



Wing Tips



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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING:** Watch for email notification via Google Groups..
- **December 2022 Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., Dec. 1:** 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.

Membership Appreciation Day Fun-fly, October 8, 2022 by Bob Santoro

Our 1st Membership Appreciation Day Fun-Fly was rescheduled because of rain from October 1st to the 8th. 16 members were in attendance, some of whom demonstrated their piloting skills as they competed in the numerous flying challenges developed by Brad who was assisted by Scott. Considering the rather strong winds that were present for a good part of the day, the participants did remarkably well. And of course some in-air mishaps provided a degree of entertainment. All members were treated to the well known chicken dinner from the El Galito restaurant in the City of Poughkeepsie..

Redl Park Restoration committee by Paul Ollivett

Update on the Redl Park Restoration committee, to date no official meetings have been held, the chairman David Kruger is hopeful that we can get started soon. The town supervisor recently found some old documents from previous administrations that focused on park improvements, so we'll probably be looking at those at first. The bureau of bureaucracy is running strong with this one. As things get moving forward I will keep you all posted.

Fokker D VII by Brad Quick

While on a trip to Knowlton, Quebec (the home town of one of my wife's favorite authors) we came across a small museum that documented early life in the area. It turns out that the pride and joy of the museum is one of only three Fokker DII's in the world that still has its original covering. Read the plaque below to learn the interesting story of how they managed get it.



Foster écrit au Col. Doughty afin de le remercier de l'offre d'un avion pour le Musée Historique du Comté de Brome, (l'ancienne Académie de Knowlton) et lui mentionne

l'assemblage de l'avion et que les autres trophées de guerre ne seraient pas déballés tant que celle-ci ne serait pas complétée. Le Sénateur Foster espérait toujours, vainement à ce moment être en mesure d'effectuer



Une peinture de GERALD POTTERTON. Une reproduction sur affiche est en vente à la boutique de cadeaux de la SHCB.

Painting by GERALD POTTERTON available as a print poster at the BONS Gift Shop.

WWI PLANE FOKKER D VII

by Douglas G. Newman

The Brome County Historical Society is indeed fortunate to have in its possession a Fokker D VII which is believed to be one of three planes of that type in the world with its original fabric. One of the most frequently asked questions by visitors to the museum is "How did you get it?"

Our Fokker D VII was one of twenty-two D VII's sent to Canada as War Trophies. It was dispatched to Canada from Feltham, England, on March 12, 1919. The airplanes were stored at Camp Borden, Ontario. According to some records, German Aircraft were sent to McGill University, Mount Allison University, Acadia University, University of Manitoba, University of Saskatchewan, University of Alberta and to the Brome County Historical Society. At least seven of the twenty-two D VII's were loaned to a company formed by Maj. William A. (Billy) Bishop and Lt. Col. W. George (Bill) Barker which toured the country giving air shows using these airplanes. The plane in our possession appears to be the only one which survived.

On November 27, 1918, only sixteen days after the signing of the Armistice, Senator George G. Foster wrote to Col. A.G. Doughty, Dominion Archivist, asking if some war trophies could be sent to Knowlton. Senator Foster wrote to Col. Doughty, on June 2, 1920 thanking him for the offer of an airplane

for the Brome County Historical Museum and stating that orders for the erection of a building to house the airplane had been given. Senator Foster, a former student of Knowlton Academy, contacted another former student, Zeikos E. Martin, who paid for the erection of the annex to the Paul Holland Knowlton Museum, in which the airplane would be displayed. Senator Foster had a son, George Buchanan Foster, who was an officer in the Royal Flying Corps during the war, and L.E. Martin's son, Wells Martin, was an officer in an Aviation Corps in the USA during the war. The lives of their sons were spared.

Our Fokker D VII (FOK D VII (ALB) 5810718) was shipped from Camp Borden, Angus, Ontario, on May 27, 1920 to Knowlton at a cost \$112.50.

Senator Foster wrote a letter to Col. Doughty on November 5, 1920, in which he stated that the building to house the airplane was completed, the airplane had been placed in the building, and that the Museum was waiting for someone to put it together. On May 5, 1921 Senator Foster again wrote a letter to Col. Doughty saying that a permanent floor was being installed and that within a month or so a mechanic would be needed to properly install the airplane, as July 1, 1921 was the proposed official opening of the museum when the summer people would be present.

Senator Foster wrote to Col. Doughty on June 15, 1921, again stating that the museum was waiting for someone to set up the airplane and that the other packages of war trophies would not be unpacked until the airplane had been set up. Senator Foster was still hoping that the building would be officially opened early in July.

The Martin Annex was officially opened by the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden on August 26, 1921. Col. Doughty was on hand at the official opening and had arranged displays in the museum.

Rev. E.M. Taylor, in his capacity of Secretary of the Society, sent Col. Doughty a letter on December 29, 1921, thanking him for "The great service he has rendered to the Country, especially our County and Museum."

Because of the foresight and generosity of men like Senator Foster and Zeikos Martin, our D VII has been preserved for present and future generations to admire and for the Brome County Historical Society to become known throughout the world.

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P38 Lighting by Rick Rizza



Al Monteleone decided he wanted a P 38 Lightning. I figured what the heck! If he's buying one so am I, and after a little research we settled on a Flightline 1.5m electric, especially as it went on sale right about the time we decided to buy. We shipped them both here and after a week or so I assembled mine and brought it over to Al's house for a maiden taxi. I guess that lit a fire under his butt so we spent the last 2 days putting his together. I have a green one and Al opted for silver, and they both look pretty good. Maybe someday we will actually fly them. Here is a short video of mine taxiing, and a few pictures from the build.

<https://youtu.be/WpWwWkj3NtI>



Rick Rizza



Lights on



Lights on with canopy

News from Members

George Robinson - Hello guys Stan Knack needs some help he is in nursing home and has to clean out some of stuff from his house he has a lot of hobby stuff that has to go as well as build tools there is a lot of stuff some free and some he could use a small donation to help out with his daily expenses they plan to be at his home on bower road at 10 am on Saturday (11/5) I will stop at field and tell you more or you can call me at home [REDACTED]