



Wing Tips



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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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2018 Club Officers

President: Brad Quick

Secretary: Larry Kunz

Sgt. at Arms: Flavio Ambrosini

Vice President: Scott Fellin

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Junior VP: George Amenta

Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING , Friday, December 21:** 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*
- **December Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., January 3:** Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us Due date is first Thursday of each month.
- **Annual Club Dinner Brunch & Auction, Sunday, January 20:** Coppola's on Route 9 in Hyde Park, 12:00pm
- **AMA EXPO EAST 2019, February 22-24, 2019:** Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, NJ. Advance sale tickets available at <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amaexpoeast/tickets/>

Other Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** At Highland Middle School, January 18, February 15, March 22, April 12. Watch for emails from our Google group for updates and cancelations due to weather.
- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT WEST ROAD FIELD** – Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting.

MEETING MINUTES – November 16, 2018

- Meeting location: Brad's factory on Salt Point
Highland Middle School preempted us, so Brad offered his business facility!
- Open flying 6:00 until 7:30 PM +
 - + Brad set up a metal work table, and we all practiced carrier landings with our Vapors !
 - + Lots of fun, and minimal damage to the heavy work table !

Business Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

- + Next meeting will be Friday December 21 at Highland Middle School
- + Nomination of club officers for 2019
- President: Brad wishes to resign. No volunteers. We will ask Kent Wein.
- Vice President: Scott Fellin has agreed to continue.
- Treasurer: Tom Eng has agreed to continue.
- Secretary: Larry Kunz has agreed to continue
- Sgt. At Arms: Flavio Ambrosini has agreed to continue

Holiday Party:

- + Bob Santoro will coordinate again this year.
- + Party tentatively scheduled for Friday evening January 18
Subsequently moved to Sunday January 20 Brunch !

- Treasurer's report: by Tom Eng
 - + \$1550.52 (\$117.21 of which is the mowing fund) plus \$500 in escrow at Highland Middle School.
 - + \$219.39 web bill was recently paid.
- + 2018 membership stands at 39.
- + Two members have paid dues for 2019
- + Membership for 2019 will remain \$25 if paid by Jan 1, and \$35 thereafter

- Group Build:

- + We will have another group build at Brad's workplace.
- + The Science Olympia rubber model build scheduled for Sat Nov 17, will be moved to Sat. Dec 1 since several builders have not yet received their kits.

- Battery Welding demo:

- + Brad demonstrated his technique for connecting multiple cells to create a battery pack.
- + Cells should not be soldered as that overheats them, so Brad welds them.
- + This involved a HUGE capacitor to provide the necessary jolt, an old battery charger and a variac to charge the capacitor, and a relay to trigger it.



Battery spot welding



Annual Dinner Brunch & Auction

COME IN OUT OF THE COLD!

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a fabulous brunch buffet, auction and fellowship of our members and their guests.

Date: Sunday, January 20, 2019

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: Coppola's on Route 9 in Hyde Park

Cost: \$19.95 (tax & gratuity included)



As you know the members were polled to determine their interest in having our traditional Friday dinner or changing to a Sunday brunch buffet. All responses favored Sunday, some members giving specific reasons for their preference.

The food selections are numerous and sure to please everyone. They include typical breakfast choices as well as made to order omelets along with lunch/dinner type dishes. Desserts and various drinks are included.

Following the brunch will be our auction conducted by our in-house and talented auctioneer, Dom Fusca. As in the past Bill Bolitho will be cranking out Modelmaster Dollars to distribute to our members at the auction.

Reserve this date and be sure of good food and a fun auction. In early January I will be contacting members to determine their intent to attend and collect the brunch fee.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. Bob.

Interesting Stuff

Jesse Aronstein: For Digitized Model Airplane Magazines, Plans and Books check out www.digitekbooks.com

Several members have had difficulties unlocking the chain at the field when there is tension on the chain. To avoid tension on the chain, try using the hook on the poll to hook the chain. Then lock the chain to the short chain piece. See photo.

