

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– February

4th– Regular Meeting PUMC 7 PM

18th Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM

22nd-24th WRAM Show– Meadowlands Exposition Center

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President's Corner

Hi Members,

With Feb. fast approaching, we are one month closer to the flying season again. There was much talk at the Frost fly about the upcoming season, so I guess I am not the only one that is looking forward to spring.

January's frost fly event turned out very well. There were about 8 members that came out to brave the cold and everyone got in some flights before the wind picked up around 11:30. There was probably more visiting with friends going on than flying, but that was OK, we all had a good time. There were a few minor mishaps but the event was a success. The projected high wind forecast for the day, may have caused others to shy away from attending.

Want to thank Roger Stabe for the great job he did with the snow plowing.

At the Dec meeting there was some interest in Bob Magee's sailplane. Bob kindly offered to give a talk on the high tech building techniques he uses to produce his sailplanes at the Feb 4th meeting. Bob will be doing a demo on the Foam cutting Machine he uses. This is a one man operated foam cutting setup. Most foam cutting is done with 2 people, one person at each end of the material being cut. This should be interesting for many new members.

Lloyd Quick did a demo at the Jan. meeting using a Freq. analyzer to give a visual of how the 2.4 GHz radio's frequency hopping is done. This was a very interesting demo. Members bought in other radio brands and Lloyd hooked up each brand radio and discussed the differences in operation. For me it was nice to actually see a visual on the differences in the 2.4 hopping schemes. It helped me understand and I am sure many others as well. Thanks for the great demo Lloyd

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The 3rd annual building seminar was another great success. The attendance was a little lower than previous years but I suspect the events main topic of Lofting wings and Fuselages may have contributed to the lower attendance. Roy and Dave explained this process in great detail using drawings created for Dave's Beaufighter. I have read many articles on Lofting and while I understood the principals, where was no way I would have been able to loft anything. Roy and Dave's presentation made the entire lofting process completely understandable for me. I now feel confident that I could design my own aircraft from a 3 view drawing. I have to say that Dave and Roy have a wealth of building and engineering skills, and they are very willing to share this knowledge with others. At the end of the day we had 46 people attend the event. My count had 14 MHRCS members. Would like to thank Bob Allen and John Philbrick for making the arrangements for this event.

Membership Renewals Time.

Just a reminder that it is membership renewal time once again. Forms are out on the MHRCS.com web site. Please remember to send a SASE and a copy of your 2013 AMA so that Rob Stubbs can return your membership cards. Please do not plan on turning in your renewals to me at the meeting, they must be mailed to Rob Stubbs.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.
Warren Batson

January Frost Fly in Photos by Flavio



Llyod, what's that a ladybug you are flying?



Dave obviously enjoying the event.

Frost Fly Continued:

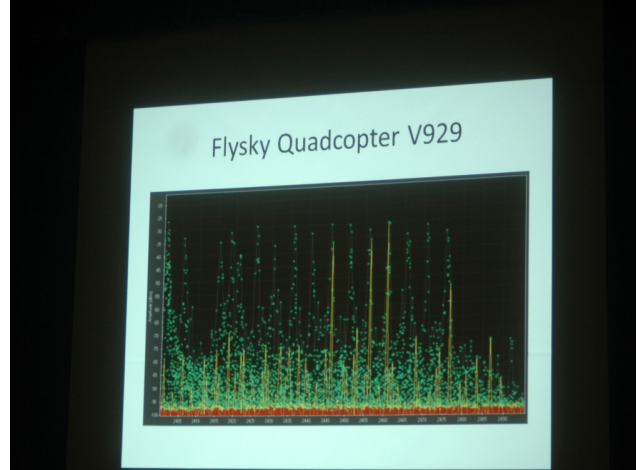


Some of the group of brave souls that enjoyed the event. Thank you Flavio for providing the photo coverage.

MHRCS January Activities!



Lloyd making his presentation at the Jan. Meeting



This is what the 2.4 GHz spread looks like.



Otto explaining his project. Or trying to figure out what it is.



Charlie making his presentation in Jan.



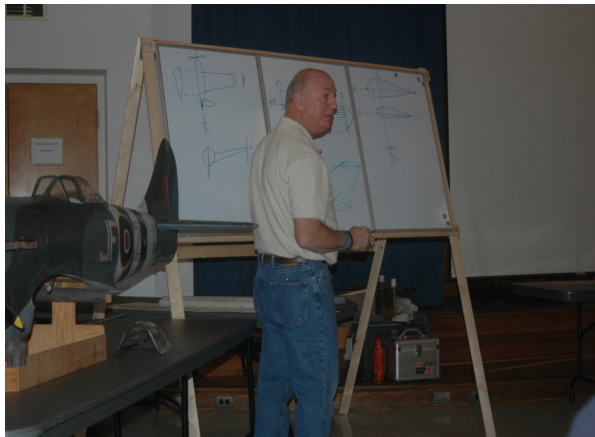
Warren discussing his Cub rebuild.



The editor's dog Montana went into the bedroom and came out wearing this plane. No lie.....He spends as much time in the shop as his master. He apparently wanted to take this plane to the Jan. meeting to make a presentation too.

2013 MHRCS Scale Seminar

Once again, Roy Vaillancourt and Dave Wigley presented a scale seminar for us at the PUMC. What a wealth of information they freely share with fellow modelers. Thank you both so much. Bob Allen and John AWOL Philbrick are to be thanked for their work in setting this up. Without further adieu, to the photos:



Roy explaining airfoils and rib shapes and why foam won't cut it in these ships.



Dave explaining how to figure bulkhead shapes, etc

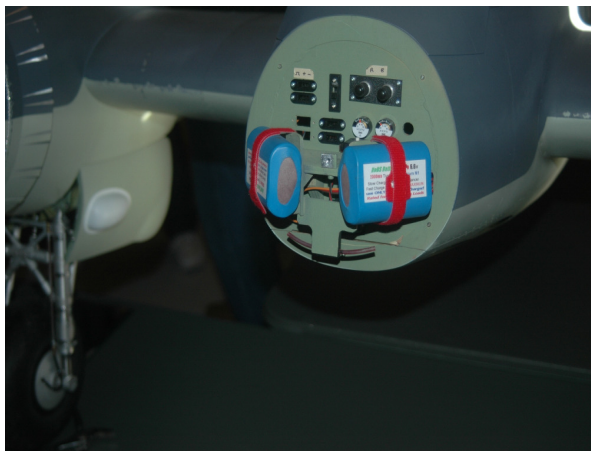


The Beaufighter

The Masterpiece that we have seen at different stages of the building process.



These retracts did not come out of a box. Amazing work!



No BS A123 Batteries on this plane says something loud and clear about Steve Anthony's products.



An excellent example of a sliding canopy which was one of the topics of the day.

CAVU till the next time. Ron Revelle