

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events- March

4th- Regular Meeting PUMC 7 PM

9th -CPAA R/C Flea Market. Lebanon, PA

18th Board Meeting PUMC 7 PM

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President's Corner

Hi members,

With March fast approaching we are getting closer to spring and the new flying season. The board is already holding planning meetings for the new season. The club charter and the 2013 Jamboree event sanction have been sent to the AMA a few weeks ago. Our big priority in the next month will be getting the supplies, Roller and work parties set for the 2 fields. Contact was made with the Walkkill field owners to confirm our usage of the field for 2013. Rick Rizza made the call and from what he told me the gun club once again welcomes MHRCS using the field again this year. The gun club indicated to Rick that they were going to try and get better control over the locking of the gates to the property this year. We anticipate that we will be asked to supply our own combo lock, similar to how we daisy chain the locks at the Redwing field. We will keep you posted if this change happens.

While at the WRAM show Saturday I ran into many of our members. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show. There is some truly amazing technologies that are advancing a in this hobby. The foam injection technology that has made possible the many great flying airplanes is advancing to larger .40 and even .60 size aircraft. Nitro Planes as well as other companies had a great selection of aircraft at some very reasonable prices. While I will confess that I am still a diehard balsa and glue builder, I do appreciate the convenience of having some of these airplanes in my hanger. They are very reliable, fly great and readily available for every day flying.

In all my years in the hobby, I still struggle to build my own instrument panels. For people like me there is now a company called, IFlytailies, that is making some incredible instruments and full cockpit details.

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One might say they are a little expensive but trust me, to hand make this quality of instruments would take a lot of fabricating time. The key word in the last sentence is time, which we all seem to have less and less of these days. If you get a chance check out their web site www.iflytailies.com . One last product I saw at the show was a 200cc radial engine. This engine had all the scale engine detailing built into it and really looked sweet. Starting at \$3500.00, it is not something I could easily afford but it was a thing of beauty. It would be perfect for any 1930,s or older Warbird or Golden Age aircraft. Engines like this would not be affordable or possible to the average working man if it were not for Computer Design programs and CNC machining, which has also led to the modern light weight ARF models. I think the next few years will led to more great advances in this hobby products.

Ok, so enough dreaming, and back to some business.

I will once again plug the new members section on the MHRCS web site. Flavio has done a great job of setting up this password protected folder to post pictures of our members. If you have a few minutes check it out. At present, there are only 5 or 6 member pictures posted, but you can still see how easy this folder is to use. I really do encourage members to send in a picture. Flavio has also offered to take members pictures at meetings or at the fields and then post them. I don't know about others but I have always had a hard time remembering names. This new members section will make it easy for me to look up people's names. There are 2 ways to use the folder, one is by name, the other is buy pictures, both will produce a member picture and name. I have sent out a separate note with the username and password. If you did not receive this note please contact me.

Ok that is for this month. Looking forward to longer and warmer days.

Warren Batson
President

Calendar

April 13th Wallkill work party, 9am, rain date 4/20
April 27th Red Wing work party, 9am, rain date 5/4

2013 WRAM Show By Ron Revelle

It seems that I can never wait till Saturday to get down to the WRAM Show. This year Jeff Burton and I headed to the Meadowlands bright and early Friday morning. In all the trip took about an hour and a half from my house. There was no problem finding a parking place that was close to the show. Furthermore there was no parking fee like at the Westchester site. But most of you know this from last year. We did have a wait outside for about fifteen minutes before they let us stand inside. Rather than carry a coat around inside all day, I left mine in the truck and stood on the front steps and fought the cold with no jacket or sweater. Believe it or not one guy offered his coat to me.

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After another 15 minute standing inside the building, they let us into the main room. On Friday it looked like attendance might have been down some from last year on Friday. One of the commercial vendors remarked about how attendance had gone down compared to a few years back. During the day I managed to pick up all of the items on my list. It was also good to see some old friends there and catch up a bit on what is happening with them.

The planes on display for the most part were really impressive. Impressive to the point that it makes you wonder if their builders ever see the light of day. All in all, I had a great time. So, enough for words, take a look at some of these planes.



This one which most of us have seen before is sure to be best of show.



This Nieuport 28 was not as good as the one that "what's his name" entered a couple of years ago.

Up Close and Personal with a beautiful A-10 Warthog





Upper left a nice F-86 Sabre Jet. The kind I used to ride my bike to see at Stewart Field. Above, Jeff probably trying to get me to make an offer to buy the plane!



Upper left, a Corsair that featured some weathering that left something to be desired, but a nice plane.

Above, our own Bob McGee ponders giving up sail-planes and moving into jets.

To the left, the MHRCS group prepares to leave the building, but not empty handed!





Finally, a Fokker DR-1 in 50% size and in the foreground a Bleriot with working wing warping!



If the pilot could speak!

The one in my new N17 says, “Great news that Bob Allen. is building a 1/3 scale D7, that makes an even easier target! For certain, Ron Preston will be on his 6 at the same time with his new 1/3 scale N17.

CAVU till the next time. Ron Revelle