



Wing Tips



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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING , Saturday, June 20:** 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.
- **July Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., July 2:** Send your submissions to 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. Social distancing is practiced.

MEETING MINUTES May 16

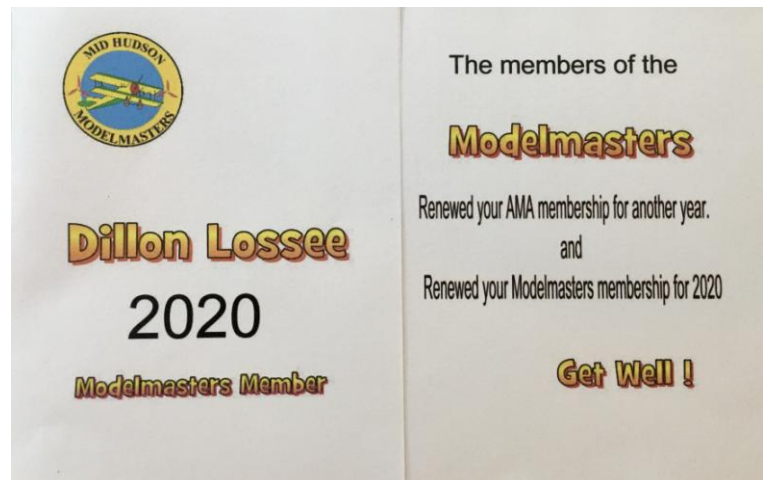
- + Open jawing 9:00 to 9:10
- + Virtual Meeting called @ 9:10 by president Kent Wien.
 - Next meeting is June 13 ...maybe at the Flying Field! depending on Covid19 status.
 - And, of course, every Saturday morning at the field (8 AM till about 1 PM).

We are now legal to gather 10 at a time, but please remember to maintain your distance !
- + Treasurer's report: by Tom Eng
 - Club treasury now at \$1437.65
 - 2020 membership now at 34.
- + Flying Field status:
 - Brad has mowed several times this Spring. We will go back to volunteers this week. (Please email Brad (brad@jamestaylor.com) if you would be willing to mow on occasion)
 - There has been some damage to the field and the access road by motorcycles and quads. Dom will contact the Pleasant Valley town supervisor to see if they can help stop this.
- + MM Newsletter: Editor Dom Fusca
 - Dom did a great section on model crashes and repairs last month.
 - He will do a section on your long delayed projects for the next issue !

+ Dillon Losee has been having some serious health problems, and is now doing rehab in Westchester Medical Center. The club has renewed his AMA membership and Modelmaster dues for him. Larry will mail his card to him as soon as he confirms the mailing address.

+ Electric Flight by Jessie Aronstein:

Jessie's gave a great presentation on the history and development of full size electric airplanes. His son is an aeronautical engineer and has been working on development of full size electric planes for several years now.



Meet your fellow Modelmaster Member Rick Rizza

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

A very young child (like 5 years old) watched a Walt Disney show called "The Boy who Flew with Condors" and I fell in love with the idea of aviation.

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

I got my first model, a Wen Mac P 63 Airacobra with an .049, in the Spring of 1960. It didn't last long as I was 7 years old. I got the first flight and ensuing hard landing. My dad then tried, with similar result. Memory fades. I think I had one more short flight and that was it. A few years later I moved into a Cox PT 19 and learned to fly it. After that, we flew many of the Cox line. My favorite was the Stuka with bomb drop. This happened late grammar school and thru high school. I also took flying lessons and got my Private Pilots license, but after high school, my life went scattered and most flying of all kinds went on hiatus for many years.



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

My favorite aspect of the hobby is scale fixed wing. I like airplanes that look like actual full scale aircraft flown in a fairly realistic manner.

4. What was your 1st plane?

Mentioned above, it was a Wen Mac Airacobra. My first RC was a kit built Great Planes PT 40, which lasted, with repairs beteen flight 2 and 3, exactly 3 flights

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

I have so many planes, it is hard to name a favorite. I have 3 nice WW 1 glow models, a Sopwith Camel, A fokker D7 and a Modeltech SE5. Love them all. Electric I love my Cessna 150 and E flite Cherokee. I jusy got the Twin Otter and have the beautiful e flite P 39! So many airplanes, and every one a favorite and a work of art!

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

Loading and unloading the van. Motivating myself to get off my duff and get out there. I'm very good at accumulatin stuff and then never using it. Getting organized.

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

I don't usually set mileposts or goals for myself to accomplish. A goal in the traditional sense for me might be just getting into my hobby room and doing even ONE thing, be it gluing a broken part or putting a tool away. In a more broad sense, my goal in the hobby is to enjoy it and enjoy the people around me who also enjoy it.

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

I'm a lifetime outdoorsman-hunting, fishing, boating and the associated activities were main line pursuits for most of my life. Unfortunately, I got old and fat and these days I am not doing much of anything anymore.

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

I think the best advice anyone can give to a newbie is do it with a friend who already has the knowledge.

Earn Modelmaster dollars by submitting answers to these questions to be included in a future Wing Tips. Send your answers and a photo of yourself to wingtips@modelmasters.us

Long Delayed Projects

Thank You Flavio for sending in your photos and comments! There must be more projects our members have which remain un-built or still sitting on a workbench. Do I need to call out names? I think you know who you are. 😊

Flavio Ambrosini:

Guillows “Piper Cherokee 140” rubber free flight model that I am building during this Covid-19 period.



A project that I have been wanting to make for a long time, but have not started yet. I want to transform that block of wood into a 50” free flight model. Needs a lot of cutting.



Interesting Stuff

- **Noel Einolf** - Has anyone put together a solar powered airplane? There are several on YouTube, but I haven't tried to make one yet. I'm planning to visit Jerry Ottaway this summer and bring a Sport Cub, a kit he gave me and I put together. I'm giving him a 72 MHz transmitter to fly it.

Dillon is back! Everyone in the club wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you at the field soon!

- **Dillon Losee**
 - Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome - <https://youtu.be/iB5gxCPSQaM>
 - WWI Dogfight at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome - https://youtu.be/7TajhG_1GZE
 - WW I Dogfight Reenactment (with gunfire) – Fokker - <https://youtu.be/1mN6VCWfu4I>
 - Brilliant Engineering of WRIGHT FLYER - <https://youtu.be/LigpsX1KoQE>
 - The amazing Lazy Bee - <https://youtu.be/mQDCeSxVn1w>
 - Inside RC Jet Workshop - Mibojets (Part 1) - <https://youtu.be/-hYLFjXbpQs>
 - Inside RC Jet Workshop - Mibojets (Part 2) - https://youtu.be/CN5wLI7_ykQ
 - Maiden Mibo A10 - <https://youtu.be/d4VeUA4WUDQ>
 - Squirrel Steals Giant Paper Airplane - <https://youtu.be/a4QUOVnbB-U>