

# Wing Tips

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### The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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### 2015 Club Officers

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### Club Calendar

#### Coming Up:

- **Saturday, June 13, 11:00am: - CLUB MEETING**, At our flying field. 11am.
- **Thursday, July 2: - July Wing Tips Article submissions due**, Send your submissions to [wingtips@modelmasters.us](mailto:wingtips@modelmasters.us) Due date is first Thursday of each month.
- **Saturday, August 22: - Annual Picnic**, Note the revised date. More info to follow in the coming months. Rain date Sunday, August 23.
- **Friday, Sept. 11 - 13: - Pleasant Valley Days**, We've been asked to participate. Contact Bob Santoro for more information and how you can assist in the planning.

#### Regular Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Saturdays, July 11; August 22; September 26 & October 24th. Meetings begin at 11:00 AM
- **INDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT SENATE GYM, SUNY Ulster:** 1-5pm, All dates are Sunday. September 13, 2015, October, 11, 2015, November 8, 2015.
- **INDOOR FLYING AT SCHENECTADY ARMORY:** The armory has become a popular place for athletics making it difficult to schedule dates. For more info, contact Jesse Aronstein, 845-462-6452, [protune@aol.com](mailto:protune@aol.com).
- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT WEST ROAD FIELD** – Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting. It is also possible to find some members at the field on Sunday mornings.

## From the President's Cockpit

Activity at the field has picked up considerably since the last issue of Wing Tips. We had a very successful trifecta of events at the field on May 30th. Leslie Quick provided a scrumptious brunch in celebration of Brad's birthday. Our first RC field auction was held, many of the items donated by Bob Auchincloss. We raised \$375.00 for the club. And lastly, Steve Laughlin and Denise Edkins, owners of Killerplanes were on hand to demo some of their planes and explain the process they use to structurally strengthen them. Denise, who is a professional videographer, captured a great deal of the flying activity that took place in spite of rather strong wind conditions.



*Leslie & Brad Quick*

for us to continue to handle. I am extremely pleased to report that the Town Supervisor, Carol Campbell has authorized the recreation department maintenance staff to include Redl Park in their mowing schedule. Mrs. Campbell expressed her gratitude for our long term efforts in maintaining

and making improvements to the park and felt we were deserving of assistance.



*Steve Laughlin & Denise Edkins  
Killerplanes*

Of particular note is the good news I have regarding the field mowing. Up to this time Lloyd has been doing all the major mowing using his large Kubota tractor which needs to be loaded on his trailer and taken to the field. This is no easy task and it is unreasonable to expect that Lloyd can or should do this on any regular basis. The garden tractor that was donated to us was determined to be capable of only handling a rather small piece of the property.

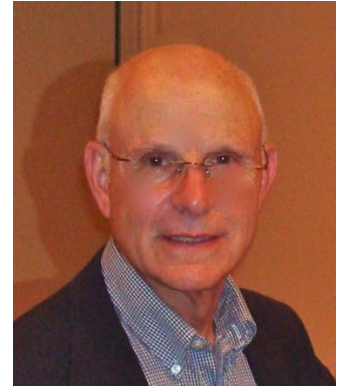
I recently approached the Town of Pleasant Valley highway superintendent and town supervisor, seeking assistance in the mowing of the property as it is clearly too much of a task



*Auction*

Lastly, I want to reemphasize the need for everyone to exercise the utmost of caution when flying at the field. I have stated repeatedly and feel strongly that we are only one serious accident away from losing our field. We are already on notice with the Arlington School District that another plane landing on the adjacent playground would jeopardize the use of the field. A plane landing on a car windshield on West Road could have a similar outcome. Any number of things can happen. Please respect flying within the boundaries that have been clearly established, namely staying in front of the large trees on the north side (West Road) and in front of the solar panels on the east side (away from the playground). Do all your practicing of new maneuvers on the south side (near power lines). In the event you lose control of your aircraft ditch it before it enters restricted areas, better a damaged aircraft than no place to fly it. We've all worked very hard to procure this field and are finally getting the help with need to maintain it. Let's continue to enjoy it, making caution and safety a top priority.

Have fun, fly safely and remember our club is as much about people as planes - Bob



## MEETING MINUTES – May 16, 2015 - Redl Park Flying Field

1. Meeting was called to order by President Bob Santoro at 11:11 AM. 13 members and 4 guests were in attendance.
2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved.
3. The treasurer reported:
  - a. Treasury has \$1560.61 (including \$277.21 in the field maintenance fund) + \$500 (in escrow at Highland School District).
  - b. Motion was made to accept the report. Motion approved.
4. Old Business - Killer Planes demonstration postponed to Saturday 5/23.
5. New Business:
  - a. The annual Modelmaster picnic date has been changed, previously on 8/15, it is now scheduled for Saturday 8/22 with the rain date of Sunday 8/23.
  - b. Bob Auchincloss is leaving the hobby and has donated his entire collection to Modelmasters. There will be an auction on Saturday 5/23.
  - c. Field maintenance update:
    - i. Member Don Rajczi replaced the rims and added tubes to the rear wheels.
    - ii. President Bob has asked the town highway department if they could mow the major sections for the field, the club would mow the other areas. The highway dept will ask the town board if that would be acceptable.
    - iii. President Bob reminded that anyone volunteering to use the field mower be familiar with it's operation before starting.
    - iv. Brad Quick suggested subcontracting the mowing to a commercial landscaper. President Bob will look into this.
    - v. Garbage has been appearing on VanWagner road near the field entrance. It is not from our membership, but he requested if members would help keep the area clean.
  - d. President Bob announced that long time member Bill Poythress recently passed away. Bill was active with the Rhinebeck aerodrome for the past 50 years. He was also an AMA AVP for many years. We will all miss Bill.
6. No show and tell at this meeting.
7. Club flying reminders:
  - a. Scott Fellin reminded that pilots should stand at the rear of the flying pads to allow better runway visibility to those taking off or landing.
  - b. President Bob reminded flyers to be aware of the boundaries at Redl Park flying field.
8. Next meeting will be Saturday, June 13 at the Redl Park Field.
9. Meeting adjourned 11:11 AM

Respectfully submitted, Treasurer Tom Eng.

## MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER – Richard Kleinhenz

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

Last summer, at a music event, I saw someone taking aerial video using a quadcopter. I was blown away, had not thought about RC since I was a teenager 50 years ago and when that hobby was unaffordable for me. Coincidentally, that evening I had an offer for a sub \$100 quadcopter in my email. A week later a \$50 quadcopter was wreaking havoc in my living-room. Soon thereafter pieces for home-built quadcopters started filling the house. I looked for others to learn from and it turned out one of my friends was into RC. He took me to club meetings and I spent several outings at their flying field – most there are flying planes which, being blind in 1 eye and thus w/o depth perception, I thought I would not be able to do. Hanging out there and observing I finally thought why not try it – so Joe set up a buddy box and started giving me control on some of his gentler planes. It was an absolute thrill! Over the winter I spent a lot of time on Real Flight Simulator 7.5 and got comfortable – the reset button is nice but I was really trying to improve my statistics so I could afford the hobby out in the open! During a



week in Florida I was able to get in a few flights with an instructor there on buddy box, and managed my first landing. By spring my house had filled with planes, second-hand, hand-me-downs – lots of them! Now I am looking forward to spending all my free time flying.

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

Less than a year.

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

Planes, aerobatic/pattern. Perhaps warbirds. No experience with gliders (yet) but I'll try that also. Quadcopters, perhaps FPV. No helicopters so as to not spread myself too thin. I am also interested in the RC technology in general, programming modern radios, GPS. Lots of learning when it's raining!

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

Ares Gamma 370. Totaled this spring, luckily I resisted the temptation to gut it immediately – after the damage annealed at room temperature for several weeks I figured out a way to restore it by machining an adapter – it flies again!

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

Any plane that I just landed successfully □ Probably the Apprentice S, although I do not use the assisted flight modes any more – the full-time AS3X correction makes the plane handle much better than the foamie weight would make you think, and it's a fairly large plane, easy to see in the sky. Even so a tree jumped out recently and grabbed it a few weeks ago, but damage was minor, parts are readily available. Fantastic learning plane!

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

Overcoming physical limitations – lack of depth perception. But I've had this all my life. So I practice landing – take off, a few rounds, land, over and over. And it helps! The other challenge for me is not getting over confident – flying upside down too low is asking for it, and I lost an Archer that way. Restored by now.

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

Not really. Fly! Get better, stay in control, on any plane. Nothing competitive.

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

I make pens. I have been (hobby) woodworking for 40 years, wood-turning for 20 or so. I also enjoy metal machining, have a milling machine and some metal lathes.

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

The usual – just do it! A good simulator is more than helpful, and an instructor (whether AMA qualified or not) is invaluable.



## Interesting Stuff

**Dillon Losee –**

1. New members flying the super cub - <https://youtu.be/A87JMM6Dykc>
2. P-51 Mustang vs F4U Corsair - Breitling Spot - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lLEp9I-Is&sns=em>
3. WW2 Corsair fighter - low level and fast - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTUBlaVUqnQ&sns=em>
4. RUTAN RC at RCX // AMA Museum Donation of First SS1 Model - <https://youtu.be/ORuQbXkUWrM>
5. FPV Long Range 80km full flight - [https://youtu.be/z\\_PxhU9i9Ng](https://youtu.be/z_PxhU9i9Ng)
6. HobbyKing Super-G Auto Gyro - <https://youtu.be/JA9rz4AqGY0>



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