



Wing Tips



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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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2023 Club Officers

President: Paul Ollivett

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Vice President: Scott Fellin

Treasurer: Tom Eng

Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING:** Saturday, July 8, at the flying field. Watch your email sent via Google Groups for any updates. Items to be discussed include, participation in Pleasant Valley weekend, club signage at the field entrance, Remote ID.
- **AMA District II Fun Fly & Rally, July 8 & 9, 2023:** Will be held at 5046 West Shore Rd., Cuba, NY. Cuba, NY is located in Western NY State. For more information about event please see https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/event/Files/STARS_Fun_Fly_Pilot_Flyer.pdf
- **August 2023 Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., Aug. 3:** Earn Modelmaster dollars for club related items submitted. Send your submissions to hvmodelmasters@gmail.com Due date is first Thursday of each month.

Other Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Watch your email for meeting announcements..

- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT REDL PARK (aka West Road Field)** – Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting. Generally there is someone there every Saturday. Most members are flying between 9am and 12pm. Exceptions are weather related (rain, snow, excessive wind). If driveway to field is covered in snow, meet behind West Road School. If temperatures are extremely cold (roughly below 20 degrees) people tend to leave earlier than 12pm

SPECIAL NOTE: With Remote ID on the horizon, on June 26 Members of AMA District II received an urgent request to help advocate for better laws that will reduce the impacts on your right to fly. The AMA requested our assistance in contacting your congressional representative. The email provided a button (link) to take action. It was quite simple and took only a moment of time to send a request to your representative. Consider making your voice heard.

Model Masters Meeting Minutes June 10, 2023

+ **Field meeting** Called by President Paul Olivett @ 10:10 AM

> Next meeting is Saturday July 8, at the field.

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

> \$1764.34 is the current treasury balance.

This includes:

Debit of \$73.06 for Party food

Debit of \$28.32 for weed killer

Credit of \$109.00 from party admission (21.8 people at \$5 each)

> 2023 **Membership** now at 37

All membership cards have been distributed.

+ **MM \$ report:** by Bill Bolitho

> All MM from 2022 were spent or voided ...

Except: If you missed the party: 50% of your 2022 MM\$ will carry over.

> \$31,705 MM\$ were spent at the auction

4070 MM\$ for the most expensive item (Holding Hands tool)

10 MM\$ for the least expensive (Nitrile gloves)

+ **New business :**

> No new business discussed this month

+ **Old Business :**

> Brad has mowed 4 times this year / Paul once

(since Brad retired, it no longer makes sense for him to leave the mower

And pick it up later, so he usually just does the mowing himself)

> Since Brad has resisted billing MM for anything, we committed to pay him \$50

/ mowing.

(This is a token payment towards fuel and maintenance – NOT for labor)

> Paul continues to monitor Pleasant Valley town meetings for us !

+ Nothing seems eminent for REDL park

+ A vegetable garden is now planned at Aldrich park

+ Community garden club is now down to 7 members.

+ **Show & Tell :**

> None this month.

Opening Day at The Rhinebeck Aerodrome by Roman Servan-Schreiber

The Rhinebeck Aerodrome took off for the season on June 17th with its weekly air shows. They got off to a flying start, although the first day had too much wind to allow some of their rickety aircraft to fly.

They have a new aircraft called the Damus D1W joining them for this season. It's an ivory radial engine monoplane from 1933 that looks a bit more modern and shiny than their other aircraft. Clay Hammond, the pilot who owns this plane, flew it over from Florida and now it is there for the season and worth checking out. Clay Hammond is the aerodrome's chief pilot and he often flies the Piper J3 Cub during their shows.

The aerodrome also had a recent minor plane injury this summer when their replica Albatros stood up on its nose upon landing and the wing was bent inward. The pilot was not injured, except for some bruises, and the plane is in repair now. You can see it with its bent wing in one of their hangars.

In other highlights to see, there is a Demoiselle replica in their hangar museum. And don't forget that the hangar is a place for temporarily retired aircraft, so there is a good chance that the Demoiselle will fly again someday. That would be something to see!

Field Entrance clean up

It was becoming difficult to check for traffic on Van Wagner Rd. when exiting the field. Brush had grown over into the line of sight up. This needed immediate attention for the safety of everyone. Paul Ollivett our president sent out an urgent request to have the brush cut back. The request was short notice but it was necessary to address the sight problem. Here are before and after pictures. Much improved! Thank you to Paul Ollivett, Scott Fellin and Domenick Fusca.

