



# Wing Tips



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**The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters**

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## 2021 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 , Friday, April 9, 8pm:** This meeting will be held virtually using Zoom. Possibility the meeting will be held at the field, Saturday morning. Watch your email for further details about how to join.
- **April Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., May 6:** Send your submissions to [wingtips@modelmasters.us](mailto:wingtips@modelmasters.us) Due date is first Thursday of each month.
- **Club Auction / Fun Fly, Saturday, May 22:** Additional information to follow. See Bob's article in this newsletter.

### 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 – March 12, 2021

To view the full recorded meeting, go to → <https://youtu.be/stVAW5p7cfo>

### + Zoom meeting Called by Kent Wien @ 8:10 PM.

- We had at least 12 participants - most on video, some only by voice.
- Next meeting is Friday April 9 @ 8:00 PM on Zoom (at the field in May ??)

### + Treasurer's report: by Tom Eng

- \$8358.36 Just sent 289.94 to Kent for club AMA membership and Zoom fee.
- 2021 Membership now at 35 (If you don't have your 2021 card, email

LarryKunz@gmail.com)

**Note:** Renewal is \$35 after Jan 1

Tom will take cash at the field, or send check (made out to "ModelMasters") to Tom Eng at PO Box 566, Pleasant Valley, NY 125

### + Discussions :

- FAA remote ID requirements are satisfied by flying at a registered field. Kent will get our field registered.

- Public parks and schools probably cannot be registered.

- Gate combo has now been changed (find combo on your 2021 membership card)

(Please tension chain via vertical pin on back of post - then look through pigtail. **NO tension on lock! )**



### + New business :

- A Spring Party will replace the annual xmas party due to Covid. The party will be at the field on **Saturday May 22** (rain date Sunday May

23)

We will do the traditional auction, plus a fun fly !

Members only this year to keep numbers and Covid exposure down.

We will each order our food from a nearby deli. Menu will be in the next newsletter. Paul Olivett will coordinate.

- The MHRCS annual float fly will be at Lake Taghkonik on May 15

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### + Show & Tell :

- Paul Hagen showed his Dynham 262. He has installed the "crashproofing" kit from "Killer Planes".

- Rick Rizza has added more planes to his fleet: (I guess that's not really news!)

1) A Zero FMS.

2) A 69" low wing Marchetti from Hobby King.

- Barry Knickerbocker:

1) Is building a CW1 Curtis Wright Jr. from balsa. He is using silkspar covering and hinging the rudder with monofilament.

- Larry Kunz Has acquired a 52' Extreme Flight Vella Revolution.

## Auction / Fun Fly – May 22, 2021 by Bob Santoro

Because of the pandemic we had to cancel our annual auction/dinner that usually occurs in February. That event has been replaced with our spring auction/fun-fly to be held on May 22nd with a rain date of the 23rd. Our annual BBQ/fun-fly will be moved from the summer to sometime this fall.

This is the event when you get an opportunity to use your Modelmaster Dollars to obtain hobby related items such as batteries, tools and other accessories and equipment. This is also the time to sort through your collection of planes and equipment and if there are items you would like to donate or sell bring them to the auction.

In addition to the auction will be the fun-fly where novice, intermediate and advanced pilots can be challenged at different skill levels. And of course, as always, the combat competition, where mid-air collisions sometimes occur, is the highlight of the day.

Save this date and plan to attend if you can. It promises to be an enjoyable day. As we get closer to the event you will be notified of the details.

Happy Flying & Stay Safe.



## Interesting Stuff from Members

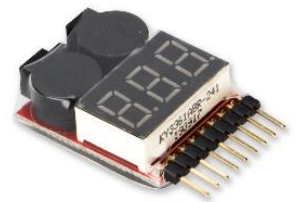
**Larry Kunz:** It flies! ... Actually quite well! (Maiden flight at the field on Sunday March 21)

I did end up with the battery quite a bit further back - It's hard to judge where the CG should be with those swept back wings. These are actually two right wings. I had demolished the left wing when this was still a 3D Hobby shop Extra 330. I replaced it with a wing John Knight had given from one he had previously de-fuselaged, and flew many more flights before demolishing another left wing and my fuselage. Then I made a flying wing with my my right wing, and the one from John's plane. (Fortunately, a symmetrical foil) I couldn't make that fly worth a darn, so I spliced on the tail from the original !

>>> Beware at the party combat flight .... This is a BEAST !



**Bob Santoro:** These alarms are inexpensive and can prevent over discharging and allow more time in the air and take some of the guess work out of when to bring your plane down. I just got one so can't speak from experience until I have had more time to test it. I saw a non-commercial video on it which got a lot of praise. <https://rcbattery.com/lipo-battery-voltage-checker-with-low-voltage-buzzer-alarm-2s-8s.html>





**Paul Ollivett:** Progress on his building of a 1/3 scale Spacewalker

Leading edge sheer webs drying on one wing.



The aluminum channel and spar that connects the wings to the center section.

**Larry Kunz:** Scott remodels his plane! Is it encouraging, that the masters still do this... or does it just mean that it will never stop??

