



# 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 PICNIC & MEETING , Saturday, August 15:** 10th Annual Picnic/Fun-Fly, more information from Bob, below
- **September Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., Sept. 3:** 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. Social distancing is practiced.

## MEETING MINUTES – July 18, 2020

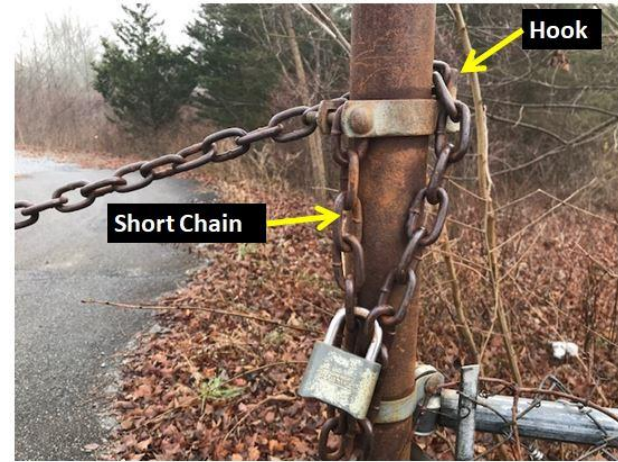


- + Open flying till 11, ( And a beautiful, CALM day it was too ! )
  - Yes ! We are now officially back at the field !
  - We had at least 15 pilots in attendance this week.
- + Meeting called @ 11 by VP Scott Fellin.
  - Next meeting is Party time at the field on August 15 !
  - And, unofficially, 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 6 foot distance !
      - and wear a mask if you must be close to another person.
  - COVID LIVES ! (outdoors is pretty safe, but let's not tempt this virus)
- + Sad Note:
  - John Knight's wife, Maria, passed away in early July. The membership sends their deepest condolences to John and his family. <https://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Maria-Knight?obId=17192183>
- + Treasurer's report: by Tom Eng
  - Club treasury now at \$1447.55
    - (but Highland Middle School still has not cashed our 2019-2020 \$500 security check)
  - We owe Brad as yet undetermined \$\$ for mower repair parts.
  - 2020 membership now at 38.
    - Welcome to new member Paul Hagen,
    - and returning member Warren Batson !
- + Flying Field status & Mowing:
  - Sunshine and drought has precluded the need for mowing for a few weeks. .
  - (Please email Brad ([brad@jamestaylor.com](mailto:brad@jamestaylor.com)) if you would be willing to mow on occasion)
- + MM Summer picnic / party: Saturday, August 15
  - Bob Santoro has volunteered to coordinate our summer Picnic / party.
  - Please bring EZ-ups if you have them so we can spread out and still have shade.
  - We voted to restrict it to members only this year due to Covid19. (No guests)
  - Simplified menu, hotdogs, burgers and watermelon. Tom will cook with Larry and Paul assisting.
  - You are welcome to bring your own food, drink, side dish, dessert for your own consumption.
  - Scott will run the flying contests.
- + New Business:

- Since we had so many pilots at the field this week, things got pretty hectic in the sky, So we discussed the following :
- Pattern flying (all clockwise, of CC) if we deem that there are too many planes in the air, or if any pilot requests it.
- Remember to announce, and acknowledge actions. ( taking off, landing, crossing runway, Touch and Go, etc.)
- Remember that "Dead Stick" means that someone is in trouble, and needs the runway NOW !
- When flying, please stand back from the runway.

+ Gate:

- When locking the gate, please loop the chain over the hook on the post, and put the lock through the chain and the short chain (pigtail).



## Meet Our New Member Paul Hagen

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

When I was 12 years old, my brother bought me an RC airplane kit for Christmas. That was all she wrote.

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

1964 to 1980 actively. Intermittently up to 2000. Off completely since 2000. When I was in 10th grade, I competed at the University of Cincinnati Science Fair and got second place overall in the whole City of Cincinnati where I demonstrated the different types of radio control systems used for model airplanes. When I was a Senior in Electrical Engineering at the University of Cincinnati, I received a job offer to start at Rockwell International who had the Space Shuttle, building missile guidance systems. I took a mainframe development assignment at IBM Poughkeepsie instead which lasted 37 years.

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

Used to be .61 gas powered pattern planes with tuned pipes and retracts. Now its the simpler electric airplanes.

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

Top Flite Schoolmaster with a cox .049 engine. Had a single channel transmitter on 27MHz with one button used to control the rudder. Two buttons and hold for left or hold once for right. We have come a long way since !

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

B17. Best airplane ever built. Wish I could have been a B17 pilot. Loved the TV show Twelve O'Clock High from the 60s. I had a B17 balsa model with a six foot wingspan with four .20 engines. I never completed building it but gave it away to another modeler in 2000.

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

Getting current with the latest electric airplane technology.

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

Building is fun but flying is much more rewarding. Would like to get an electric plane where I can fly pattern again. I have a Chipmunk kit I am working on. We'll see how it performs.

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

Drum and Bugle Corps. Have been interested in both since I was a teenager.



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

Start out simple. First plane should be a trainer. Get a 3-4 channel radio but only use rudder, elevator, motor control or you could couple ailerons with rudder. Wing should be a high mount wing with a flat bottom and lots of dihedral. These planes will fly themselves.

Fly in big left circles upwind, away from the sun and other planes with plenty of altitude. Get as much stick time as possible.

Landings take practice. You can practice final approaches by doing downwind and crosswind approaches. Get within ten feet of the runway then give it full throttle, climb out to the left and set up your downwind leg again. Do this many many times ...

## **MODELMASTER PICNIC/FUNFLY AUGUST 15, 2020**

On August 15th, rain date the 16th we will be having our 10th annual picnic/fun-fly. As always, it promises to be a fun day. A series of aeronautical challenges, developed and conducted by Scott Fellin, will appeal to all skill levels. There will be a brief business meeting at 9:45 AM followed by the events at 10:00 AM. Participants can fly anytime before the meeting and events begin. If the weather forecast is problematic the membership will be notified on Thursday evening as to a possible move to Sunday. We may decide to have a delayed start if the weather is uncertain. In that case I will send out an email Saturday morning at 7:00 AM.

Because of the pandemic we are taking all precautions to conduct the event in the safest possible way. We are following the guidelines of the AMA, CDC and suggestions from our members. They are as follows:

1. This event is only open to members and NOT guests to limit its size.
2. Masks are required at all times except when you can safely distance with others and of course when eating.
3. Bring hand sanitizer to supplement what will be available
4. We are limiting the food to hamburgers and hotdogs and not providing the usual snacks salads and desserts. You are welcome to bring your own food, drink, side dish, dessert for your own consumption..
5. We will have water.
6. Bring your own garbage disposable bag and take it with you.
7. Bring your own chair.
8. To guard against ticks you may wish to use repellants.
9. If you have any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue or difficulty breathing) please do not attend the event.

I appreciate your understanding and willingness to follow the guidelines to safeguard the well being of all participants. Rather than cancel this annual event I felt we could do it in a safe manner and still have fun and I'm sure we can.

To help defray the picnic expenses there will be a \$5.00 charge. Please have the exact amount to avoid the handling of money.

I hope many of you will be attending our function. Stay safe and be well, Bob



## Interesting Stuff

- **Mishap**

Brad forgot his sunscreen. Luckily he had programmed into his transmitter this special shade generating wing configuration.



- **Maiden Flight**

Dave Delancy maiden flight of his FMS Beaver.



- **Dillon Losee**

- UNDER 250 GRAMS & FAST! - AuroraRC STICK4 Toothpick- <https://youtu.be/-nrEuFKaYqc>
- Building & Flying a Circle Bi-Plane - <https://youtu.be/Wi-YBg8xJEE>
- THE FUTURE OF FPV RACING- <https://youtu.be/CPjRSD6pNQQ>
- Cub sport and high flying - <https://youtu.be/CSwOH11alV4>
- Home made F22 raptor- <https://youtu.be/XmyJKOGI038>
- HobbyKing slammed with \$2.8m fine by the FCC - <https://youtu.be/BgtivK5T5x0>
- Cartoon T-28 Trojan RC Plane, Will It Fly? - [https://youtu.be/Iu56mNYG\\_pQ](https://youtu.be/Iu56mNYG_pQ)
- Bonsai 2 Delta Wing FPV DVR - <https://youtu.be/zBmE8PGGXlw>
- Channel Wing Plane - <https://youtu.be/1Miqn-fqArA>
- Mobula 6 // Whoop Champ?? - <https://youtu.be/rH4wvpiMo8w>

- New Mobula 6 indoor VS outdoor, acro nube does tricks - <https://youtu.be/6efLqeVi6KE>

- **Lost & Found**

See Dillon Losee if this belongs to you.



- **Request**

I would like to purchase an R/C system similar to the one highlighted in the ThunderTigermanual.pdf listed below. This is a simple 27MHz 2 channel stick operated transmitter, receiver, and battery holder. It will be used for a model sailboat. I am no longer active in the club but 10 years ago I served a 5 year term as Treasurer. I'm hoping someone in the club may have what I'm looking for. Thank you, Richard Brown, email: reddroks1@aol.com, Phone: 845-266-4147

<http://dmcraft.co.za/documents/ThunderTigermanual.pdf>