

Wing Tips

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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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President: Bob Santoro

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Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **Saturday, August 22: Annual Picnic**, At Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field. Rain date Sunday, August 23. This will also be our August meeting.
- **Saturday, August 22-23: Wings Over Hadley!**, Hadley, Massachusetts, For more information go to <http://www.hampshirecountync.org/hcrctest/scale2015.pdf>
- **Thursday, Sept. 3: September Wing Tips article & photo submissions due**, Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us Due date is first Thursday of each month.
- **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.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 14: AMA dues at the current rate**, Dues are increasing from \$58.00/year to \$75.00/year. You can "lock in" at the existing dues rate if you renew by 9/14/2015 for 1 or 2 years to save some money.
- **Thurs. Sept. 17 – Sunday Sept. 20, NEAT Fair 2015** Downsville, NY, www.neatfair.org
- **Thursday Oct. 1: Club Logo Submissions Due**, Submit your club logo idea. Winner to be selected and will receive Modelmaster Dollars

Regular Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Saturdays, September 26 & October 24th. Meetings begin at 11:00 AM, at Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field
- **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.
- **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

July was a month we experienced both joy and sorrow. Many members enjoyed a lot of time at the field as we had good flying weather on most Saturdays. The field, or at least a part of it, is being mowed by the town, though not as frequently as I would like.

Plans are well under way for our picnic on August 22nd, the rain date being the 23rd. I will be sending out a notice to determine how many members plan to attend so we can judge the amount of food we need to purchase. See the article regarding the picnic in this newsletter.

We mourn the passing of member Bob Auchincloss with much sadness. Before Bob passed away he expressed to me how grateful he was for all the help he received from our members when he joined our club four years ago. Bob was a great supporter and contributor to our club. He donated his entire RC collection to our club with the understanding that any money raised in an auction would be placed in our treasury. Bob also donated several planes at our annual dinner to be given to the youngsters in attendance.

As many of you know Bob wrote his own obituary which was quite moving and revealing about his adventurous life, having traveled to 40 countries and his involvement in numerous sports. Bob ended his obituary with the advice to "Keep on Truckin'" and don't be afraid to try new things as your life will be enriched. He certainly lived life to the fullest and will be greatly missed.

For those of you who missed reading his obituary I am including this link:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/poughkeepsiejournal/obituary.aspx?n=robert-auchincloss&pid=175358409&fhid=14052>

Once again Brad has demonstrated his building talents producing some uniquely constructed foam cubs, both large and small. Brad will be conducting a building workshop sometime this winter, dates to be announced, for those interested in building these planes.

Lastly, one of our members, Richard Kleinhenz, has suggested that our club consider establishing a Google Group which would enable our members to communicate with each other through email. Rich has experience with setting up this type of group and would be willing to be one of several administrators. I'm always interested in improving communication among our members so I will be discussing this with our Board as it sounds like something worth investigating and perhaps pursuing.

Fly Safely, have fun and remember our hobby is as much about the people we met as the planes we fly.



MEETING MINUTES – July 18, 2015 - Redl Park Flying Field

1. Meeting was called to order by President Santoro at 11:10 AM
2. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June meet. [Motion Approved]
3. Welcome to new member Joe
4. Welcome to a Rich a visitor from Westchester , NY. He was flying from West Road School. Lloyd drove to the school and invited him to fly at our field. He declined the offer, but did come to the meeting.
5. Treasurers Report.
 - a. There is \$1958.61 in the treasury plus \$500.00 in escrow for the Highland MS indoor site
 - b. There is \$302.21 in the field maintenance account.
6. A motion was made to approve the Treasures Report [Motion Approved]
7. The club appears to have at least two logos that have been used to identify our club. Maybe it is time to decide on a single logo or to design a new logo. If you wish to design a new logo for the club, the entry deadline is October 1. The winner will receive an amount of ModelMaster Dollars to be determined at a later date.
8. Field Maintenance. The Town will be mowing the field. There are two individuals who mow the grass for all of the Town Parks. They have been coming every two weeks. The equipment that they use is on a par with what

we had been using. The maintenance workers asked to be advised of special events so that they could mow in advance. They will not be mowing the “fingers” that aided us in plane retrieval.

9. MM Picnic is Scheduled for August 22, 2015. Rain date is August 23. If it rains on the rain date, the picnic will be canceled. Bob will send out emails at approx. 7am if the event is to be postponed or canceled. Tom may add chicken to the menu.
 - a. We will support the Wounded Warrior Project as we have in the past. Bob will register the club so that we will be entitled to WWP materials
 - b. Set up is 8:00AM
 - c. Duty Assignments: Contact Town for Porta Potty-Bob. Cooking-Tom, Dom, John. Grill-Brad. Coolers, water, trash containers-Lloyd. Canopies-Bob, Dom, Lloyd. Flying Events-Brad
 - d. Pre registration is encouraged. \$5.00/person. Under 12 years old-free.
10. SHOW AND TELL
 - a. Tom-Auto gyro. A pusher plane with a rotating wing. The rotating wing provides lift. Not as stable as an airplane with at fixed wing. Uses a standard 4 channel radio.
 - b. Graham-Aerobatic 360 sized heli. He is taking learning to fly this heli so as to not damage it.
 - c. Visitor Rich told us how he uses his multi rotor and fixed wing FPV equipped flying platforms. He claims to have flown 4-5 miles off the Cape Cod coast.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 11:36

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, John Knight

MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER – Bob Marcoux

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

How did you get into the hobby.sport? My love of planes began at age 3 when taken to an airport by my father and hugged a propeller of a biplane. At age 6 I flew in a J-3 float plane and by age 13 was building model planes..

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

I’ve been away from the hobby for about 45 years when I was busy raising family and got back into it about 4 years ago when got motivated after seeing planes from Mid-Hudson RC flying in Hopewell Junction.

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

I am mostly interested in flying but I do enjoy building kits, particularly models of WWI & WWII planes.

4. What was your 1st plane?

Yes, but not the exact name. It was referred to as the “fluttering rudder” which I flew around the age of 16 or 17.

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

I like bi-planes of any kind-love the Waco and PT 17 both of which I have and hope to fly in the near future.

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

Flying properly-to this point I’ve only been able to do 4 or 5 minute flights.

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

I just want to fly for pleasure and different types of aircraft..

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

I use to scuba dive and do karate but now I am primarily interested in furthering my skills and knowledge of RC planes.

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

Buy and/or build something that is inexpensive so you can check out your interest in the hobby before committing to more expensive equipment.



MODELMASTERS PICNIC/FUNFLY -AUGUST 22, 2015



On August 22nd, rain date the 23rd we will be having our 5th Annual Picnic/Fun-Fly. It promises to be a fun day. A series of aeronautical challenges that will appeal to all skill levels are being developed by contest director, Brad Quick. Again, this year our guests will have the opportunity to fly a trainer plane under the supervision of Lloyd Quick, Tom Eng or George Amenta. On the grill will be hamburgers and hot dogs served with all the customary toppings. Fresh corn on the cob and delicious potato salad and coleslaw will also be served along with ice cold watermelon. And of course we would welcome any additional dishes and desserts that attendees would like to bring to share. We look forward to

having a lot of fun and to the opportunity of showing our guests the kinds of things we do and how enthusiastic we are about our hobby/sport. To help defray the picnic expenses there will be a \$5.00 charge per person. Children are free

You can pay at the picnic or in advance by sending a check made out to Mid-Hudson Modelmasters and mail it to me at 10G Squires Gate, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603. If you intend to pay at the picnic, please do notify Bob with the number of adults and children who will be attending so the food purchases can be made.

Of special note is the fact that our event is once again registered with AMA and will be conducted in conjunction with National Model Aviation Day which is officially being celebrated on August 15th. The event nationwide is also raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project in support of our veterans. Contributions will be solicited at our event.

I hope many of you will be able to attend our function. Thank you, Bob



Staatsburg Library Presentation by Flavio Ambrosini

On Friday evening, July 31st, Brad Quick, Peter Gregory, and Flavio Ambrosini participated in the Staatsburg Library Summer Reading program, with aviation as the theme. There were approximately forty children participating, with parents in tow.

The library had different types of planes that the kids could make and fly. Small foam planes, paper airplanes, and an AMA design made from foam plates.

Several models were brought for display, including a large scale foam Cub, Smith Mini biplane, several gliders, and dollar tree foamies. An airliner shaped foam glider was being made on the spot by some of the older children, and also flown. Simulators were set up for kids to try flying, and some demo flights were made with a Quad copter and an UMX Radian glider.



The kids were definitely having fun, and there were a lot of questions and interest shown by both young and old. The three of us also had a great time doing this event. It is a delight to share our hobby with the younger generation.

Interesting Stuff

Dillon Losee –

1. Memorial Flight of the calypso - <https://youtu.be/vl8o1dquEoQ>
2. Flite Test | Super Circle Plane - http://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=mKSRI0UIURs&u=/watch%3Fv%3DYP9PizYicxY%26feature%3Dem-share_video_user
3. Virtual tour of Slotcar raceway in Hyde Park, NY - <https://youtu.be/q8eNDZVmMDY>

Submitted by unfamiliar email address – The Terrafugia TF-

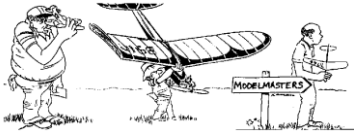
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Sights from the Field

With the heat of the summer upon us, here is a photo to cool you off. Yes, we do fly during the winter months!



Brad, Scott, Dom (left to right)



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