

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– May

7th—Regular Meeting – 7 PM PUMC
12-19 Joe Nall Giant Scale Fly In Greenville, SC
19 & 20 Taconic Lake Float Fly. 9:00 AM
21st- 7PM PUMC

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President's Corner

Hi everyone,

By the time you receive May's newsletter both fields will have been set up for the season.

We had 18 people attend the work party at Walkill. Most of the work centered on filling in the tire ruts left in the parking lot from the hunters. The major ruts were all filled in and we used the roller to roll down the newly placed dirt. Two of our new members quickly volunteered to do some additional work that we were not prepared for doing the day of the work party. Don Serafin offered to make new Flight stations fences and they turned out very nice. I think Ron will have a few pictures in the newsletter. Jeff Burton offered to get some grass seed for the new dirt in the tire ruts.

If you see these 2 members at the field, please thank them for doing this extra work. These extra efforts by members make for a much nicer place for all of us to enjoy.

As of this writing, the Red Wing field work party has not happened but not much work will be required due to the mild winter. I do think we will need a picnic table and some repairs to the flight tables. We are in need of a few new flight tables at both fields. Is there any member or members that would be willing to coordinate a work party for the build of these tables? Plans are available. Please contact me if you would like to coordinate this.

This next topic is a little disturbing to me. It has come to my attention that last year the Walkill Grass Cutting man (Neil) received (how shall I say) less than friendly attitudes from some members when he showed up to cut the grass and members were flying. About 2 years ago MHRCS went out and obtained several quotes from landscapers to cut the Walkill field. Let me just say that Neil is giving MHRCS one hell of a good deal. So please be aware that losing this persons services will more than double the grass cutting costs at Walkill. Neil is also not charging us for cutting all of the additional parking lot as his brother (Hay farmer) asked him to cut the remaining ½ of the parking lot as a favor to him, so the club could use the remaining little strip of grass that would have been left between our parking area and the food plot.

The runway can be cut in less than 30 minutes.

Remember a little inconvenience to you could have great financial consequences to the club. So please work with Neil when he shows up to cut the grass, as he has a business to run and other commitments to keep. Neil has been instructed to cut the Wallkill Field on Thursdays with Friday as the backup for rain. This way the field is freshly cut for the weekend usage.

I have asked Neil to inform me if this situation happens again.

Taconic Float fly

The Lake Taconic float fly has been confirmed with the State and insurance obtained for the 2 day event. We had a very good turnout last year and from all the chatter I have been hearing, I think we will have an even bigger turnout this year.

Club Fun fly event run by Jonathan Elie.

Jonathan will be running the Club's first fun fly, Sat June 2nd in conjunction with the clubs first Summer meeting at the Wallkill field.

Help needed with Summer meeting Cooking

I am looking for a few people to head up the cooking for the July and August Field meetings. The work involves purchasing the food, and asking a few other members to help out with the cooking the day of the meeting event. Anyone interested should contact me.

Happy flying
Warren Batson
MHRCS President

Opening Day at MHRCS's Wallkill Field by Rick Rizza

For the first time since MHRCS has had the Wallkill Field, we were able to declare it open on April 1st. Usually, it is too soft due to winter weather, but the freakishly warm and dry winter of 2011/12 left it dry enough and firm enough to have general access. With April 1st falling on a Sunday this year, we had a unique chance to have a semi formal opening day soiree.

Well, after a cold and wet Saturday, Sunday dawned kind of chilly and gloomy, and the sunshine never made it out from behind the clouds, so a lot of people stayed home. I don't blame them, but the small group who made it out found dry conditions and very little wind, a nicely mowed field and many flights were made.

I claimed first flight honors with my old reliable Super Sportster at about 10 AM, and Lou Callan followed with several flights. As the day progressed, others showed up including Flavio, Charly Knight, Jeff Burton and Ron Revelle. I didn't take names and make a list, but I think I got everybody who showed up in the short film, so check it out. My thanks to all who came out, and to the great club we belong to for making this great flying field available for our enjoyment!

Rick Rizza

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itsOZbNWCBo>



The author, Rick Rizza with his big SuperSportster and big smile.



Flavio with his ducted fan F4 Phantom and Charlie Knight



Jeff Burton with Ron Revelle holding his Sequence

Go For the Gold!
by Ron Revelle

If you are at all like me, you are proud to be associated with the Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society. Although named the IBM Radio Control Club before changing its name, the MHRCS has been around since the infancy of radio control modeling as we know it. Many of us earned our wings under the skillful training of one or more of the club's prominent, patient and generous members. I claim much appreciated help from none other than George Buso, Joe Miller and Maj. Frank Jepson who stood by me for my first solo. And Frank saved my Enya 35 powered Jenny a few times before that! The last I saw him he was heading off in his F-105 to Viet Nam. Thank you gentlemen. But to the point.

Doesn't our club deserve a certain degree of distinction or recognition among clubs? I think so. A few years ago, my buddy Neil Hunt, whom many of you have met when he has been my guest at our field, sponsored a Chili Fly in Hancock, NY. Among those attending as participants was a former president of the Aeroguidance Society of Endicott, NY. On his club jacket he wore markings indicating that the AGS was an AMA Gold Leader Club. Why wouldn't the MHRCS have the same standing? The rosters of both clubs over the years look like a Who's Who in modeling. Both clubs have spawned a number of AMA Hall of Fame members.

At a meeting a while back, Eric Williams, then an AMA Associate Vice President, encouraged us to consider submitting an application for the Leader Club award. Since then I have had the opportunity to discuss the matter further with Eric and with President Warren Batson. Warren has given me the green light to pursue Leader Club standing for the MHRCS. I want to submit our application by the end of May. In order to do that there are a few things that will require our attention. First, your help will be essential. I am asking everyone to go to <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/105.PDF> and review the AMA Safety Code. The code was presented in our March Pilot Briefing as well. At our May meeting, I will have a number of copies of the code and review it with you. This is a requirement for Leader Club status. Secondly, I would ask that we consider providing the Highland Middle School with copies of Model Aviation for the school library. As you know, many of our members have had the opportunity do indoor flying in the Highland Middle School gymnasium. A copy of MA there would serve several purposes. First and most importantly, it will be enjoyed by students and hopefully attract them to our hobby, and in addition, it will show appreciation to the district and satisfy another of the requirements for Leader Club status.

As I work on putting together the application for gaining us Leader Club recognition, please drop me an e-mail if you have any questions. You can find more about Leader Club awards at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/708.pdf>. In advance, thanks for your support in this endeavor.

Another April Flying day at the Wallkill Field.



Jeff Burton flying his Big Stick. Shooting touch and goes in preparation for his big Eindecker's maiden flight in May.



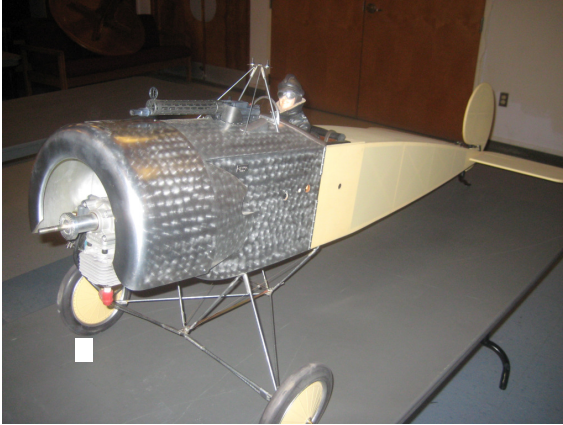
Thanks to Don Serafin, the Wallkill field sports these new more sturdy fight stations. Great job Don. Thanks.

Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society Project Night



Best of Show: Don Serafin, "Mr. Mulligan"
Also: Best Scale

Project Night continued:



Jeff Burton's Eindecker- beautiful job!



Best ARF: Rick Rizza Military Lear



Best Sport: Warren Batson Giant Aeromaster



Best Unfinished: Ron Revelle BUSA Nieuport 17



Ron Knapp with his ship entry.