



Wing Tips



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Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING , Saturday, October 14, 11:00am:** At Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field.
- **Sunday, October 29 Hobby Hangout all RC Swap Shop** 48 Anderson Avenue., New Milford, CT , Public Welcome 9:00am til 3:00pm Admission \$2.00 , see Event Flyer:
http://www.rcaces.org/Third%20Party%20Files/2017_Oct29_Swap_Shop%20_lyer-1.pdf
- **November Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., November 2:** Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us Due date is first Thursday of each month.

Other Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Beginning in November meetings will be at the Highland Middle School, every 2nd Friday of the month.
- **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.
- Schenectady Armory flying dates scheduled so far: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 3:30 to 9:30, Wed. Oct. 18, 3:30 to 9:00, Sat., Oct. 21, 1:00 to 5:00, Starting Nov. 1, Every Wednesday, 1:00 to 4:00 (tentative). Contact Jesse Aronstein for more information.

From the President's Cockpit

It's starting to cool down a little which means that it's perfect weather for flying! We have been fortunate this summer to have lots of good flying days. We saw quite a few members at the NEAT fair this year. It appears that every year the NEAT fair gets a little smaller, but there were still quite a few people flying and a number of vendors to visit. Some of us met for dinner at the restaurant in town for the famous steak dinner. It was my first time, but word was that the steak wasn't as good as it had been in prior years. We still had a good time. It was a beautiful day to watch a wide variety of planes fly.

One of the things that we saw at the NEAT fair was a simple ducted fan model made from corrugated sign board. Scott and I are thinking of putting something like it together for a possible group build this winter.

Last weekend Scott and I attended a clam bake at the WRAM club's field. A friend of Scott's had invited us. Just for comparison, their event was catered and included a lobster dinner (although Scott and I chose steak instead). However, the price was \$30 per person. They had a tent set up with tables and chairs and had about 60 people or so show up. It was what you might expect in Westchester. I've heard rumors that Scott and John are already thinking about next year's picnic and that there may be some barbecue involved.

One of the WRAM members brought twelve combat planes with twelve transmitters, so we got to do combat without risking our own planes. Unfortunately, mine had a bum battery, so it only made it about 30 feet before it wouldn't fly any more.

The highlight for Scott and I was our formation flying demos with our big cubs. Scott and I have been practicing this summer. We've hit each other three times so far, but haven't suffered any severe damage... yet. We have a blast doing it. It's surprising that more people don't do this. The WRAM crowd found it entertaining anyway.

Dillon did a great job mowing the field last week. Thanks again for everyone who took a turn (or two) this summer. It's nice to have a club with so many members who are willing to put in a few hours of work.

We have one more outdoor meeting before we head inside. Join us at the field (almost every Saturday morning, starting around 9:00) while the weather is still nice.



MEETING MINUTES – September 17, 2017

- Meeting location:

Meeting was held outside at our flying field.

Open Flying: 9:00 till 11:00

Business Meeting called to order at 11:00

+ Minutes of previous meeting in Wingtips. Accepted.

+ Next meeting To be determined. Brad has requested to use Highland Middle School gym for the 2nd Friday evening of each month for the winter.

- Treasurer's report: by Tom

+ \$1900.21 (\$117.21 of which is the mowing fund) plus \$500 in escrow to Highland Middle School.

- Membership:

+ 2017 membership stands at 45.

- Picnic Followup:

+ Our annual picnic cost \$102.

+ John cooked & Dom helped. Many members and spouses brought food !

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- + Brad designed and ran the contests. (Scott has volunteered to do this next year!)
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- + Any ideas for next year are quite welcome.

Interesting Stuff, Contributions from Members

Getting to Know Jim Kaman Cartoons, by John Sohm

I'd like to provide further clarification regarding Jim Kaman. He was an art teacher at J. Watson Bailey when I had him in 8th grade way back in 1969 to 1970. I remember doing one of those multi-layered backgrounds where I made it look like a scene from Guadalcanal complete with hills, palm trees and F-4F Wildcats flying patrol. That's when he mentioned they had a club for kids teaching them how to build rubber band powered models. I didn't join, didn't have the time and I was already building the types they were teaching in that club. Looking back, I wish I had joined to get to know Jim a little better.

How many planes can you fit in your car?

Can you find them all? There are 6 in this car. One has an 8 foot wingspan. One you can only see a small portion of the tail.

