

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– July

7th– Wallkill Field Meeting and Fun Fly-9AM-lunch at noon.

11-15th- Warbirds over Delaware– Lums Pond State Park

23rd– Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM

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Hi members,

I would like to thank everyone that has been asking about how I am recovering from foot surgery. The surgery went ok and the foot is healing very well. I am still limited to the amount of walking I can do, but things are getting better every day. So thanks everyone.

Time is passing fast this summer. Our July meeting and fun fly event will be on July 7th starting at 8am. Jonathan assures me he has some great prizes. Lynda Elie will be organizing the food for the day and I am sure she could use some help with the cooking on the day of the event.

At the August field meeting Jer Milosek will be hosting a RC Nostalgia event. The theme of the day will be anything RC that is old, Radio's, engines, models etc. Jer plans on sending out a note with more details. The August field meeting is Sat August 4th.

How about you U-control guys giving a few flight demos????

It is that time of year to think about the MHRCS Rhinebeck Jamboree RC event. All AMA paperwork is done and everything is falling in place for this event. Once I firm up the event chair people I will be sending out the list. Please feel free to contact the chair persons to sign up to help at this event. We can really use you help.

While at the field last weekend, Neil the mover guy stopped by and informed me that he will be cutting the parking lot grass shorter than he has been. This should be much better as it is quit wet in the mornings. Maybe I can now find a few of those Allen wrenches I dropped in the grass.

.That is all for now.
Come on out to enjoy the upcoming events. Hope to see you there.

Warren Batson
MHRCS President

Fun Fly and Wallkill Field Meeting-Saturday July 7th– By Jonathan and Lynda Elie

Hi Everyone,

I got the prizes for the funfly in the mail yesterday - some really good stuff, but I'm going to let them be a surprise. There are going to be three events this year and you will have to compete in all three. Last year's, choose the event you want to be in was too complicated and took too much time. The three events are limbo, spot landing, and egg/bomb drop. Different planes for different events are okay. Bring whatever you think will get you the highest score for each event. Highest score for combined tasks wins. Prizes will be given for at least to tenth place.

The day starts at 9:00 am and includes the monthly club meeting and lunch. Here's my mom's section of this note:

Hi Club Members - I will be organizing the food for this meeting/funfly - burgers, hot dogs, etc. If anyone would like to bring a dish to share to add to the meal that would be great. - Lynda

Prizes will not be predetermined by place as last year. Highest score will have first choice from prize table, second place will get second choice, and so on, until all prizes have been awarded. Suggestions are welcome for possible alternate events and/or changes to schedule. Looking forward to seeing everyone on July 7th.

Jonathan

Maiden Flights Are Always a Bit Suspenseful!

Joe Klein with his Top Flight Elder 40 at the Walkkill field for the maiden flight!



The plane very well. It saw several flights on the first day out. Joe built the plane from a kit. A kit that his wife Nancy gave him as a Christmas gift. Nancy was there cheering Joe on for the first flight. Joe commented that mentioning Nancy's name here was a "good thought , especially considering the amount of hours I spent building it and not getting any grief. My thanks to Nancy." We are all fortunate for the understanding and support we get from our spouses.

RC Tail Hook– By Ron Revelle

Last year I had the opportunity to see my friend Jeff Burton using a RC Tail Hook to restrain his planes when starting them. He had been using the unit successfully for quite a while. I did some searching on the internet and located the units for sale on RC Universe by tv.caddy in North Branch, NJ. Every review on the site was positive. So I placed an order.

At the May meeting I brought my recently purchased Tail Hook airplane restraint. Since then I have had the opportunity to thoroughly field test the unit. On at least six trips to the Wallkill field I have used the tail hook. I had no difficulty pushing the spike that secures the unit to the ground all the way down to the grass. No pounding with a hammer, just pushed in by hand. The directions say that this should be done by pushing on the area that is reinforced. After securing the unit to the ground you simply pull your plane's fuselage forward to engage the u bends of the unit to the leading edge of the horizontal stab. It will likely require lifting the unit's folding hooks to fit around the stab. Once your plane is pulled forward and secure in the unit you are ready to start the plane. I usually just start the motor and then move around behind the plane to throttle up a bit. The unit easily holds my Venus II with a Saito 125 in place. When ready to taxi out, just pull your plane backward a bit to allow the arms to drop to the ground. If necessary, you might have to lift the tail of the plane just slightly to clear the arms. You are now ready to taxi onto the field.

The Tail Hook is made in the USA. It is quality construction. The spike is welded onto the unit. An optional version is available with a spike that is for especially hard ground. There is also a larger unit. However, the model I have will easily accommodate almost any quarter scale plane. The cost was thirty-five dollars. It was delivered to my door two days after ordering. You can reach Larry, who makes and sells them at skyhook11@verizon.net or by calling 908-218-8963. As one who prefers to start my planes on the ground, I won't go to the field without my Tail Hook. I give it an excellent rating in all respects.



A couple of photos showing the Tail Hook holding my Venus II



A closer look at the Tail Hook.



Finally, the editor's Nieuport gets its balance point checked. She is ready for the maiden flight this week. If it does well, it will go to Warbirds over Delaware. As a back up, the Pup was in the air over Walkill this past week. CAVU, Ron Revelle