

Wing Tips

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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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Club Calendar

Coming Up Shortly:

Friday November 22nd: Club Flying Session and Meeting – HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM, 71 Main St., Highland, NY 12528, 6:30 to 9:30. Indoor flying, and a short meeting at 8:00.

Note: Please limit flying to indoor types -- fly the larger, more aggressive models outdoors or at larger indoor sites

FLYING SESSIONS AT WEST ROAD FIELD:

Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting.

Charge your batteries and let's fly!

Looking Ahead:

Senate Gym at SUNY Ulster: Following is the approved list of dates and times for indoor flying:

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| Sept. 15, 2013 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM |
| Oct. 13, 2013 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM |
| Nov. 10, 2013 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM |
| Dec. 8, 2013 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM |

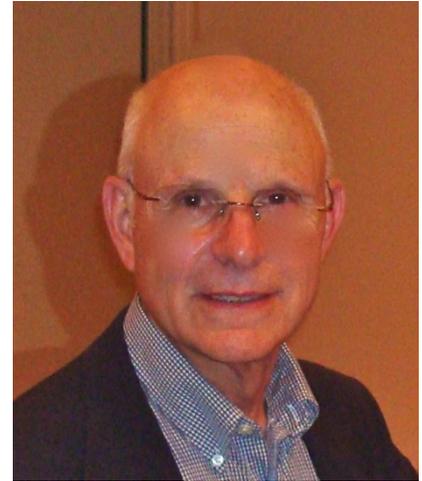
Highland Middle School: Upcoming club meetings and flying sessions at will be held at Highland Middle School. The following dates are reserved at the school:

11/22/13, 12/20/13, 1/16/14, 2/13/14, 3/14/14, 4/11/14, 5/9/14, 6/13/14

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

-BOB SANTORO -

Safety and accident prevention are areas we are regularly reviewing and making an effort to improve upon. Although we take precautions to prevent crashes, they do occur, and usually without much consequence. One of our aircraft went down recently at the adjacent school yard, an accident that anyone of us could have had. Children and school personnel were on the playground and fortunately no one was struck by the aircraft. The concern of school personnel prompted them to contact the Town Supervisor who in turn spoke with me about safety concerns. In an effort to maintain our good community relations, John Knight and I will be meeting with the school principal on October 21st to give assurance that we will take additional measures to prevent such an accident from reoccurring.



I once again want to emphasize the importance of being vigilant about safety at our field. A rather lengthy discussion about safety took place at a recent Saturday flying session at our field. The following points either emphasize our present Club rules or add to them:

Always range check your aircraft before flying it. Fly only within the boundaries we have established. On the north side set up for landing so you are in FRONT of and no higher than the trees. On the east side stay well in FRONT of the pine trees that are in front of the solar panels. This will keep you a good and safe distance from the schoolyard. Know your fail safe system. If you cut power, how does your aircraft respond? Ditch your aircraft if you get in trouble for any reasons such as orientation problems, mechanical failures etc. and are in danger of coming down on the playground or West Road. Quadcopters should be flown under the control of the pilot and not under the automatic systems like "Return Home", except for emergency conditions, and even then they may have to be ditched. Drills will be conducted at the field to help flyers get a better feeling for the position of their planes relative to the boundaries, particularly to the north and east. Members are required to read and follow our Club rules that are posted on our website and available at the field in the container under the ramp. Members must also read the AMA rules that we must follow and are available at the same two places.

Our November meeting will take place at the Highland Middle School on the 22nd. Flying begins at 6:30 PM with a meeting at 7:30 PM.

Fly Safely and Have Fun,

Bob



MINUTES FROM MODELMASTERS MEETING 9/20/13

- ❖ Model Master Minutes of Sept. 20, 1013
- ❖ 6:07 PM Meeting was called to order by President Santoro
- ❖ Congratulations were expressed to new parent Nick and new grandparent Warren
- ❖ President Santoro, in Tom's absence reported that there is approx. \$1300.00 in the treasury
- ❖ A first aid kit is now stored under the steps at the field.
- ❖ President Santoro-made mention of the RC Heli fatality that occurred in Brooklyn and indicated that such occurrences cause many aspects of the hobby to be scrutinized by individuals that know very little about the hobby. Let's make sure to follow the rules, pay attention to the boundaries, and fly in a safe and responsible manner, so as not to jeopardize the use of the field.
- ❖ Thanks to Lloyd, Brad, Ron, and Bob S. for representing the club at Pleasant Valley Day.
- ❖ Thanks to all those involved in mowing the field. It continues to look great.
- ❖ There was discussion relative to providing payment to those that mow the grass, and plow the runway.
- ❖ In order to support the cost of field maintenance, revenue would have to increase to support additional expenses.
- ❖ Brad suggested that in lieu of raising dues, members could be asked to include a voluntary suggested donation at the time they pay their annual dues, that would be used to offset the cost of field maintenance. The suggested donation would be based on how often one uses the field. Theoretically, a person that uses the field several times a week would donate more than a person that uses the field a couple of time a month.
- ❖ Bob reviewed the membership list and estimated that there were about 12 members who fly regularly and about 23 who fly occasionally.
- ❖ The suggestion donation:
 - ❖ \$20.00 for regular flyers
 - ❖ \$10.00 for occasional flyers
 - ❖ \$ 0.00 for infrequent flyers
- ❖ A motion was made and carried to compensate those who mow and plow the field at the rate of \$10.00 per occurrence. Note: They will continue to receive Model Master Dollars for mowing and plowing.
- ❖ Tom arrived at 6:30. Tom asked if the Town would be willing to assist with the mowing. It did not appear that the Town would help in that regard.
- ❖ Tom stated that we take in about \$1200.00 annually, through membership dues. Our yearly expenses are about \$1047.00. We have been able to build up the treasury to about \$1500.00 due to the difference between the dues and expenses, multiplied by 10 or more years. It is important that if we increase our expenses, that we offset that by increasing the revenue so that we do not spend down the surplus funds.
- ❖ A motion was made and approved by the members present
- ❖ Dues would remain the same for the next year.
- ❖ The renewal form would be revised to reflect three levels of use and a suggested contribution for each level.
- ❖ The Board would review this system in August or September of 2014 and make suggestions based on the review.
- ❖ Show and Tell
- ❖ Dillon presented his Squirt 700. Has a camera platform. You can view video on his video channel.
- ❖ Next Meeting is Oct. 18 at Highland Middle School. Flying 6:30-9:30 with a break at 7:30 for the meeting.
- ❖ There were 12 members present and 1 visitor.
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned 6:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
John Knight, Secretary

EDITORS CORNER

Check out the link below:

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/future-is-now/flying-without-ever-leaving-the-ground-210825478.html?vp=1>

This is the University of North Dakota's aviation program at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences. I thought this was pretty interesting and thought it was worth sharing.

I also wanted to say thank you to the club for understanding that with my new addition to the family I have been a little slower in putting together Wingtips. Thanks to everyone that helps put this together as well.

Until next month,

Sincerely
Nicholas Batson

MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER

SCOTT FELLIN

1. How did you get into the hobby/sport?

I've always been fascinated with anything that flies. I figured it can't be that hard so I bought a kit, put it together and found out I was wrong. After many crashes and repairs I started to have some limited success.

2. How long have you been in the hobby/sport?

I started flying about 30 years ago. It was off and on for most of those years mostly due to my frustration with frequent crashes. A few years ago I got hooked when I bought a UMX T-28. I finally got comfortable flying with that plane.

3. What aspects of the hobby/sport are you most interested?

I enjoy building but haven't done much of it in recent years. Right now I just love going to the field and flying.

4. Do you remember your 1st plane? If so which one?

My first plane was a Goldberg Gentle Lady kit. It aptly became nicknamed crash craft.

5. Do you have a favorite Plane? If so which one and why?

This one is easy. I love my Fun Cub. It has wonderful flying characteristics and is totally stress free to fly.

6. What is the most challenging part of the hobby/sport for you?

The most challenging part of the hobby for me is trying to figure out the proper sizing for motors, esc, and props for any given plane.



7. Do you have goals regarding what you want to accomplish in the hobby/sport?

My goal for the hobby is to just keep having fun. Learning to fly 3d and larger scale aircraft would be nice and are on my agenda.

8. Do you have other hobbies or areas of interest and if so what are they?

When I'm not flying I like hiking, quading and cooking.

9. Do you have any advice for new people getting into the hobby/sport?

My advice to anyone interested in getting into the hobby is to join a club and learn from people that know the hobby. Teaching myself to fly cost me many years of frustration

HOBBY HOUSE TO MATCH HORIZON HOBBY PRICES

Craig Domonkos, owner of Hobby House on South Road in Poughkeepsie has informed me that he will match Horizon Hobby Prices. In addition to a matched price, keep in mind that you will not pay shipping charges. Horizon Hobby does charge for shipping for orders under \$99.00. Our Club welcomes this offer as we believe we should make every effort to support our local hobby shops.

FIRST AID KIT

A First Aid Kit has been purchased for use at the field. It is located under the ramp, closest to the runway. If any member uses it be sure to indicate what needs to be replaced.

WANTED!! OLD GLOW ENGINES!

Have any old glow collecting dust and taking up space in your shop now that you fly all electric? I am interested in any and all sizes but especially small ones (.020-.049) however, I plan to use them so I am not interested in expensive collector's items. If you have any you would like to get rid send me an email.

Thanks!

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HERE'S A HALLOWEEN PROJECT FOR SOMEONE!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tB8D2QZ9IA4>

Dan Taylor
