

Wing Tips

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The Newsletter of the Mid-Hudson Modelmasters

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Club Officers for 2013

President: Bob Santoro [REDACTED]

Vice President: Ron Irvin [REDACTED]

Secretary: John Knight [REDACTED]

Treasurer: Tom Eng [REDACTED]

Sgt. at Arms: Flavio Ambrosini [REDACTED]

Club Calendar

Coming Up Shortly:

Friday January 16th: 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:

January 12, 2014	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
February 9, 2014	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
March 9, 2014	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
April 13, 2014	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
May 11, 2014	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:

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 -

I am happy to report, thanks to the hard work of Ron Irvin and his sons, Jarred, Tyler and Caleb, that parking at our field has increased considerably. Using a Bobcat skid-steer loader, a section of our parking area was leveled to develop additional parking spaces. Work was also done to improve drainage in wet areas of the field.

Our indoor flying season at Ulster County Community College has begun. Two sessions have taken place and more are scheduled monthly through May. As at our field, attending these sessions is an opportunity not only to fly but to avail yourself of the vast resources and knowledge of other members. They are always interested and willing to be of assistance.

A nominating committee has been formed to seek potential officers. If anyone is interested in serving please make your intentions known to any of our present officers who comprise the committee. Elections of officers will take place at our December meeting.

The 2014 membership application is now available both in this newsletter and on our website. Although the deadline for submitting dues is March 1st we encourage payment by January 1st. This gives our secretary time to print new membership cards in time to pass out at our holiday party in January, thus a savings on postage. Of note on the application is a new section regarding a suggested voluntary contribution for field maintenance. The membership voted to compensate those who mow and plow our field for their gas expense at the rate of \$10.00 per mowing or plowing. Our projected income from dues is insufficient to cover this expense. Rather than increase dues the Board opted to solicit voluntary contributions based upon field usage. We are suggesting a \$20.00 contribution for regular users and \$10.00 for occasional users. Again, I want to emphasize that this is a voluntary contribution which you do not have to make. The Board will review and evaluate on an annual basis our financial needs and determine whether the solicitation of contributions is necessary.

Les Lovell will be relocating to Arizona shortly. On behalf of our club I would like to extend our best wishes and thank Les for his hard work in maintaining our field on a regular basis. Lastly, I would like to congratulate Les on his achievement of rising from a novice to skilled flyer in an incredible short period of time. Les has been an inspiration to all of us.

It is with much sadness that I learned that a former long term member of our club, George Buso, passed away on November 6th. George proudly served his country in the United States Navy and Navy Reserves as a pilot in multiengine air-sea rescue seaplanes. His love of aviation continued for his entire life in the form of radio controlled model aircraft. George was well known nationally and internationally for his expertise in building, flying, and the management of world level flying competitions. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Buso family.

Please mark your calendar for our next meeting at the Highland Middle School on Friday, January 16th, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Build straight, fly safely and keep having fun,

Bob





MINUTES FROM MODELMASTERS MEETING 11/22/13

- ❖ November 22, 2013
- ❖ Meeting was called to order by President Santoro at 7:30pm
- ❖ A moment of silence was held for former member George Buso who recently passed away
- ❖ A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2013 meeting. Motion was carried.
- ❖ Treasurer Tom reported that there was \$1048.66 in the account. There is an outstanding check for mowing, and a new lock was purchased for Redl Field.
- ❖ The members welcomed new member Cameron Masker. Cameron is working toward recognition as an Eagle Scout. In addition he has been working with Lloyd to develop his flying skills so that he can earn solo flying privileges.
- ❖ By now most know that Les will be moving to Arizona. We are proud to have awarded the “2013 Most Improved Pilot Award” and a new award “The Fearless Crasher Award” to Les. He has been a welcome addition to our club. We wish safe travels and happy flying in Arizona. We will miss his presence at the field and his assistance in maintaining the field.
- ❖ The tentative date for the Model Masters Banquet and Auction is Friday, Jan. 24, 2014, dependent upon the availability of The Coppolas Restaurant. An alternative date being considered is January 17.
- ❖ A motion was made to spend up to \$400.00 for auction items. Motion was carried.
- ❖ The negotiating committee is prepared to nominate following slate of officers:
 - ❖ President-Bob Santoro
 - ❖ Vice President-Ron Irvin
 - ❖ Secretary-John Knight
 - ❖ Treasurer-Tom Eng
 - ❖ Flavio Ambrosini-Sgt. At Arms
 - ❖ Tyler Irvin-Junior Vice President
- ❖ All have agreed to serve in the same position as previously held. However, Nominations will remain open until the time of the vote. Members may self nominate or be nominated from the floor for any of the above listed positions.
- ❖ Show and Tell
 - ❖ Dillon showed the head that he purchased for his 450 size helicopter.
 - ❖ Dillon also showed and EDF that he made from the cooling fan that he took from an from an old computer.
 - ❖ Jonathan showed his Icon Float Plane.
- ❖ It was mentioned that flying at UCCC has been under utilized. The last flying session only had 5 people show up.
- ❖ Next flying session at UCCC will be on December 8, 2013.

❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:55.

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❖ MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE MID HUDSON MODELMASTERS
❖ NOVEMBER 22, 2013

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❖ The Board met at the conclusion of the regular meeting to discuss safety issues surrounding quadcopters. Present were: Bob S., Ron I., John K, Tom E., Flavio A., Graham F., and Lloyd Q. It was concluded that most quad pilots have had issues with loss of orientation, and then losing control of the quad when attempting to get it back under control.

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❖ The following actions will be taken regarding the flying of quad copters at the field:

❖ Bob will ask Brad to train quad pilots and certify that they have attained a certain level of proficiency with forward flight before being signed off for solo flight.

❖ Quad pilots that have not been signed off for solo flight by Brad will be required to fly with a safety pilot/spotter.

❖ It is recommended that even after a solo signoff to fly with a spotter/safety pilot

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❖ Respectfully submitted

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❖ Secretary J. Knight, November 24, 2013

EDITORS CORNER

These past few months have been very busy. My little one is growing right before my very eyes. At this point in time my wife and I have been devoting most of our time to her. Unfortunately that doesn't leave very much time for me to devote to Wingtips. In talking with Bob and the Board Dom Fusca has offered to take on Wingtips for next year. I feel he will be a welcomed addition to the Wingtips Editors and look forward to reading his issues of Wingtips.

Until next time,

Sincerely

Nicholas Batson

MEET YOUR FELLOW MODELMASTER MEMBER

LES LOVELL

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

Bought my first small helicopter from a kiosk in the mall about 2 ½ years ago.

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

About 2½ years.



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

3D flying and repairs that ultimately need to be done when 3D flying. I am just beginning to get into building freestyle planes.

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

My first plane was a Stryker, but Scott Misner talked me out of flying it because I needed to learn how, so I bought the Apprentice and learned to fly that first.

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

The Visionaire is my favorite plane because of the AX3X receiver as it makes the plane more stable so control concentration is better.

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

Developing coordination

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

My goal is to become a better pilot.

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

No

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

Start with a simulator, and the first plane should be a smaller trainer than you think you really want to start with... beginning big is costly.

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.

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!

Patrick Walker

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FOR QUAD ENTHUSIASTS

I came across this video and it is amazing.

http://www.ted.com/talks/raffaello_d_andrea_the_astounding_athletic_power_of_quadcopters.html

Respectfully Submitted
Jer Milosek

FIELD ACTIVITY



November 16 field activity -big turnout with mild temperatures.

They tried passing each other in the driveway and one slipped off and needed to be pulled out. A cautionary tale for those thinking there is enough room.



Caleb Irvin using his dad's Bobcat to level the ground to increase our parking area. All Irvin family participated in this project for which we are thankful

It was blamed on the sun....this crash happened Saturday, November 16th on a very busy day- not our regularly used 20 foot PVC piping





Family Fun

PLANE FOUND

Dillon found a duel motor E-Starter in the woods-seeking ownership.



GIFT EXCHANGE AT THE ANNUAL DINNER/AUCTION

Please place a gift on the table if you brought one.

Take a ticket from the roll, and save it.

When your number is called, take a gift from another person, or the table. (The first person takes one from the table.)

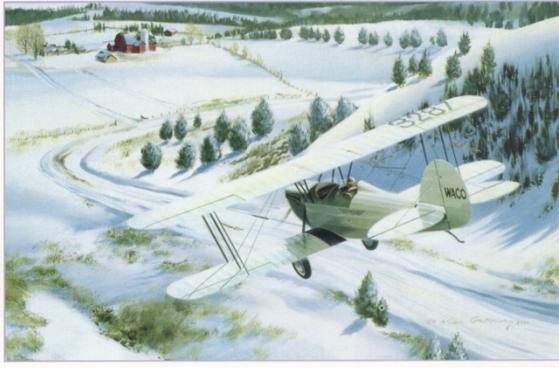
Unwrap the gift and show everyone what it is, and keep it where other people can see it.

Take a ticket from the box and give it to Lloyd; he will read the number.

When your number is called, take a gift from another person, or the table, show it to everyone, and so on.

When all the gifts have been taken off the table, the first person gets to exchange his gift for any other gift.

Lloyd



COME IN OUT OF THE COLD! TO THE MODELMASTERS ANNUAL DINNER/AUCTION

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a fabulous meal, auction and fellowship of our members and their guests.

Date: Friday, January 24, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Coppola's on Route 9 in Hyde Park

Cost: \$21.95 -Banquet Dinner (tax & gratuity included)

\$ 9.95-Children's Menu (ages 10 and under-T& G included)

The dinner will consist of :

- Antipasto salad appetizer
- Penne with Marinara sauce
- A choice of entree listed below
- Vanilla sundae dessert
- Hot beverage (coffee,tea)

Children's Menu (ages 10 & under)

- Chicken Fingers with Fries
- Mini Pan Pizza
- Penne Meatball
- Ravioli

Please indicate below if and how many will be attending as well as your entree choice.

Number attending: Adults (\$21.95)_____ Children (\$9.95)_____

Adults please choose 1 entree per person attending:

_____ Veal Cutlet ala Parmagiana

_____ Chicken Scaloppine ala Marsala

_____ Baked Eggplant Rollatini

_____ Norwegian Salmon Filet

Please make your check out to: Mid-Hudson Modelmasters
and mail it to:

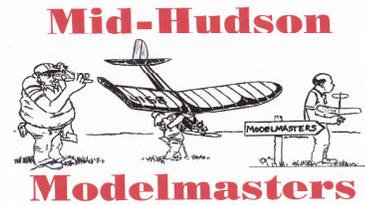
Bob Santoro 10G Squires Gate, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603

Please send me your confirmation, entree choice and mailed check by Friday, January 10th.

This promises to be a very enjoyable and fun evening so I do hope many of you will be able to attend.
Best wishes,

Bob

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2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MID-HUDSON MODELMASTERS

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

AMA # _____ AMA Category: ___Open ___Youth ___Park Pilot ___Family

AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) membership is required for all members except those in “non-flying” status.

Please select below as appropriate:

Note: Adult membership is defined as those members over the age of 19 by July 1st of the current year.

\$ _____ **Open** \$25.00 per year
(1 adult older than 19 years, full voting, 1 email (PDF) Wing Tips newsletter, full flying privileges)

\$ _____ **Youth Membership** FREE
(Under 19 years old, full voting privileges, 1 email (PDF) Wing Tips newsletter, full flying privileges)

\$ _____ **Family** \$35.00 per year
(Applies to any one adult who resides in the same household as a current OPEN member, full voting privileges, 1 email (PDF) Wing Tips newsletter, full flying privileges)

Other Adult _____

AMA# _____ Email _____

\$ _____ **Wing Tips Hard copy Subscription for non-members** \$10.00 per year

\$ _____ **Wing Tips optional hard copy** \$6.00 per year
(for members with email address)

\$ _____ **Contribution**
Suggested Voluntary Field Maintenance Contribution
Members who have been approved by the Board to cut the grass and/or plow the runway and driveway are being compensated for their gas at the rate of \$10.00 per occurrence. To cover this additional expense we are asking members to consider making a voluntary contribution using the following guidelines: Regular field user-\$20.00; Occasional field user-\$10.00. This source of funding will be evaluated on a yearly basis.

\$ _____ **Total**

Make checks payable to “Mid-Hudson Modelmaster” and send to the Treasurer listed