

# 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:

- **CLUB MEETING , Saturday, May 16:** Due the current situation with COVID-19 and the need to maintain social distancing, the May meeting will be conducted via web video conference. Watch your email for further details.

**Jesse Aronstein, Life Member** will present Electric Flight: 1883 to 2050, Where are we now? Where are we headed?

Practical electric-powered airplanes have arrived! The technology underlying modern hybrid and all-electric automobiles is being applied to airplanes. Have you any idea how many distinct airplane designs are already flying with electric power, what performance they have achieved, and how many companies are involved in developing new ones?

The electric powered aircraft fleet is expanding rapidly, as is the performance envelope. At least one is already certified and in production. If industry projections are right, you will be flying electric on short regional flights by 2030. Come see what's new in electric flight.

- **June Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., June 4:** Send your submissions to [wingtips@modelmasters.us](mailto:wingtips@modelmasters.us) Due date is first Thursday of each month.



#### Other Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Watch your email for dates.
- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT WEST ROAD FIELD** – Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting. **Due to the current COVID-19 situation regular attendees have not been flying on Saturday mornings. The field is available for flying.** To all members, stay safe and stay well!

## MEETING MINUTES April 18

Shortest minutes ever...

### April 18 ModelMasters online meeting:

- Meeting called at 9:15 by president Kent Wien
- Next official meeting will be online May 16.
- Unofficial meetings online every Saturday morning @ 9:00 AM.

### Treasurers Report:

- \$1367.65 after paying \$200 for AMA club insurance.
- 31 members for 2020.
- Since the meeting Bruce Fallon, Chris & Michael Lewis have renewed.

### Show & Tell:

- Several members showed their airplane collections (WOW!) and building projects.
- (sorry, I could not see and hear well enough for more specifics)



*Online meeting using Google Hangouts*



*Brad Quick showing progress on his BAe Hawk EDT*

## Meet your fellow Modelmaster Member Al Monteleone

Hope everyone is well and getting ready to fly with the warmer weather coming you are all in my prayers ! To answer the wing tips questions , I will try to explain a lifelong love of anything that fly's !

### 1. How did you become interested in the RC hobby/sport?

As a young child I spent many hours in my back yard playing and watching things that flew over our house in College Point Long island 22 11 127 st. LaGuardia Airport just across the bay and Speeds Airport 3 blocks away . Trying to bounce a Supper ball high enough to hit the GOODYEAR BLIMP that was moored up at Speeds Airport!

### 2. How long have you been involved with the hobby/sport?

My first cousin Rudy Monteleone and I both felt the same way about anything that fly's and His Father Rudy Senior use to build and fly U control model airplanes . But my heart was excited the first time I saw a RC model flying! I was about 10 or 11 and my Dad took me to watch some guy fly his at a open field across the highway from Flushing Meadows. We were on our way home from my Grandmothers house in White Stone when I saw the guy flying his model, and so I started begging my Dad to pull in the field at a distance so I could watch! And it was going well for about 10 minutes. I remember telling my Dad how much I wanted him to help me do that! And that's when it happened, disaster struck ! The man flew to close to the roof of his station wagon! The landing gear got caught in the roof rack and ripped the plane to pieces. That was the end of the conversation for my Dad but I was hooked for life! That was 59 years ago, and I still get the same thrill every time I watch anything that fly's!

### 3. What aspect of the hobby/sport are you most interested?

It's hard to say exactly what part of this hobby is my favorite part. I love it all, from building new designs to coming up with new ideas, to scratch building and experimental aircraft and old timer styles. Just putting myself in a chair, dreaming of a new way to fly anything!

#### 4. What was your 1st plane?

My first model was a Royal Coachmen all wood model 42" wingspan powered by a OSMAX 20 and a 72 HZ RC radio. And that plane was my one and only plane at the time and I flew it every week during the summer months! That was the plane I learned to fly on and needless to say learned how to put back together weekly ! That plane was put back together so many times that it got heavier and heavier as the years went by so much so that the guys in the SOURS CLUB use to tease me by saying " Oh my God this thing is as heavy as a BRICK !" Hence the name of my Royal Coachmen became , "THE INCREDIBLE FLYING BRICK " ! A fitting name for my all orange model! And the plane got so heavy from all the epoxy that held it together that I went from a OS 20 all the way up to a Enya 45! I was able to fly in the winds at Gailville when no one else could fly! And do dead stick vertical landings many times which I got real good at!

#### 5. Do you have a favorite Plane? If so which one and why?

It must be the "THE INCREDIBLE FLYING BRICK "

#### 6. What is the most challenging part of the hobby/sport for you?

The most challenging part of this hobby is getting use to all the new electronics. Thank God I have great friends and my oldest son, that help me out!

#### 7. What are the goals you wish to accomplish in the hobby/sport?

My goals are to get to the point that I was 40 years ago, now that I'm retired and have more time for my lifelong love of flying!

#### 8. What other hobbies or areas of interest do you have?

I also build fly rods and tie flies. I also sculpt and do portrait paintings.

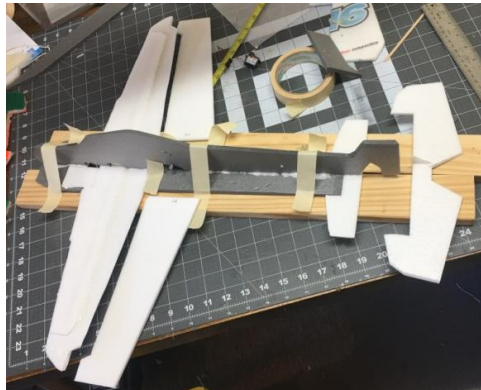
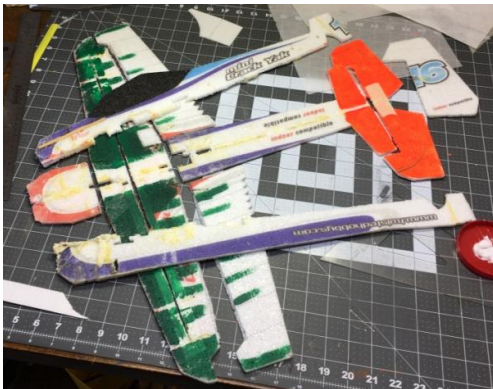
#### 9. What advice do you have for new people getting into the hobby/sport?

My advice to newcomers to this hobby is don't pick a fast low wing plane to try to learn how to fly! Pick a high wing slow flier, then work your way up to that fast as heck plane in a year or so.

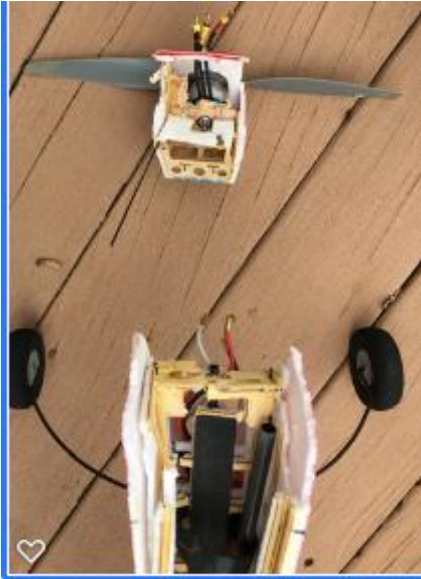
## Crashes

Thank You to everyone who submitted crash photos and descriptions. Next month, send in your photos and stories about those plane kits that are still in their boxes or projects you started and just haven't been able to get back to.

**Larry Kunz:** On left the remains of a Twisted Hobbies Crack Yak Mini after 6 years of demolition flying, and subsequent disassembly in prep for cloning. Middle, clone made from Depron. Right, new depron Crack Yak



**Larry Kunz:** Wreck & Repair An "extreme Flight" Extra 300



**Bob Santoro:** Left: The takeoff site. The ultra lite T-28 got caught in a wind gust and lost sight of when it got into the sun. The plane went over the trees looking straight ahead and got carried about 1/2 mile. Right: the plane is where it crash landed coming over the trees in the background. It surprisingly incurred minimal damage but more surprisingly was the fact that I came across it on a walk about 2 hours later. I was not actively looking for it as I had already written it off as gone for good.



**Scott Fellin:** This is a Rock hobby Strega I bought a few years ago. It was fast, fun and flew like it was on rails. Unfortunately I had an esc brown out or some other loss of signal, while flying strait and level at 80+mph it nosed down and ended up looking like this. Maybe someday I'll have a go at fixing it.



## Interesting Stuff

- **Jer Milosek** - The following link will take you to the FKMAC, Flying Knights Model Airplane Club, youtube channel and show you some of the work that has been done on its new field. Our old field is being converted to a solar array. Thanks for visiting \*\*\*AND\*\*\* don't forget to give a thumbs up, please.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGt0vk7Zyjc&t=5>
- **Scott Fellin** - Does anybody remember the old days when flying rc planes had a degree of risk but seeing your friends didn't????

