



Wing Tips



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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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2022 Club Officers

President: Kent Wien

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Vice President: Scott Fellin

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING, Saturday, July 9, 10am:** At the flying field. Apologies, I am late with the news letter this month.
- **August 2022 Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., Aug. 4:** Send your submissions to hvmodelmasters@gmail.com Due date is first Thursday of each month.

Other Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Will be held at the field, typically 2nd Saturday of the month, 10am through Fall.
- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT REDL PARK (aka West Road Field)** – Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting.

Modelmaster Meeting Minutes June 4, 2022

+ Meeting Called by President Kent Wien
@ 9:55 AM at the Field
- Next meeting is Saturday July 9 at the field

+ Treasurer's report: by Tom Eng
- \$1815.32, is the current treasury balance.
- 2022 Membership now at 36.

+ New business :

1) It's Party Day !

- Bob Santoro did his usual splendid job of organizing
He expresses special thanks to
Scott & Brad for running the flying challenges
Dom for running the auction
Bill for tracking, printing & distributing the MM dollars
Paul for getting the sandwiches & Others for whatever they contributed!

2 videos for the event submitted by Rick Rizza:

<https://rumble.com/v17msyn->

[modelmasters-auction-and-fun-fly-june-42022-slideshow-and-film.html](https://rumble.com/v17msyn-modelmasters-auction-and-fun-fly-june-42022-slideshow-and-film.html)

<https://rumble.com/v17k3ho-hatcam-video-of-rc-cessna-150.html>



Lunch Time

2) MM dollar auction: Dom auctioned off 31 items for MM dollars in two passes

-First pass each member was limited to 2 items

-Second pass sold anything left with no limits

-Item auctioned for the highest amount: 2200, 3S battery, Scott Fellin, for 3400 Modelmaster dollars

-Item auctioned for the lowest amount: CA glue, Rick Rizza, for 10 Modelmaster dollars

-A total of 38,865 Modelmaster dollars were spent

3) Silent Auction : (real \$ to MM treasury)

Lloyd managed a silent auction of flying gear donated by members

Several planes were donated (3 brand new kits by Kent!),

and lots of assorted flying accessories

+The MM treasury gained over \$400, and many members gained new gear !



Silent Auction Items

4) Contest :

Brad ran several fun flying contests;
Contest Results from Brad:

Thanks to everyone for competing in the fun fly events. We had good participation which made it entertaining for everyone. I think we had the least amount of damage to airplanes that we have had in years.

Fun Fly Event results:



Dog fighting with streamers - Brad's Cub

Prop Off:

1st, 25 points: Tom
2nd, 15 Points: Andrew
3rd, 10 Points: Larry

Dead Stick Spot Landing:

1st, 25 points: Tom
2nd, 15 Points: Kent
3rd, 10 Points: Andrew

Quick Flight (battery out, loop, land)

1st, 25 points: John
2nd, 15 Points: Kent
3rd, 10 Points: Larry

Water Carrier

1st, 25 points: Kent
2nd, 15 Points: Andrew
3rd, 10 Points: Tom

Overall:

First Place: Tom with 60 points
Second Place: Kent with 55 points
Third Place: Andrew with 40 points

5) Memorial Fly By : in honor recently deceased members

Joe Kirk
Dillon Losee

Town of Pleasant Valley exploring uses for Redl Park by Tom Eng

Redl Park Planning (Redl Park is our flying field location)

Meeting with “Pleasant Valley Think Tank” Monday June 13, 2022.

The ModelMasters were invited to a Think Tank meeting in Pleasant Valley to discuss Redl Park. I, my wife, Paul Ollivett and Dom Fusca attended for MM.

A committee has been established and is charged with making recommendations to the Town of Pleasant Board on the future of Redl Park. It seems that the park has become the focus of more attention in recent days for the lawn equipment staging area, a water tower and a Redl memorial garden.

Staging area for lawn mowing equipment for the West Road School fields.

- Arlington Schools owns the athletic fields behind West Road School.
- PV town mows and upkeep the field in exchange for town use.
- New principal doesn't want lawn work or equipment on school property during school hours.
- The town and Arlington are working on a new agreement, the plan is to off-loading lawn equipment at Redl Park and driving them to school on one of the “mowed paths” from park to school.
- This should not upset our Saturday flying session, may upset other times during the week.
- There was discussion about some driveway work needed to accommodate the heavy trucks, and the washout after rains, etc.

The southwest corner of the park property (along Van Wagner Rd near the power lines) is destined for a water tower for the town center.

- Water tower will be on the highest part of the park.
- The section needed will probably be 1 acre in an area we don't normally fly anyway. It is behind the flight line and there are tall trees on the hill over there now.

There will be a small memorial garden to honor the Redl's, who donated the park land.

- This will be a small garden (not a community vegetable garden) that would be somehow decorated/designated as the memorial garden.
- Since they can restrict “visitation” during our flying hours, there should be no impact to MM.
- Current plans would be the near the northeast (currently) mowed area diagonally across from the runway. (But we may suggest an alternate area, near the parking lot at next meeting)

The following are possible other plans for the park area to be discussed.

Possible skating rink to be set up for winter.

- Not sure where this would be set up, but a flat area would be needed. I believe this could be directly north of the runway in the occasional wet area.
- Rink is a portable wall setup that is filled with water and naturally frozen. It will be removed in spring and set-up again the following winter.

Paved parking area

- Current thoughts to have it up near current Van Wagner Road entrance we use, along the road.
- This is behind the flight line and close to the neighboring farms/houses, where we don't fly anyway.

Rest Rooms, Nature trails are also possible.

Amphitheater – maybe on the natural slope in the south area from the flying slots off the runway.

Things are in the early stages, but the lawn equipment staging, the water tower and the Redl memorial garden seem definite.

Future plans are still in the early discussion stages. The committee believes that our flying sessions can be “scheduled in” similar to how various people and groups schedule activities in the rest of the PV parks now. Things like a nature walk, sledding hill, and other ideas may or may not happen, that’s up to the committee and the town board, etc.

When asked if monies are available, it seems that there are funds from Covid relief, donations, etc. and some things may have to go to referendum. The difference in budgeting going forward is trying to have separate budgets for each park (including Redl park). In the past, recreation monies went into a big pot for “all parks”, then somehow got earmarked for different things. Having separate “budgets” for each park will allow firm planning of projects.

A committee of 7 has been set up to review and propose plans to the town board. A seat will be offered to Climate Smart (the organization that contacted our club earlier this year on our use of Redl Park. They have also saved a seat for a MM member. Paul Ollivett has expressed interest in serving on that committee (he is a PV resident). We can have stand-ins if Paul is not available, or work something out.

There will be more discussions and the committee wants to include Modelmaster flying in their future plans as much as possible.

On Saturday, June 25, Dave Kruger (one of the lead committee members & Pleasant Valley Rotary President) and his wife Kathy visited during our usual Saturday morning flying sessions. He was impressed with the condition of the park/our field and re-iterated that they will try to keep Modelmasters flying as part of the Redl Park plans. They suggested we get involved with the Pleasant Valley Days (in September) this year. (Note that we have done that in the past, but this year he suggested that we be part of the “Redl Park Development booth”, so we wouldn’t have to pay for a separate booth).

We will be inviting Dave to attend our monthly club meetings for him to learn more about our club and for him to keep us informed of any developments in the planning of Redl Park.

In summary, Redl Park will be developed and Dave was confident that the future plans will include Modelmasters.