

# Pilot Briefing

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## Upcoming Events

**May 2– Next Meeting-** 7 PM Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

**May 7-14 Joe Nall Giant Scale Fly in Greenville, SC**

**May 16– Board Meeting-** Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

**MOB Spring Float Fly. Harpursville, NY**

**May 28-29 Jumbo Jamboree. Imlay town, NJ**

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## President's Corner

Hello everyone,

MHRCS is already on its way to enjoy the flying season. The Work party at the Wallkill field this month was successful. There were 14 members who come out for the opening of the field. The field was rolled, flight stations repaired and moved on the flight line, tic control was applied to the pit and parking lot area, tire ruts were filled in and the roller used to compact the soil. So I hope you can make some time to use this great field this year.

The grass cutting guy has been hired again and has already started cutting the field. I would like to remind everyone that the Club has a mower in the shed so if the season continues to be as wet as it has been these few weeks the field may have to be cut mid week if you plan to fly. This machine is a zero turn machine and if you have not used one before please do not attempt to remove this machine from the shed without an opportunity to run it in the open field first. I had quit a few comments at the work party about how sensitive and tricky this machine is.

By the time you get this newsletter I hope we will have the Red wing Work party behind us. This Friday, Paul Doherty (owner) had the fields limed, seeded and aerated. Paul has seeded this year with a special hardy athletic field grass seed so it should prove to be a strong hardy grass. I contain 20% contractor seed which will germinate quickly and give a base for the hardy grass to germinate. However you may see that the contractor seed will start to die off as the summer progresses and gets dryer. This is what is supposed to happen. Paul has asked if the club would mind picking up the cost of germinating fertilizer to spread on the field to help the new grass in germinating quicker and provide the needed nutrients. So I picked up the 4 bags that he recommended and we will spread this at the work party.

The plan is to roll the field as soon as the weather permits. HOWEVER do not be disappointed if the grass pumps don't disappear when we roll the field. You have to understand the bumpy surface at this field is not made up from frost heaves but rather from clumps of grass that are growing well. The roller will only roll this flat for the day and as it continues to grow it will be a bump or clump again. So I ask you to have some patience as everything is being done by

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the Property owner and MHRCS to ensure our members have a nice flying site. Roger Staub has again agreed to cut the grass this year. I personally want to thank Roger for all his efforts in cutting the grass and the great job he does for this club. The great job he does save this clubs membership form having work parties to maintain this field as the property owner required of MHRCS when this field was negotiated. So Roger, I thank you for all your efforts and I personally appreciate everything you do to give MHRCS members and especially me a nice place to fly.

I will sign off this month with yet another request for people to help run and organize the 3 summer field/barbeque meetings. Many members have asked if I could make sure that this happens this year. However, the only way this will happen is if you, the members, make it happen. These summer meetings are a great time to relax and visit with fellow members and just plain enjoy the hobby together. I remind every member that you only get out of a club what you are willing to put into it.

So I hope we can make them happen.

## Taconic Lake Float Fly

Float Fly will be May 21 & 22 at 9am each day. Float planes and boats are welcome. Any questions please contact Jerry Rohling at [jrohling@aol.com](mailto:jrohling@aol.com).

Great flying everyone  
Warren Batson  
MHRCS president

## MHRCS Project Night

The April meeting was designated Project Night. The following photos are some of the planes on display! Thanks to everyone that participated.



Jim Rangitsch assembles his beautiful Waco. Tell us, Jim, that is not a Q-card card saying put the top wing on top!



An up close look at Jim's Classic Waco! His basement now matches the plane in color due to a little over spray!



A very nice old Cub is going to get a chance to try its wings.



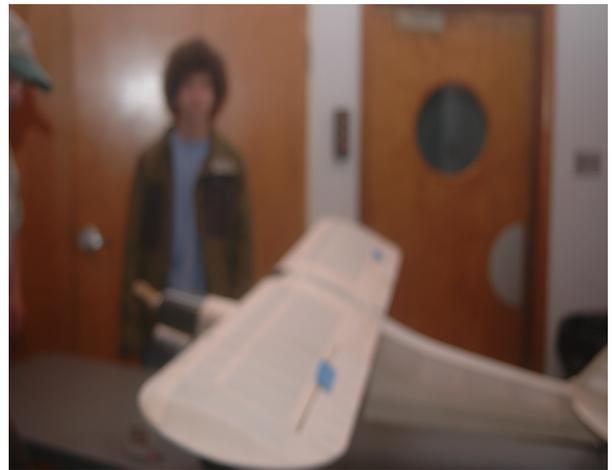
Warren's refurbished Cub gets the look over!



And the Cub has been back in the air since these photos.



The tail section of the Cub that Jonathan is reconstructing. Great job. Sorry this second photo wasn't in focus. I think the plane dissed the editor for giving it away!  
So, to do justice to Jonathan, I must include another of him hard at work at the WRAM show this year.....



Sorry, Jonathan, this picture just had to surface somewhere!

CAVU till next time.... Ron



A few photos of Rick's most recent projects.



Time to go outside– **The Walkill Field Work Party!** And Baby it was cold outside!



Club members? Or a typical town work crew! Sorry guys!



Bob said he was really working here. It was not posed! But it sure looked like he practicing the stroll for his next dance night. Or doing the walk the dog!



Let the good times roll, roll on and on!



Jesse, there is a penalty for clipping



Hey water boy bring the buck buck bucket here! Good work Ron



The exterminator!



Lou, Singing the Chinese version of the Everly Brothers' Song, Rake up little Susie!



The only plane to fly at the work party! Jim's little free flight.

CAVU till next time.... Ron



A sneak peek inside our president's utility trailer!



The 2011 flying season at the Wallkill field is underway!

### **COMMENTS BY ERIC WILLIAMS, AMA ASSISTANT VP for ALBANY AND EASTERN NY**

Eric was the featured speaker at the MHRC monthly meeting on March 7. His presentation covered three areas: NEAMA (Northeast Aeromodelers Association, AMA activities and programs, and upcoming regulatory/legislative activity that may impact our hobby.

NEAMA is a "Chapter" under the AMA, meaning that it is an organized special interest group. In this instance, the special interest is to promote communication and cooperation among the clubs in the region roughly defined as about within 60 miles of Albany. The organization's website ( NEAMAclubs.com ) has .... well, pay it a visit and see for yourself. It is a useful site - and a useful organization - to help build and maintain model building and flying in the region. MHRC has joined the Chapter, and I went home with a package to give to Dave Carrier (Modelmasters' President). Right off the bat, this will be a great way to promote the upcoming (middle to late May) MHRC Float Fly at Lake Taghkanic (yes, that's how it is spelled).

Eric then described a bunch of AMA programs for clubs and individuals. He pointed out the benefits, especially for the programs that generate good will in the surrounding community. The message was to reach out to the community and make sure that they will be on our side when and if there are potential problems. From town hall to boy scout troops, we should be building our bridges.

The regulatory and legislative environment was next on the agenda. Seems that the growth of commercial applications for unmanned aircraft opened a bit of a Pandora's Box for the (R/C) model enthusiasts. This is an FAA aviation safety rulemaking issue, and not a Homeland Security thing. The AMA is proactive on our behalf, and provides input to the FAA. The agency's proposed rules for unmanned aircraft will be out soon, and nobody can predict how they will impact our hobby, if at all. In the meantime, to sort of "head them off at the pass", the AMA has worked toward a legislative solution - an amendment to some bill that exempts model aviation from FAA regulation. This has already passed the Senate. Eric emphasized that it is time to weigh in with letters and calls to our Congressional Representatives to let them know that there are a lot of people who support the concept of continuing to let model aviation regulate itself. See the NEAMA "ALERT" sheet that was printed in the April Pilot Briefing. Take action -- Write to your representative. Have your significant other and your friends write also.

It was an illuminating presentation. Thanks, Eric.

Article by Jesse Aronstein

CAVU till next time.... Ron