

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– February 2014

3rd—Regular Meeting PUMC 7 PM
17th- Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM
21-23rd—WRAM Show -Meadowlands

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President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

Well the New Year has gotten off to a good start with 2 club events in January. First , was the Frost fly and while the frost fly had to be rescheduled a few times, the 3rd time was a charm. The morning started off calm and sunny with temperature about mid 20's. In a short amount of time 11 members came out to enjoy the day. There were 3-4 airplanes in the air at a time and even some snow flakes were sharing the blue sky. Then before we know it , we all were scrambling to put everything away. A full blown snow storm had encapsulated the RC field and surrounding area and in about 20 minutes time there was an inch of snow. We did manage to get in about 2.5 hours of flying and I think everyone had a good time.

The Second event was the building seminar with guest speaker Roy Vaillancourt. Roy once again had a great agenda planned for the day. The topics all were about the techniques used in designing and building the SE-5 he had on display. This aircraft was designed from its inception to be a sport scale aircraft that the average builder could build. Many of the materials used in the build of the aircraft were purchased from the local hardware store, Lowes or Home Depot. His plans have this information and details. Just because this was a sport scale build for Roy, did not mean that his workmanship was not impeccable. This aircraft would be a great build for any sport flyer.

Some months back I received an e-mail from a woman at the LaGrange library, to see if MHRCS would run a youth program building Delta Darts. On Jan 17th Peter Jagitch and myself worked with 8 local kids ranging in age from 7 to 14. Many of these kids did not even know how to hold an exacto knife let alone build a model aircraft. So it was quit a challenge for the both of us. after the aircraft were all built, the kids had a chance to fly the Delta Darts in the hallway of the Library building. There were many big smiles on their faces. Please see some of the pictures.

Upcoming events:

Feb 3, general Meeting

March 3, general meeting . Annual club dues renewals are due by this meeting . They need to be mailed in, Please do not bring them to the meeting. Renewals forms are on the MHRCS web site.

May 17 & 18 Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Spring Funfly , This a AMA sanctioned event with the only rules being:
Rule 1, all aircraft must be fitting with the Aerodrome's theme. Early aviation to 1939.

Rule 2. To have fun. There will be not prizes or scale judging. This is a fun fly event in the purist sense. Landing fee is \$10.00

May 17 Boy scout Camporee at the Dutchess County Fair grounds.

MHRCS has been asked to host a indoor flying and static display like we did for the Boy Scout 100th anniversary about 4 years ago.

If you are willing to help out at one of the events the weekend of May 17-18 please le me know. The Spring Fun fly will need minimal MHRCS people to run. It will be pretty much contestant run with a few MHRCS personal on hand at any given time to ensure safety.

For the Boy scout event, we will be in need of a few people that can bring out a computer and run a Flight simulator for the kids to operate. This was a big hit the last event. Ay anyone that is willing to display their models.

I will be sending out more details on each event as they become available.

Warren Batson
MHRCS President





And then, the final test!



Many of the kids' parents helped with the builds.

MHRCS Annual Frost Fly



According to Ron Knapp who took the photo above,- “ Started out great - temp in lower 30s, hardly any breeze. About 1/2 dozen there when I arrived (3 or 4 more came later). A lot of short flights (I got in two) before and during the snow storm. When I left there was at least an inch, and it was approaching white out conditions.” Ron added, “ there were others not in the picture that were participating in the frost fly. Rick Rizza, Charlie Knight, Craig (hobby house) & his friend Roger. I think they were loading up their vehicles at the time I took the picture. Thank you, Ron, for contributing this report.

2014 Scale R/C Scale Aircraft Building Techniques Seminar by Ron Revelle

Once again, the MHRCS hosted a R/C Scale Aircraft Building Seminar. A special thanks to Bob Allen for all of his work in bringing this project to fruition. With some snow threatening, Bob made the call that the Seminar was a go. As usual the Seminar was well attended by modelers from numerous clubs and different states. This year, the featured guest speaker flew solo. AND—

Roy Vaillancourt of Vailly Aviation outdid himself. Roy was coming off some major life challenges. He had lost his father and dealt with a serious illness. Nevertheless, Roy put on a presentation that was second to none.

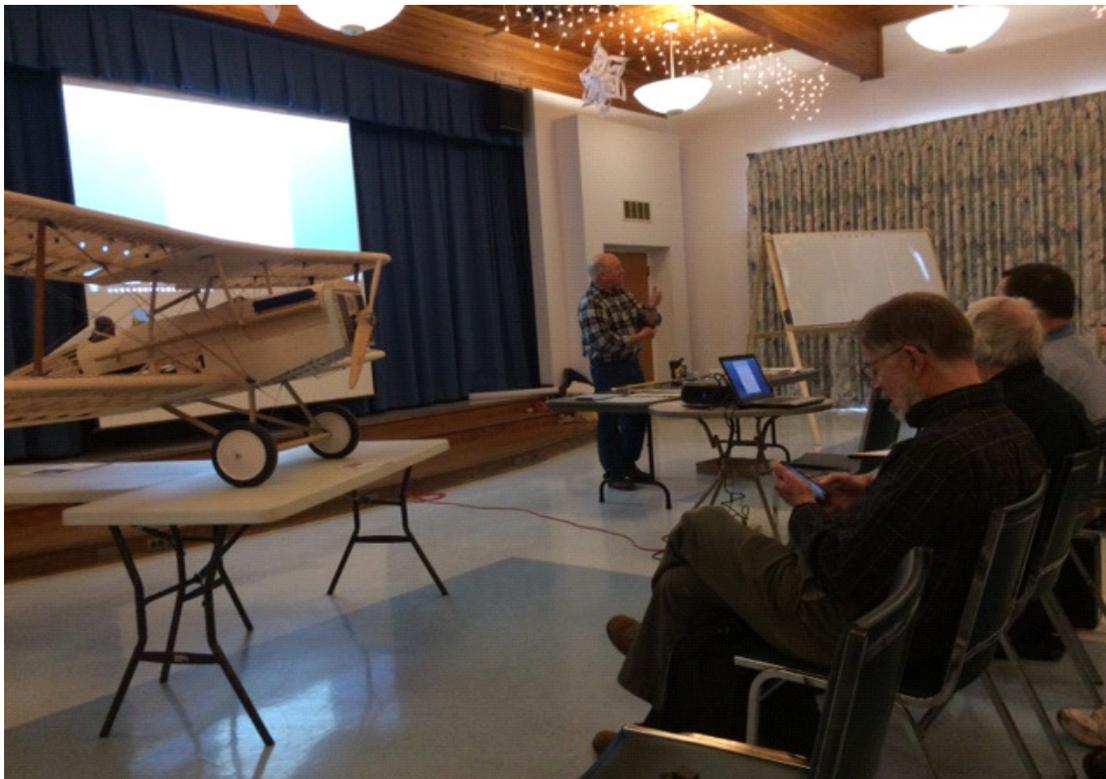


It was especially satisfying that Roy saw the light and decided to build a WWI plane. His SE5 in its almost ready to cover stage was beautiful. I know we are all really looking forward to the possibility of his attending the Rhinebeck Jamboree this year and putting this plane in the air.





The SE5 and corresponding blue prints were simply so impressive.



But what blew me away was the way Roy fielded all of the questions posed through out the day. He treated questions from the most basic to most technical with care, patience and detail. He is not only a Top Gun builder and Pilot, but by the way he treated his fellow modelers, he is a Top Gun human being. Roy, we can't thank you enough.

During the lunch break (most of us got one) Roy continued to answer questions and dialogue with those in attendance. During that time, I discovered that Roy's dad and mine served on similar aircraft during WWII. His dad was stationed in Greenland and did sub patrol etc. with the US Navy during the war.

This page is dedicated to the memory and appreciation of :

Royal J. "Roy" Vaillancourt, Sr

June 4, 1925-March 6, 2013



The plane (Privateer) and crew. Roy's dad is second from the left standing. Part of the Greatest Generation, to whom we owe more than we will ever know.

CAVU Ron Revelle, editor