



Wing Tips

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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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2015 Club Officers

President: Bob Santoro

Secretary: John Knight

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Vice President: Ron Irvin

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Junior VP: George Amenta

Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **Friday, Sept. 11 - 13: Pleasant Valley Days.** We've been asked to participate. Contact Bob Santoro for more information and how you can assist.
- **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
- **Saturday, Sept. 19: Big Biplane Bash,** Farmington, CT, For more information go to <http://www.ccrclub.com/>
- **Saturday, Sept. 26, 11:00am: CLUB MEETING,** At Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field.
- **Thursday Oct. 1: Club Logo Submissions Due,** Submit your club logo idea. Winner to be selected and will receive Modelmaster Dollars
- **Thursday, Oct. 1: October Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due,** Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us Due date is first Thursday of each month.

Regular Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Saturday, October 24th. Meetings begin at 11:00 AM, at Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field. Dates for meetings beyond Oct. are being planned and will be held at the Highland Middle School.
- **INDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT SENATE GYM, SUNY Ulster:** 1-5pm, All dates are Sunday. October, 11, 2015, November 8, 2015.
- **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

The highlight of August was our 5th Annual Picnic/Fun-Fly. Attended by 32 members and guests we had fairly challenging flying weather, great food prepared by chef Tom Eng and his helpers, wife, Susan, Dom Fusca and John Knight. The marinated chicken that Tom added to the menu this year was a big hit. Our main menu was supplemented by salads and desserts contributed by a number of our members. There was a lot of participation in the creatively designed Fun-Fly events developed and conducted by Brad. New this year were pylon events as well as musical planes both of which were exciting and tested the skill level of our pilots. As always, the mass launch with combat wings and regular aircraft trailing long lengths of crepe paper thrilled the audience, particularly with the mid-air collisions.



Robin Auchincloss, the daughter of deceased member Bob Auchincloss, has requested that a fly-by be done at the memorial services taking place on Sunday, September 6th at the Poughkeepsie Day School. Brad Quick will be flying his quadcopter which will be trailing a banner.

On September 12th we once again will be participating in the Pleasant Valley Weekend by conducting activities at our field from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The public will be able to view a variety of aircraft that will be on display, use simulators and fly actual planes using a buddy box system.

Lloyd Quick, Tom Eng and George Amenta will be the instructors. Participating in the festivities gives us an opportunity to thank the Town of Pleasant Valley for allowing us to be the sole users of Redl Field and at the same time showcase our hobby to the public.

The PVW planning committee works hard to put together a quality program for the entire weekend. If your schedule permits I would highly recommend you stop by the town hall property (Cady Field) where most of the activities are occurring. And of course we would like to see you at our field.

The next club meeting at our field will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 11:00 AM. October 24th will be the last meeting at our field. November through April our meetings are held at the Highland Middle School.

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

Editor's Note: There is something different about Bob's column this month. Did you notice it?

MEETING MINUTES – August 22, 2015 - Redl Park Flying Field

1. Meeting was called to order by President Santoro at 9:49 AM
2. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2015 meeting. [Motion Approved]
3. Treasurers Report.
 - a. There is \$2052.11 in the treasury plus \$500.00 in escrow for the Highland MS indoor site
 - b. There is \$332.21 in the field maintenance account.
 - c. The club membership is approximately 59.
4. A motion was made to approve the Treasures Report [Motion Approved]
5. President Santoro offered thanks to various club members and groups for their hard work in preparing for the picnic:
 - a. Lloyd-Mowing the lower level of the field
 - b. Town of Pleasant Valley for mowing the parking area and the upper portion of the field
 - c. Tom-Food preparation and cooking.
 - d. Brad-Supplying the grill and acting as the contest director
 - e. Dom-Shopping
 - f. Traci-Registration
 - g. All those who brought food, tables, chairs, and canopies
 - h. Flight Instructors-Tom, George and Lloyd
6. The Town did not have money to supply a Port-a-Potty for the field, but instead moved a unit from another park to Redl Field. The unit will remain at the field through Pleasant Valley Day.

7. The wife of deceased member Bob A. provided a T shirt to the club which had a logo that portrayed the ascent of the civilization of man through caveman to RC pilot. The T shirt will be auctioned with the proceeds going to Wounded Warrior Project.
8. Brad gave a brief overview of the events planned for the day:
 - a. Limbo
 - b. Most time under the bar in 60 seconds.
 - c. Dead stick spot landing
 - d. Crepe paper “bomb drop”
 - e. Musical planes (mass launch at the signal, last one to land is out)
 - f. Mass launch ribbon cut
 - g. *Post Meeting – Contest Results and pts awarded. Also see Dillon Losee video of the combat event in the “Interesting Stuff” section.*
 - Scott Fellin-70
 - George Amenta- 45
 - Lloyd Quick- 42
 - Tom Eng- 40
 - John Knight-35
 - Dom Fusca-19
 - Dillon Losee-15
 - Bob Santoro-8
9. Dom has a collection of Wing Tips Newsletters dating back to 1979. He is making these available to club members who might want an individual Newsletter for research or sentimental reasons.
10. Bill B. Would like to reintroduce a building competition event that was popular in the past. Participants would be given a package of parts, and would have to make something that would fly. This project will need a chairperson. If interested, talk to Bill.
11. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM
12. Next Meeting Saturday, September 26, 2015. 11:00 AM Redl Field

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, John Knight

MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER – Patrick Walker

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

I initially became interested in aviation in general after reading a book about the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. At the time I was too young to consider learning to fly full scale so modeling was the obvious choice. I began building and flying control line models and one day my neighbor saw me out in the back yard working on one of these models and offered to teach me to fly R/C.

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

About 8 years.

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

I love building scale models of classic aircraft and then trying to fly them in a scale like manner.

4. What was your 1st plane?

My first R/C plane was a old Park Zone Piper J-3 Cub given to me by my neighbor and mentor.



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

I absolutely love my Telemaster 40. Even though it is not a scale model of anything, because of it's size and great design it flies very much like a full scale airplane!

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

Probably, rebuilding after a crash. I have so many planes that I have damaged and begun to rebuild but often I find rebuilding is actually harder than starting from scratch!

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

I would like to learn more about flying aerobatics. I can take off and land and fly nice racetrack patterns at this point so I think the next step is to learn to have that extra level of control needed to fly your aircraft at many different attitudes and airspeeds.

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

I fly full-scale aircraft, I just got my license on 8/27/15, and I now work at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome so in some ways my aviation interests have come full circle yet I still really enjoy modeling. I am also an avid musician and am entering my senior year at Vassar College this fall where I study the pipe organ.

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

I'd say look for a good airplane. This can be a daunting task considering how many ARF and RTF aircraft are available out there. However, I have found that many of these aircraft though they are low priced and easy to put together are too heavy and fast to be good trainers. Spend a little extra time to build yourself a very light balsa ship and you will have a truly enjoyable, and easy to fly model. Also, remember size matters and bigger often flies better, is easier to see, and reacts to control inputs slower.

Interesting Stuff

Dillon Losee –

1. Model masters Annual Combat Event 2015, FPV version, with 3 points of view - http://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=5-Iz0enupCg&u=/watch%3Fv%3Da1qugbH4Q08%26feature%3Dem-share_video_user
2. Quick fixes to my transmitter - <https://youtu.be/LXy7NR7AQ84>
3. stryker propeller comparison video - https://youtu.be/tlD7D_rQ9YQ
4. Giant XXL RC Triplane // Big Fokker Dr. 1 [HD] - <https://youtu.be/NnbJC36d2jo>
5. How To Make Sugar Rockets - http://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=a5xbOAQkd18&u=/watch%3Fv%3D12fR9neVnS8%26feature%3Dem-share_video_user
6. Flight 2 of the MX2 - http://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=7bn3mAdupeI&u=/watch%3Fv%3D_4aIcvuWGr4%26feature%3Dem-share_video_user
7. Flite Test | FT Pun Jet - http://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=TXO--TZhmKI&u=/watch%3Fv%3D9fAanxYGOeQ%26feature%3Dem-share_video_user

Sights from the 2015 Annual Picnic



Brad Quick - Contest Director 1





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