



Wing Tips



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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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2020 Club Officers

President: Kent Wien

Secretary: Larry Kunz

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Vice President: Scott Fellin

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **Note:** AMA Expo East (formerly the WRAM Show) has been cancelled
- **CLUB MEETING , Friday, Feb. 28:** Highland Middle School Gym, 71 Main St., Highland, NY 12528. Indoor flying begins at 6:30pm, meeting will begin at 7:30pm or 8pm. Barry is planning 'Fun Fly' events, see his article in this newsletter. *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.*
- **March Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., Mar. 5:** Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us Due date is first Thursday of each month.
- **East Coast Swamp Flyers 6th annual swap meet, Mar. 22, Zandri's, Wallingford, CT :** For more information see www.swapflyers.net. or send email to ecsf.swap@gmail.com

Other Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Winter meetings will be held at Highland Middle School on the following Friday night dates. Also announced via Google Groups. Mar. 20, Apr. 17. Spring and Summer meetings will be at our field.
- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT WEST ROAD FIELD** – Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting.

MEETING MINUTES – January 17 & 19, 2020

- **Friday 1/17 was the first MM “meeting” of 2020 - Indoors at Highland Middle School.**
Open flying from 6:30 to 9:00 PM
OK, so we didn't really have a meeting, but we had fun flying !
 - Since I missed the December meeting, I will reiterate that all Club officers from 2019 ...
 - Have been nominated to serve again for 2020,
 - Have agreed to serve again.
 - Have been voted into Office for 2020.
 - 2020 Modelmasters club officers:
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Treasurer: Tom Eng.
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 - Not officially a club officer, but a most important job...
Newsletter editor: Dom Fusca
 - **Sunday January 19 was the annual club party.**
 - Party commenced at 11:00 at Coppola's in Hyde Park
 - All enjoyed Coppola's Sunday brunch
 - We had the usual gift exchange, and auction
 - Bob Santoro organized the party
 - Bill Bolitho created and distributed the Modelmaster dollars.
 - Brad Quick ran the gift exchange,
 - Dom Fusca was the auctioneer.
 - Meeting @ 11:30 with treasurer Tom Eng presiding.
Note: No meeting was planned for this date, but we skipped the Friday meeting, so a very brief meeting was called by Tom.
 - Treasurer's report: by Tom Eng
Club treasury now at \$1509.65
\$ 89 recently paid for our PO box.
\$ 450 paid for auction items
+ 2020 Membership now at 28
Membership paid after Jan first is \$35
Send your dues to Tom ! (make \$35 check out to "Modelmasters" and send to Tom Eng, 27 Briar Patch Lane, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569)
 - FAA Rule discussion:
 - (a) It was proposed, discussed, voted, and agreed that
 - (b) We, as an AMA registered club, will adhere to and enforce all rules as specified by the AMA, but we will NOT enforce rules specified by the FAA, (until adopted by the AMA)
 - (c) Note: There are some rules proposed by the FAA that some of our members find unacceptable.
 - (d) We will discuss this issue at a later date If those rules get adopted by the AMA.
- + Next meeting is Friday Feb 28at Highland Middle School.
+ Meeting adjourned @ 11:45
- + 11:45 until 2:00 ... Party enjoyed by all !.

Respectfully Submitted, Larry Kunz

February Meeting Fun Fly hosted by Barry Knickerbocker

How Low Can You Go??

We are planning a Fun Fly at our next Modelmasters meeting on February 28th. The events will be similar to last year. The prizes will be bragging rights, AMA Alpha kits, and Modelmasters dollars, Each event awards 1st place (\$50), 2nd place (\$25), 3rd place (\$15), any participant (\$10), .

Here are the events planned:

TIMED FLIGHT:

- Timing starts when aircraft moves from a dead stop.
- Timing ends when aircraft first touches down.
- Fly for 30 seconds with no help keeping track of time.
- Flight times are rounded up to the nearest second.
- Perfect score is 30 points.
- One point subtracted for each second over or under.

LIMBO:

- Every successful pass under the ribbon earns you a point.
- Touching the ribbon has no consequence.
- Touching the floor, flying outside the poles, above the ribbon, or cutting the ribbon takes you out. (no do-overs)
- You must begin each pass from outside the yellow lines on each side of the Limbo bar.

TAXI RACE:

- Taxi around our race course without taking off, fly over the barrier at the starting line after rounding the last turn.
- Planes must be configured as you normally would for flying. (no added weight, clipped wings, etc)

Modelmasters Brunch/Auction, Sunday January 19 by Bob Santoro

25 Members and guests attended our 2nd brunch/auction held at Coppola's restaurant in Hyde Park on January 19th. Like last year the brunch had an extensive number of offerings. The gift exchange organized by Lloyd and conducted by Brad kicked off the event with a great selection of both, hobby related and other assorted items. Gift certificates for Hobby House and various chocolates were popular as was a beautiful handmade scarf knitted by Joan Quick.

Bill Bolitho challenged everyone to identify the manufacturer of numerous planes that he had pictured. And thanks to Bill for all his effort in designing and printing the Modelmasters Dollars, the artwork of which is always very creative and theme oriented.

As always, the highlight of the event was Dom Fusca conducting the auction and raffle. With the assistance of Scott Fellin, Dom, in his humorous and witty way auctioned off an exceptionally large number of both Club purchased and donated items. The bidding process was very animated and drew much laughter, particularly for the most coveted items. Many thanks to Dom, for purchasing items and doing a great job. And thanks to Scott for assisting Dom and to all of those who donated some real fine items.

And special thanks to Bob for planning & organizing the brunch!

Auction figures:

Number of items auctioned: 21

Items raffled: 5

Least expensive item: Guillows balsa kit, 100 MMD, Al Monteleone

Most expensive item: 4 cell, 2200mah Lipo battery, 4300 MMD, Scott Fellin.

Most number of items purchased: 4 by Lloyd Quick, for total of 2700 MMD

MMD dollars earned by members in 2019: over 34,000 MMD

Total MMD spent at the auction: 25,500 MMD

Some New Planes by Rick Rizza

During the last month I picked up 3 new planes. An Eflite 1.2m P 39 Airacobra, a scale model of a Czech homebuilt called the TL2000, and a swap meet find, an Eflite Beech Stagger Wing 480 ARF. Of the 3, the only one I have been really wanting is the P 39. This model has been out for a while, but at \$279 I didn't really want it that much.



P-39 Airacobra

nose will do it good.

After that, I decided to pull the trigger on the P 39 because I had stumbled into a \$75 gift card. It arrived, and it looks great! I bought the BNF which has SAFE. The assembly is quite simple and quick, although not 100% without issue. I'm not going to get into it here, but if you get one I will be happy to give you some tips. This plane has sturdy electric tricycle retracts and enough size and power to operate off grass. Like the full scale, it has split flaps which work nicely. It can fly great on a 3 cell or go ballistic on a 4 cell. My maiden was on super Sunday and I used a 3 cell 2200ma and the flight was great after a scare due to an old battery that couldn't put out the juice.



P-39 Airacobra



Finally, I was feeling bored and wanting to get out of the house, and looking in the Model Aviation Magazine I saw the ATOM RC club in Jersey was having their annual swap meet on Feb 1st. The location is about a 90 minute drive. The meet was one room, but it was stuffed with vendors and airplanes and it was well attended. There was literally a line out the door waiting for it to open. I was there to browse and mingle mainly, and I met up with many people I know in the hobby. I saw a very nice Spacewalker ARF (balsa, not a foamy. 40 glow size) for \$100. After a few minutes thinking about it, I decided to go buy it, but

alas! You snooze, you lose, and it was gone. Later I saw this nice looking Beech. With a 35 inch span, it was foam, assembled and PNP and came with a spare fuselage asking \$85. I thought that was a decent deal for a nice looking airplane. I inquired about the landing gear since the real Stagger had retracts, and the owner told me he had installed the fixed gear but had purchased the recommended retracts from Eflite, and was selling them for \$30 NIB. My offer of \$100 for the plane and gear was accepted and it came home with me. I brought it home and checked it out that day. It needed a few tweaks, but I got it ship shape and it too had its maiden (in my possession. It had been flown) on Super Sunday. It proved to be very nimble and light on its wings, even with the 2200ma 3 cell in it. After I get a few more flights on it, I will install the pneumatic retracts.