

Wing Tips

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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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2015 Club Officers

President: Bob Santoro

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Vice President: Ron Irvin

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Junior VP: George Amenta

Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **Sunday, November 8, 1 – 5pm: INDOOR FLYING SESSION** at Senate Gym, SUNY Ulster
- **Friday, November 20, 7:30pm: CLUB MEETING**, Highland Middle School Gym, 71 Main St., Highland, NY 12528. Indoor flying begins at 6:30pm, meeting will begin at 7:30pm or 8pm. *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.*
- **Thursday, December 3: December Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due**, Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us Due date is first Thursday of each month.

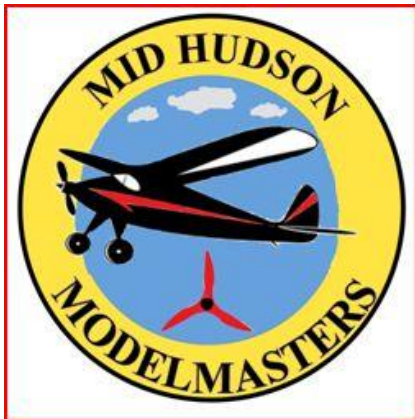
Regular Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** The following dates are for the Highland Middle School location. December-18, January-15, February- 19, March-tbd, April-15, May-13. Meetings beyond May have not yet been determined.
- **INDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT SENATE GYM, SUNY Ulster:** 2016 dates have not yet been determined.
- **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.
- **INDOOR FLYING AT SCHENECTADY ARMORY** **INDOOR FLYING AT SCHENECTADY** – Thursdays, 1:30pm – 4:30 pm (except holidays) thru May 2016. For more information please see <https://sites.google.com/site/epamodelers/home/schenectady-armory-indoor-flying>

From the President's Cockpit

The results are in and the winner of the Club Logo contest by an overwhelming majority is John Knight's entry shown above. Congratulations John. Members expressed an interest in having the logo embroidered on caps and/or shirts. EmbroidMe located in the Poughkeepsie Plaza will be the vendor for the purchases. When the selection of items is determined I will send out information regarding price and will take orders.

We have been asked and have accepted an invitation to participate in the annual Mid-Hudson Model Railroad and Hobby Show taking place at the Poughkeepsie Civic Center on Sunday, November 8th. More volunteers are needed to cover the hours of the show which is 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The plan is to have several simulators on hand and do a simple construction project building a glider using 9" foam plates.



Club Logo - designed by John Knight

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. Scottowitz has once again volunteered to coordinate the flight portion of the competition which will be held at Ulster County Community College on February 6, 2016. 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.

Our November club meeting will take place at the Highland Middle School on Friday, November 20th

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

MEETING MINUTES – October 24, 2015 - Redl Park Flying Field

1. Meeting was called to order by President Bob Santoro at 11:10 AM. 7 members and 2 guests were in attendance.
2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 2015 meeting. The motion was approved.
3. The treasurer reported:
 - a. Treasury has \$1,903.83 (including \$312.21 in the field maintenance fund) + \$500 (in escrow at Highland School District).
 - b. Mickey Azzinaro is a new member who recently joined.
 - c. Motion was made to accept the report. Motion approved.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion of the logo contest - Members voted for submission #3 (submitted by John Knight) - Further discussion was to ask John if he could substitute a different airplane in his logo, maybe a little bit more modern, maybe a Cub. John will be asked to explore possibilities.
 - b. Motion made to continue using the old logo for existing items such as the newsletter, etc, and use the new logo for new items. Motion passed.
5. New Business:
 - a. President Bob presented information he has gathered for Embroid-Me for caps, shirts, and other items using the new logo. A one-time setup fee of \$89.00 is required for the club logo. Motion made for the club to pay the setup fee - motion passed. Bob will also ask if the club can obtain the electronic file for the logo set-up. Other items can be ordered such as caps (generally \$14 each), many options for shirts (prices vary), minimum order amounts and minimum order quantities may apply. Discussion ended that the club will finalize the logo, then explore items to purchase by club members.
 - b. President Bob began discussion about obtaining a banner for events that the club participates such as Pleasant Valley Days, Maker Faire, etc. Costs for a 3 foot X 5 foot banner is about \$113.00. Discussion ended that the club will hold off on a banner for the time being.

- d. Mid-Hudson Model Railroad and Hobby Show at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center Nov. 8 - Modelmasters will participate, 6 members responded, President Bob mentioned that he will not be available to chair the event this year, but arrangements have been made.
 - e. Science Olympiad - Feb 26, 2016 - Looking for volunteers - so far Graham Foster and Bill Bolitho said they will be available.
 - f. Indoor flying at UCCC has not been finalized yet, no definite schedule as yet, more information is expected soon.
 - g. Building workshops - Brad Quick suggested the possibility of monthly general building workshops instead of a workshop for a specific aircraft. First workshop probably in January 2016, dates to be announced when finalized.
6. Show and tell at this meeting. Brad Quick described his trials with a product called "Styrospray" to coat his aircraft projects, giving the foam a more durable hard coating.
7. Next meeting will be Friday, November 20, 2016 at the Highland Middle School. 6:30 PM start for general flying, meeting sill start 7:30 or 8:00 PM.
8. Meeting adjourned 11:49 AM

Respectfully submitted, Treasurer Tom Eng.

MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER – Jim Wood

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

I got into the hobby at about age 12. I didn't know much about planes and bought a 10¢ kit called a Comet. I was self taught and in about 3 years I was into gas powered planes.

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

I have been in the hobby for 77 years.

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

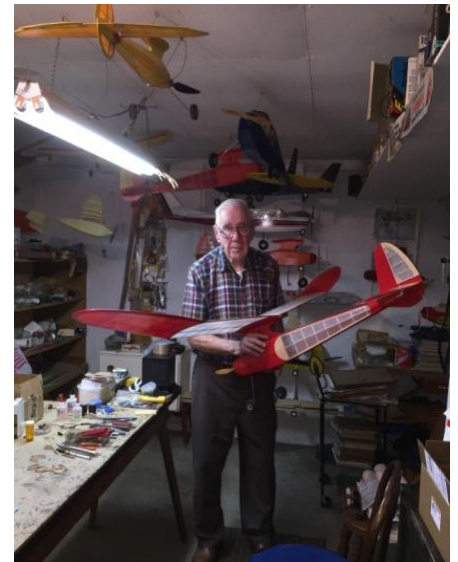
Radio Control which I started in 1975.

4. What was your 1st plane?

My 1st plane was a free flight Scientific Ensign . My 1st gas was built in 1941, right before Pearl Harbor.

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

By far my favorite is the Playboy of which I have built 8. It's simple to fly and very capable of soaring. It originally was designed as a free flight planes as a competitor to the Carl Goldberg planes.



Jim holding 1 of the 8 Playboys

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

The covering of planes I build.

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

Not so much a goal as a wish to be able to attend the 50th year celebration of the Mid-Hudson RC at the Rhinebeck Aerodrome in 2016. *(we all want to be there with you Jim!)*

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

Yes, served in a number of capacities such as Fire Commissioner for the East Fishkill Fire Department for 10 years. I enjoy local railroad history of Newburgh, Dutchess and Connecticut area.

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

Yes, don't be hesitant to ask lots of questions as members of all the local clubs are very willing to provide information, instruction and lots of support.

Modelmaster Dollar Auction (your help is requested)

This year I would like to solicit your assistance in the items to be included in the auction. For our newer members, the auction is the one time in the year you can spend your Model Master dollars you have earned. The auction is held during our annual dinner (normally in January). Model Master Dollars (MMD) are earned by members 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. I intend to continue with the raffle, where you use MMD to buy raffle tickets.

Please send your suggestions for items to include in the auction to wingtips@modelmasters.us. The cost of any single item should be no more than \$20 (less is fine). Please include a complete description (i.e. model number, size, capacity, voltage, etc). What is even better the website or location where to purchase. It does need to be RC, free flight related. Some ideas are a specific battery size, tools, coverings, motors, ESCs. Many members are now flying smaller planes. I'm not familiar with the battery sizes. Also members are getting into FPV, perhaps there are items in the FPV area for under \$20?

I can not assure you the items you suggest will be included in the auction, but I do appreciate your input.

I appreciate your thoughts and suggestions to make the auction entertaining and enjoyable.

Interesting Stuff

Dillon Losee –

1. Strega prop comparison- <https://youtu.be/SriBZZrhqdk>
2. RC Army Paratrooper drop - <https://youtu.be/as3VIvPOhQ4>
3. Bomb bay jet drop - <https://youtu.be/zyII0l4Ygus>

Nick Baston –

1. Future of Flying Robots - http://www.ted.com/talks/vijay_kumar_the_future_of_flying_robots#t-777970



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