



Wing Tips



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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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2023 Club Officers

President: Paul Ollivett

Secretary: Larry Kunz

Sgt. at Arms: Flavio Ambrosini

Vice President: Scott Fellin

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING:** Watch your email sent via Google Groups for any updates.
- **February 2023 Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., Feb. 2:** 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.

Model Masters Meeting Minutes Dec. 10, 2022

- + Field meeting Called by VP Scott Fellin @ 10:00
 - About 12 members met at REDL field. (About 32 degrees, with a north wind)
 - Next meeting is Saturday Jan 14 at the field ??
- + Treasurer's report: by Tom Eng
 - \$2321.96 is the current treasury balance.
 - Recent expense of \$160 for Chicken dinners at our Fall party.
 - Future expense for mowing when Brad gives us an estimate.
 - 2022 Membership now at 41
 - 2023 Membership is growing as folks pay their dues.
- + Old business:
 - Pleasant valley town park activity quiet for now.
 - The water tower will happen in the foreseeable future
 - The memorial garden will happen in the foreseeable future
 - What else actually transpires will probably take a while.
- + New business:
 - 1) Certification of officers for 2023:
 - +Paul Ollivett has graciously accepted a nomination for president !
 - +Many thanks to outgoing president Kent Wien, who did a fine job to spite being on duty flying real planes most Saturdays.
 - +All other club officers from 2022 will serve for 2023.
 - President Paul Ollivett
 - Vice President Scott Fellin
 - Treasurer Tom Eng
 - Secretary Larry Kunz
 - Sgt at Arms Flavio Ambrosini
 - Newsletter Domenick Fusca
 - Please consider volunteering for office next year.
 - We are glad to serve, but new blood is often a good idea !
 - +Scott will contact the AMA to get the club president's name changed.
 - 2) Membership:
 - Tom will take cash at the field, or send check to...
 - Tom Eng PO Box 566, Pleasant Valley, NY 125
 - (make check out to "ModelMasters")
 - + Renewal is \$35 after Feb 1, new member \$25 any time.
 - + Renewals: Just send check and any address change etc.
 - + New members: Please use form available on our website: <http://www.modelmasters.us/>
 - + 2023 Membership cards will be mailed in early February.
 - 3) Indoor flying:
 - + Paul will check with Highland Middle School about available times.
 - + We discussed contacting Dutchess Community College for use of their gym.
 - + We need to buy AMA insurance for whatever flying site we use.
- + Show & Tell:
 - Flavio brought his home made fire pit and described how he built it.

First Flyers of the year

The first day of each year it is traditional to get together and fly at the field. Here is this year's photo along with several from years past. Quite a difference in the weather.

You can tell by the amount of clothing people are wearing.



2023 New Year's Day flyers from left to right: Scott Fellin, Paul Ollivett, Bill Bolitho, Lloyd Quick, Tom Eng, Dom Fusca, John Knight



2021 (year of COVID) New Year's Day flyers from left to right: Tom Eng, Dom Fusca, Andrew Monteleone, Paul Ollivett, John Knight, Chris Curran, Brad Quick



2016 New Year's Day flyers from left to right: Scott Fellin, Dom Fusca, Tom Eng, John Knight



The 2 photos above were not taken on a New Year's Day. But I think this qualifies for the most extreme weather flying, snowing with couple of inches already on the ground. As well as NO deicing on the plane. They were taken on Dec. 17, 2017 by Scott Fellin. He was the only brave enough to fly that Saturday. He took the photo on the right while flying!

From Members

Noel Einolf sent in this comment about Cole Palen and the Fokker D-VII -- Cole Palen brought that DVII to an air show at an air base in Massachusetts and flew his Spad, landing on the grass next to B-52s and B-58s. He let me help with some of his airplanes in the late 50s while he was living in Red Oaks Mill.

Bill Bolitho – Propeller safety article from a club in St. Louis. All I can say is, ouch, that is going to leave a mark. -- <https://www.spiritsofstl.com/2020/07/27/an-important-propeller-safety-reminder/>

Tom Eng – Maiden flight of his new Carbon Cub, January 1, 2023

