



# Wing Tips



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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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### 2017 Club Officers

President: Brad Quick

Secretary: Larry Kunz

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Vice President: Lloyd Quick

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Junior VP: George Amenta

### Club Calendar

#### Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING , Saturday, July 15, 11:00am:** At Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field.
- **August Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., August 3:** Send your submissions to [wingtips@modelmasters.us](mailto:wingtips@modelmasters.us) Due date is first Thursday of each month.
- **Saturday, August 19th for our 7th annual Fun Fly-Picnic.** Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field Details below, in this issue.

#### Other Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Summer Outdoor Meetings, Saturdays, 11am, August 19 (also our picnic), Sept. 16.
- **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. Even during the winter months as long as the driveway is not snow covered.

## From the President's Cockpit

On hiatus this month.

### MEETING MINUTES – June 17, 2017

- Meeting location:

Meeting was held outside at our flying field. (No, not a Vapor in sight)

Open Flying: 9:00 till 11:00

Business Meeting called to order at 11:00

+ Minutes of previous meeting in Wingtips. Accepted.

+ Next meeting is July 15, at the flying field.

- Treasurer's report: by Tom Eng

+ \$1952.21 (\$117.21 of which is the mowing fund) plus \$500 in escrow to Highland Middle School.

- Membership:

+ We now have 45 members for 2017

+ Welcome to three new members, Kent Wien and Gerald Ottaway

Picnic Planning:

+ Planned for August 19

+ Bob Santoro has volunteered to coordinate once again. He could use some volunteers to help.

+ \$5 from each adult participant plus about \$100 from the club treasury should cover costs.

Un-Local Events:

+ Plan to attend the Joe Nall RC festival in Woodruff, SC next May !

It's the RC flying equivalent of the Oshkosh Wisconsin big plane event.

- Scott Fellin,

+ Discussed his new quad and the complexities of setting up it's electronics.

Open Flying: till 11:30 till?

### MODELMASTERS PICNIC/FUNFLY-AUGUST 19, 2017



On August 19th, rain date the 20th, we will be having our 7<sup>th</sup> 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 President and Contest Director, Brad Quick. Again, this year our guests will have the opportunity to fly a trainer plane using a buddy box system under the supervision of our members. On the grill will be hamburgers hot dogs and chicken 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 mailing it to me at 10 Squires Gate, Unit G, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603. If you intend to pay at the picnic, please do notify me with the number of adults and children who will be attending so the appropriate amount of food can be purchased.

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

# My Road Trip by Rick Rizza

## PART 1

On Saturday, May 6th, I packed up the van and headed out for a 2 week "drive about," RC style. My loosely made plans included the IAC in Muncie, then a turn South thru KY, TN, AL and into Florida, figuring to turn it around in Lakeland at Frank Tiano's Paradise Field and then meander north on the East coast, stopping at RC fields along the way, and to include at least one day at Triple Tree during the Joe Nall event.

I made it to west central PA the first day. It rained the whole day making the stop I made at Moon Lake Park, home of the Lehigh Valley RC'ers futile-the gates were locked and nobody there-still counts as an RC field visited! I overnited in Brookville PA, and made it to Muncie and the IAC Sunday around 4:15 pm. Too bad for me the museum closes at 4...oh well, I was staying overnite and figured I would see it on Monday. Well, guess what? Spring hours were in effect and the museum is CLOSED on Mondays! Just my luck!



*Office Decor at the IAC*

So when Monday came, I went back to AMA HQ and I had a very nice day. I spent most of the day at the IAC (International Modeling Center aka the AMA Headquarters). The weather was sunny but cool, and pretty windy. I went there about 10, and walked into the AMA HQ since the museum was closed. In the HQ I talked to a lady at the front desk, and told her a little about myself and what I was doing. She hooked me up with a man named Sean and he gave me a tour of the HQ building. It is very nice, and everyone I met was very nice. Dave Mathewson was in his office and we chatted twice, once at the start of the tour and then at the end. They actually opened up the museum and I was able to get in and look at everything!. I took a bunch of pictures and when I'd had my fill I chatted with Dave for a while again, and then I went out to the flying sites. There oing on out there probably because of the weather. The only other flyer I found was a guy named Derrick who was flying some helicopters. I talked with him and watched him fly 2 helis in the wind. He crashed one. wasn't much business g Not too much damage, lucky for him! These were nice big helis. Then I got out my little Aeronca Champ out of its box and had my first flight at the IAC! Wind or no wind, I couldn't leave here without having at least one flight! The flight was successful even though it basically involved flying into the wind and not getting anywhere! That's how strong the wind was. After that, I drove to a different part of the area and parked the van and made myself a sandwich from the cooler. After eating, I noticed that the wind had died down (but only a little!) and I flew my little Radian sailplane for a flight, and that sums up my day. I came back to the hotel and took a nap.



*One display at the Museum*

## PART 2

I slept in Muncie and headed south the next morning. I had plans to visit the Louisville KY RC Club at their field in Louisville, and I found myself there around 11AM. There were 2 fellows there and they were very nice, inviting me to fly right off the bat as soon as I introduced myself. and I assembled my new unflown Carbon Z Cessna 150 from Horizon Hobby. They were happy to have me maiden it there, and after installing a 4 cell lipo and checking the CG, I turned it into the wind and took off. She flew GREAT! and that basically gets me to here- Wednesday morning in Louisville and heading south to visit a friend who moved from NY a number of years ago for work. He has a flying field to take me to, and also we might do a little target shooting. That's all for now! Rick R.

What a great trip so far. My friend Whitney made me welcome and extended wonderful hospitality to me, to the extent that we visited his local field, a nice paved runway in a park, with all the amenities you could ask for and lots of room to fly, and then we visited his farm property in the country where we had a great time target shooting many various firearms. Tomorrow is May 12 and Friday. I head into Alabama in the morning, and probably will make it to Florida before the day is out, coming into the state on the panhandle and I am considering a stop at the NAS museum there. I will let you know!

May 12th Today was a driving day. I thought I would go to Pensacola, but after I looked at the map, I decided to make for Tallahassee since it was more in line with where I was heading. I was on the road for about 11 hours, driving thru Alabama and into Florida. I finally pulled into the Best Western about 9:30 pm, and stayed there till morning. I went to the Seminole County RC Clubs field but no one was there. I needed to do laundry, so I backtracked a bit to a laundry mat I passed and there I type this. After I got my laundry done, I am going to return to the RC field to see if anyone shows up. Either way, I will be heading south from here. I still want to visit Paradise field, but I confess to having second thoughts since it is a couple of hours past Ocala, where I need to be Monday morning.

Latest: Well, I made it to Lakeland and found Paradise field. Nothing there but a big open field, a sign, and a locked gate. Thought about driving up to Ocala tonight, but decided to stay here in Lakeland and hit the road in the morning. It's not too far, only about an hour and 20 minutes.

This morning (May 13, Saturday) I drove to a field in Tallahassee but nobody was there. However, on my way I passed a laundry mat so I doubled back and did my laundry. After that, I figured I'd check the field again before I left town. Understand that the weather was good and it was kind of early when I got there previously. Well, I found two guys there and struck up a conversation. I was invited to fly so I pulled my U 2 spy plane out of the car and after a poor hand launch I had a great flight! With ground to cover, I landed and packed up, thanks my hosts at Seminole RC Club and was on my way by noon. The drive down to Lakeland was uneventful, except for the rain rain rain most of the way! This vacation has been soggy!

Oh My! I bet you wish you came with me now! LOL! Really so sorry to hear the news. I thought they had it worked out and it was some third party that had caused the problems previously. I guess now it is obviously between Mike and Amber. Can't let her back in, and I think you should seriously make an effort to have Mike put out ASAP. Unless you want to hire a property manager, you have to handle everything. But it is not too late to consider ways to reduce the things you have to manage.

Myself, I am on a little "RC Drive about" this week and next. I went to the IAC in Muncie and flew there on Monday as well as toured the HQ building and the museum. Today I looked up the Louisville RC Club at their field in Louisville KY, and I maiden my Carbon Z Cessna 150. She flew great! I'll be visiting a friend in TN tomorrow and then heading toward Florida to visit Paradise field in Lakeland as well as spend 2 nights at "Top of the World." Leaving there on Wednesday heading for Greenville SC to spend Thursday at the Joe Nall, before I head North back to NY. See you all then!

Hey there. still a few days out from being home, the trip is going well. I have visited PA, OH, IN, KY, TN, FL, and am now in SC till tomorrow, when we (yes, Moe joined me Monday in Ocala) leave for Chesapeake, VA hoping to visit the Tidewater C Club in that area. We will overnite there, then heading toward Jersey, with a possible stop in DE. I plan to drive the Chesapeake bay bridge and tunnel route. Moe has never seen it. There are 2 clubs in Jersey I want to visit, and we will probably come home from there, so I hope we will be home on Sunday, but Monday is a possibility

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May 9, 2017 I headed south into Kentucky. I had located on the map with the help of the AMA club locator a club in Louisville KY that was not too far off the beaten path, and went there to find two nice gentlemen who made me feel

right at home and invited me to "fly 'em if you got 'em." Well, I had 'em so I put together my brand new Carbon Z Cessna 150, battered up with a wimpy 4 cell, and after a check of the cg, I sent it down the runway for its maiden flight. With a 6 cell I'm sure it can tear up the sky, but I was very happy to see it lift off the grass and I took pains to keep the climb out gentle, and she flew like she was on rails! I made about 4 circuits of the field then I brought her in for a nice gentle landing. Then I started breathing again! LOL. I was very happy and I treated myself to a nice steak dinner that evening.

May 10th Today I got to Nolensville TN, which is where my good friend Whitney and his family now live, having moved here from NY for employment purposes back in 2012. He has 3 kids who were babies last time I saw them but are 8 and 6 now-yes, there are twins. Whit and his wife Amy were wonderful welcoming hosts, and although we didn't get a chance to fly we had plenty of fun between my arrival on Wednesday and my departure on Friday morning. Thanks for the memories!

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I did get back to Seminole RC Clubs field and there were some friendly guys there. We had a nice chat and I was invited to fly. I chose my U2 spyplane and with a friendly hand launch had a good flight. Then I made my goodbyes and headed for Lakeland FL to see what I could see at Frank Tiano's Paradise Field. Nothing to see there but a sign, a locked gate, and a big open field. Oh well...I overnighted in Lakeland, and...

May 14th I drove to Ocala. This was a Sunday so I had a hotel for the night. I arrived early enough to visit a local club field. There was quite a bit going on there, and the field was beautiful. After I hung around for a while and chatted up a few folks (they seemed a little standoffish to me) I was invited to fly, and did in fact toss one of my small boxed planes up for a bit, but then I drove away.!

## Interesting Stuff, Contributions from Members

### Rich Kleinhenz

New (?) loctite Like most modelers I use loctite blue (#243), but find the little bottles messy to use. Recently I came across a different formulation of the medium screw locker, it is #248. It has a wax-like consistency and is packaged like a lipstick. I could not find it locally, but you can get it on amazon for about \$15 a stick. It has the same locking properties as the traditional liquid #243. I don't know if it makes plastic brittle like the liquid, but it's probably a good idea not to use it on plastic.

### Bill Bolitho

I did come across something of passing interest. You might recall, that at the last meeting a private (?) plane over flew our little air field. The plane was unusual for its speed, sound, and what appeared to be twin counter-rotating propellers on a single shaft turbojet engine. So what was it? Also keep in mind, It apparently had no markings on the bottom of a distinctive wing. I came up with at least three possibilities. 1. The Pilatus PC 12 and PC 21 (although principally a Military Trainer, a very few are civilian - My guess for the strange aircraft). Both can be equipped with a single shaft twin counter-rotating propellers turbojet engine, also a rarity. 2. Daher TBM 900 can also take the described engine.

On a different matter, I came across this listing of plans and 3 views from the magazine "Flight" 1909 to 1984 (360 pages with active links).