/person
  - b. Gift Exchange-The gift should cost approx. \$10.00. The exchange will be via Lloyd's rules.
  - c. Auction – Dom will run the auction. \$400.00 was approved for auction items. In addition there will be a list of items for raffle. Raffle tickets will cost \$50.00 (MMDollars). Donations are welcome.
7. Field Work by Cameron Masker has been completed.
  - a. Ramp at bottom of steps was extended and reinforced
  - b. New asphalt pad
  - c. Repair of steps
  - d. Picnic tables sanded and sealed
  - e. Grass has been removed from the runway
  - f. Painting and repair of fence and gate
  - g. The Maskers budgeted \$600.00 for the repair work. One hundred dollars in cash donations and an additional \$100.00 in material donations have been received so far from sources outside of the club.
  - h. The Executive Committee met at the conclusion of the general meeting and decided that it would be appropriate to bring a motion to reimburse Cameron for the balance of \$400.00, to the membership at the January 15, 2015 general meeting.
8. Ulster Community College Indoor Flying
  - a. January 4, 2015, 1-5 pm
  - b. Additional Dates can be found in WingTips

9. Membership Renewals-Please renew before the Holiday party. New Membership Cards will be distributed to members that have paid their 2015 dues at the party. If you have renewed and do not attend the party, your card will be mailed.
  10. Scott Owitz is seeking volunteers to assist at the Science Olympiad competition on Feb. 7, 2015.
  11. Show and Tell
    - a. Bob DiGiocomo presented his partially built balsa 2m glider (whisperer)
    - b. Dave Cerasaro presented a plane made from dollar store foam. A \$15.00 kit is available on [www.flitetest.com](http://www.flitetest.com).
  12. Next Meeting-January 15, 2015 (Thursday) 6:30 Highland Middle School
  13. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM
- Thanks to Tom for taking the minutes of this meeting.  
Respectfully submitted, Secretary J. Knight

## MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER – Forrest Walker

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

My older brothers flew R/C and after a while got me into it.

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

I have been flying R/C for about 5 years.

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

Scale models, scale flying, and kit building.

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

My first R/C plane was the Hobby zone, RTF, micro Champ.

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

My favorite plane is my E-flite Piper L-4 Grasshopper.

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

For me finding time to fly, flying four channel planes, landing and taking off with tail draggers.



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

To be comfortable flying some of my harder planes.

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

Yes, R/C cars, skiing, camping, cycling, music, etc.

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

Joining a club really helps, taking it slow, not trying to do tricks on your first day, taking it one step at a time a flight simulator could help, fly and learn with your friends, and have fun!

## New Year's Day 2015 Flying by Tom Eng

Who were the first flyers of 2015?

The traditional Modelmasters New Years Day Fly at the field was boldly attended by Tom Eng, Lloyd Quick, Dom Fusca and John Knight. It was a sunny day in the low 20's. The wind was moderate when the first fliers arrived, but was soon gusting and blowing quite a bit. We all got at least one flight in to welcome in the New Year. Some of us even had to take a little walk to retrieve our planes.

Hope to see you next year, same time, same day. Happy New Year.



## Modelmasters Annual Dinner/Auction, Come in Out of the Cold

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a fabulous meal, auction and fellow-ship of our members and their guests. Please **RSVP to Bob Santoro by Friday, January 9**, using the form on the last page of this Newsletter.

Date: Friday, January 23, 2015

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Coppola's on Route 9 in Hyde Park

Cost: \$22.95 -Banquet Dinner (tax & gratuity included)

\$ 9.95-Children's Menu (ages 10 and under-T& G included)

The dinner will consist of :

- Antipasto salad appetizer
- Penne with Marinara sauce
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Family Style
- A choice of entree listed below
- Vanilla sundae dessert
- Hot beverage (coffee,tea )

Children's Menu (ages 10 & under)

- Chicken Fingers with Fries
- Mini Pan Pizza
- Penne Meatball



## Modelmaster Dinner Auction

January 23 will be our Model Master Dinner and Auction. The auction is the one time a year you can spend your Model Master dollars. Model Master Dollars (MMD) are earned by members by participating in, volunteering and organizing club events. For example, when you attend a Model Master meeting you receive dollars. The complete list of MMD rewards can be found on the club website, RULES section. Below is a list of items which will be auctioned. There is a wide variety. Good luck during the auction. This year there will also be a raffle of several of these items to allow members with fewer MMD to obtain items. Raffle tickets can only be purchased with model

master dollars. 50 MMD per ticket, and a maximum of 10 tickets per person. You must be present to win a raffled item.

- GWS EP Propeller (DD-7035 178x89mm)
- GWS EP Propeller (DD-8040 203x102mm)
- GWS EP Propeller (HD-1260 305 x 152mm)
- GWS EP Propeller (DD-1170 279X178mm)
- GWS EP Propeller (DD-9050 229x127mm)
- GWS EP Propeller (DD-1060 254x152mm)
- CS238MG - Corona CS238MG Metal Gear Servo 4.6kg
- Strong Rare-Earth Button Magnets (10pcs)
- JR Type Compact Y Lead 15cm (5pcs)
- 15CM Servo Lead Extention (JR) with hook (5 pcs)
- 10CM Servo Lead Extention (JR) 26AWG(10pcs)
- F-30A - Hobby King 30A ESC 3A UBEC
- F-60A - Hobby King 60A ESC 4A UBEC
- HobbyKing™ Lipoly Low Voltage Alarm
- OrangeRx R615X DSM2/DSMX Compatible 6Ch (1 of 2)
- OrangeRx R615X DSM2/DSMX Compatible 6Ch (2 of 2)
- MA Style Electric 3-Blades Propeller 10x5
- MA Style Electric 3-Blades Propeller 14x7
- Turnigy Fire Resistant LiPoly Battery Carrier
- Turnigy EasyOff Plug Disconnect System for XT60 plugs
- DUAL-RX4-01 - Wireless Buddy Box System
- 1S6A - 5A 1S Brushless Controller
- Turnigy Transmitter Muff - Black
- Turnigy nano-tech 160mah 1S 25~40C Lipo
- (2) HKSCM12-6 Single Chip Digital Servo (6V)
- (2) HKSCM9-6 Singlechip Digital Micro Servo
- SBEC-26V - Turnigy 5A (8-26v) SBEC for Lipo
- 261000002 - HobbyKing 10A ESC 1A UBEC
- Park250-2050 - Turnigy Park250 Brushless Outrunner 2050
- T2730-1300 - Turnigy 2730 Brushless Motor 1300kv
- HobbyKing™ Universal Propeller Balancer
- Turnigy 1300mAh 3S 30C Lipo Pack
- Turnigy nano-tech 2200mah 3S 45~90C Lipo
- ZIPPY Flightmax 500mAh 3S1P 20C
- 10X6 Propellers (5Pcs/Bag)
- Master Airscrew 3 bladed propeller 11x7
- \$10 Gift Card to Hobby House
- \$15 Gift Card to Hobby House
- 30 minute Epoxy
- Eflite EFLA250 Park Flyer Tool Assortment
- ½ oz Super Thin CA
- ½ oz Extra Thick CA

## Membership Application

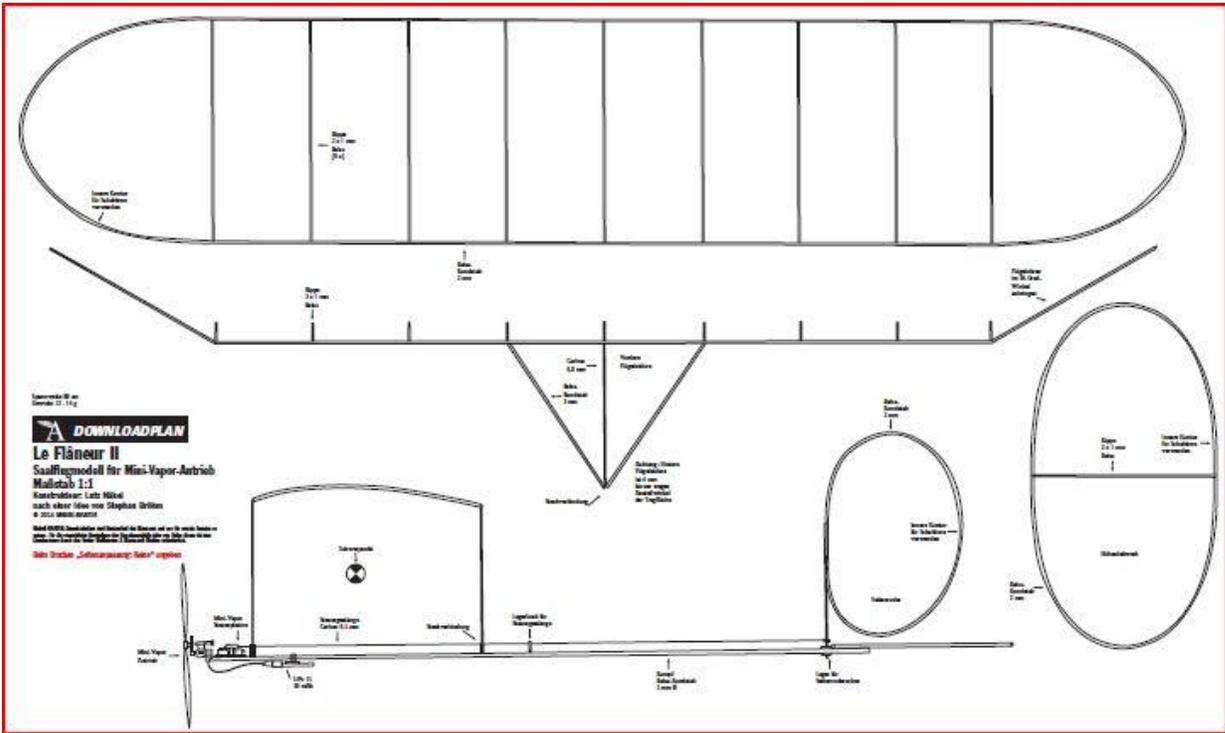
If you have already sent in your 2015 dues, Thank You! If you have not, please consider sending it in soon so that membership cards can all be printed at the same time. Thanks to John Sohm the membership application available on the web page (PDF file) as an editable form. You can open the file and type your info directly. Then, print and send. No need to hand write it. Of course you can also print and then write in your info also.

## 2015 WRAM Show: Advanced purchase tickets

The 47th Annual WRAM Show will be February 20-22, 2015 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in New Jersey and opens daily at 10 am. For more information please go to <http://www.wram.org/wram-show>. As last year, I will organize a group sale, order for tickets. The price has gone up this year. A minimum of 10 tickets must be ordered to qualify for advance group sales. Purchasing your ticket in advance will allow you to go directly to the show entrance and avoid any line at the ticket window and save you \$3 per ticket. Ticket window daily rates are \$15 per adult, and \$3 for children (under 16). Children under age 6 are admitted free. The advance group sale tickets are \$12 each person for each day you plan to attend. I will be collecting for those tickets now through January 9. If you are interested please contact me, Domenick Fusca before January 9 ([wingtips@modelmasters.us](mailto:wingtips@modelmasters.us), or 845-380-0408). If I do not get the minimum 10, I will return your money. I plan to distribute the tickets at the January dinner.

# Interesting Stuff

**Bill Bilitho** - Something to do with that "old" Vapor Plane (see email attached, PDF file also the file is available on our webpage)



# Appreciation

I am thankful for being a member of such a great club, I am thankful for everyone that is so helpful in this club, either it be help building a plane, fixing something, or learning to fly. We have so many members that are so willing help work and maintain the field, and we have the best membership rates of any model aircraft club around. So we are all thankful for that.



# FOR SALE

Great Planes Cosmic Wind-Like New/Unused

This is the complete ARF in like new condition (white color scheme). The box and packing have been opened, the wings have been glued together (glue joint is straight and uses the specified epoxy), and the landing gear has been assembled. otherwise the kit is NIB. Asking price is \$90 obo possibly interested in partial trade for small park/indoor flyer. Please email or call me if you are interested. Patrick Walker, pawalker@vassar.edu, 845-464-9035

**Modelmasters Annual Dinner/Auction, Come in Out of the Cold**

Please indicate below if and how many will be attending as well as your entree choice.

Number attending: Adults (\$22.95)\_\_\_\_\_ Children (\$9.95)\_\_\_\_\_

Adults please choose 1 entree per person attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ Veal Cutlet ala Parmagiana

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Scaloppine ala Marsala

\_\_\_\_\_ Baked Eggplant Rollatini

\_\_\_\_\_ Norwegian Salmon Filet

Please make your check out to:

Mid-Hudson Modelmasters and mail it to:

Bob Santoro

10G Squires Gate, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603

**Please send me your confirmation, entree choice and mailed check by Friday, January 9th.**

This promises to be a very enjoyable and fun evening so I do hope many of you will be able to attend.

Best wishes,

Bob



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