



Wing Tips



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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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President: Brad Quick

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Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING , Saturday, October 15, 11:00am:** , At Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field. "chicken lunch meeting", Bob Santoro will arrange.
- **November Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., Nov. 3:** Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us Due date is first Thursday of each month.

Other Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Indoor meetings will start in November at the Highland Middle School Gym, 71 Main St., Highland, NY 12528 and will be on the 2nd Friday of each month. Moved to 2nd Friday due to building scheduling conflicts. 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.*
- **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** - The tentative schedule is Saturdays, 9:00 to 3:00, Oct. 8, 15, 22, and 29. Good news: the troublesome cables are down, and likely to remain so for a while. Please spread the word to your fellow modelers. (Provided by Jesse Aronstein)

From the President's Cockpit

September was a busy month. Scott Fellin and I participated in the Rhinebeck Jamboree, which is put on by the Mid Hudson R/C Society. Since I was a kid, I've wanted to fly there and this is their 50th anniversary, so it seemed like a good time. Scott brought his giant electric Tiger Moth and I brought my recently finished Fokker DR-1 triplane. We both also brought our 9' wingspan Piper Cubs. We thought we had big planes until we showed up at the Jamboree. When watching the event as a teenager, I remember the average sized plane having a 60 sized engine and anything that runs on gas was extraordinary. Now, almost every plane there ran on gasoline, many with multi-cylinder engines. A number of planes even had working rotary engines. Boy, did those sound nice. Almost every plane was quarter scale or larger with a few of the planes topping out at 1/2 scale! That's a big model. Tom Eng, Dom Fusca, and Bob Santoro joined us under the pop-up to enjoy watching the flying and we saw a number of other Modelmasters there who are also part of the MHRC club. Warren Batson, who is also a Modelmaster was the contest director for the event. He had his hands full, but he ran a real nice event.



The following weekend, we participated in Pleasant Valley Weekend. Bill Wittenhagen and his son Billy, Dom Fusca, and Bob Santoro all lent a hand. Bill Bolitho brought a laptop and played modeling videos. My dad (Lloyd) set up his six flight simulators which entertained many kids as well as adults. Billy helped a number of kids build simple styrofoam sliders out of meat trays. We also had a static display of airplanes to show the community what we do. Our presence there was very welcome. The most common comment we got were from parents who told us that it is sometimes difficult to keep their kids focused when they are on the soccer fields and want to watch the planes up the hill. Thanks to everyone who helped out. It's a good event to demonstrate to the town that we are an integral part of their parks system.

MEETING MINUTES – Redl Field Sept. 26, 2016

- Meeting started at 11:00 AM, 14 members and 1 guest in attendance, Redl Park Field.
 - Financial Report: \$1,820.57 (includes \$212.21 field maintenance fund) + \$500 in escrow at Highland Schools. Currently 58 members in the club.
 - David Cerasaro mowed last Wednesday. Volunteers have stepped up to mow ... thanks to all. Volunteers still needed.
 - Town of Pleasant Valley has given permission for the club to brush hog for knocking down brush and overgrowth. Club is looking for members who have brush removal equipment, plans to be announced.
 - Scott and Brad participated as pilots at the Rhinebeck Jamboree last Saturday, with visits by Tom, Dom and Bob Santoro.
 - Our club participated on Saturday for Pleasant Valley Days. There was interest in the flight simulators and the flying at our field, activity was slow at first and picked up near the end of the day. Larry's "club cards" were a hit.
 - NEAT fair report: This year there were less attendance and less vendors noted, possibly due the threat of rain.
 - Meeting schedule through spring of next year was announced. The next meeting on October 15 will be the last outdoor meeting at Redl field. Following meetings will be held at Highland Middle School with exception of the March meeting which will be held at Brad's workplace on Salt Point Tpke.
 - Participation at the Model RR club at the Civic Center. After discussion, Modelmasters will pass on this request.
 - Next meeting on October 15 will be a "chicken lunch meeting", Bob Santoro will arrange (Scott Fellin as alternate)
- Respectfully submitted, Tom Eng, Treasurer.!

Interesting Stuff Contributions from Members

Scott Fellin – Scott's new Extreme Flight Slick 580 after a successful maiden flight on October 1. (Photo courtesy of Tom Eng)

Tom Eng – Tom had a successful maiden flight of his Blade 230s on October 1. (Photo courtesy of Scott Fellin)



Scott's Extreme Flight Slick 580 1



Tom's Blade 230s 1

For Sale

VisionAire, has not been flown much, no crash damage. Can bring to field if you would like to see it for yourself. \$200, contact Domenick @ wingtips@modelmasters.us

