

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events!!!

Sept. 12th and 13th Rhinebeck Jamboree
Sept. 14th Regular meeting Poughkeepsie
United Methodist Church

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President's Corner

Well it is now the start of August. The summer has gone by quickly. From the Members I have talked to, it appears there has been plenty of flying activity at all 3 of our fields, despite the very rainy summer so far. I have not been to the fields as much as I would like to, but I was fortunate to have been on vacation the 2 driest weeks of the summer. Since we stayed home this year I did make up for the loss of flying time in that 2 weeks.

I hope other members have been able to get in the right amount of flying time.

Rhinebeck is fast approaching and I would like to encourage every member to try and help out the club run this event. I have forwarded a listing of all the chair person from Jim Rangitsch. If you are interested in helping out, please contact one of the chairpersons.

A little note on Safety:

While at the fields I have noticed many members flying behind the flight line, more specifically over the pit area. The AMA safety rules, as well as our club field rules, prohibit flying behind the flight line. The Flight line is made up of 2 distinct areas. First and for most is the pit area, we should never be flying over the pit area.

The 2nd very important part of the flight line is the invisible line that extends past the pit area and beyond. This area should also extend past the cut runway area of our field. The club has accepted the fact that larger aircraft may need to fly over the invisible flight line while over the extended fields due to the flight restrictions imposed by the new A&P plaza. We should not however be flying behind or West of the flight line behind any section of the cut runway area of the flying field.

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President's Corner Continued

Every member should take a few minutes to reflect on their flying habits and should make every effort to correct their flying behind the flight line. If we do not do this it is only a matter of time before we drop an aircraft in the pit area with potential disastrous results.

Lastly, every member is a safety officer. You should be encouraged to approach a pilot in a courteous manner and inform that pilot of the field rules. If you are told to mind your own business then that pilot should be reported to the Board using the grievance form and the board will take appropriate action.

Thank you
President
Warren Batson

Gearing up or rather Gear Down for Rhinebeck 2009

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Contact any of the members above to lend a hand in this major and historic club event!

2009 Nats—a snapshot.



One of the youngest pilots to fly in the nats.....

Some of the FAI pilots—on the right, Dave Lockhart who recently took first place in the South African NATS F3A. In the middle is Ron Barr who represents OS engines. On the left is Mark Hunt, designer and builder of the plane above. Mark is the NSRCA District 6 VP and runs InsightRC. Also, he is the son of Neil Hunt who provided these photos.



Mark assisting Ron get his plane ready for flight.

The Field of Dreams! By the editor

Way back in 1973 when I left the (IBM RC Club) to relocate in Hancock NY, on the first night of my arrival in town I heard an R/C engine and discovered a new friend Neil Hunt. Neil was flying at a small airport just out of town that we flew from together for the next eight years. After I left town for a new job, Neil maintained the field for the next twenty-eight years until this spring when it was destroyed by irresponsible youths on quads. A sad end to a fine flying field... Neil set out to try to locate a new place to fly.....and discovered the "Field of Dreams" No, I am not going to tell you where it is.....but check out a few photos and facts!



A Cub looking out at a fruit tree orchard and a full scale Piper Tripacer.



A closer look at the Piper owned by the property owner.



A photo of the owner sharing a bite to eat with a friend. This is not a Cub!



Did I mention Gary loves animals and they return the feeling

I had the pleasure of flying at the field with Neil not long ago and getting to know the owner "Gary". He is truly an amazing man. One of the most friendly, interesting and magnanimous people I have ever met. What a time it was. Gary makes trips to Hershey PA to pick up 300 barrels of chocolate to feed his animal friends..... And for his human friends who fly R/C, he mows the runways. Too good to be true? Someone up there really likes my good buddy, Neil! And I know that Someone smiles down on Gary! A man after His own heart!



After flying, Gary a former 101st Airborne member, serves the pilots draft beer at his private bar.....did I mention that this is the Field of Dreams? Here is Neil after a hard day of flying! The half empty glass is mine.....the bowl of cherries are fresh off the fruit trees on the property. It doesn't get much better! Thanks Gary!

CAVU till the next time, Ron