

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events–November

4th Regular meeting 7PM PUMC

18th Board Meeting 7PM PUMC

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President's Corner

Hi Members,

Last month I sent out a note to ask if anyone was interested in running for VP and some of the other Boards positions. I did get a few responses from members and I thank those that offered to help run the club. Long time member Peter Jagich has offered to be VP for 2014. Peter is retiring at the end of the year and has offered to help run the club. I think peter will be a great addition to the board and will bring a fresh outlook to the board. I am still working on a few details for the others board positions and will send out a note with the proposed 2014 board members.

The regular MHRCS members that help out at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome have been asking for a few months about upcoming work parties. There have been 2 good work parties in the last month & MHRCS members attended the 2nd work party. There were about 8 MHRCS members, a WRAM club member, as well as 10 ORA regular volunteers present. I have included a few photos showing some of the improvements happening at the Aerodrome. Beside painting some for the buildings, clearing brush, a few of the hanger roofs were repaired and tin coating was applied. Some of these buildings have not received any attention for far too many years.

Fred Dimaria has been working on the budget for 2014. The budget will be presented at the November meeting for review and approvals.

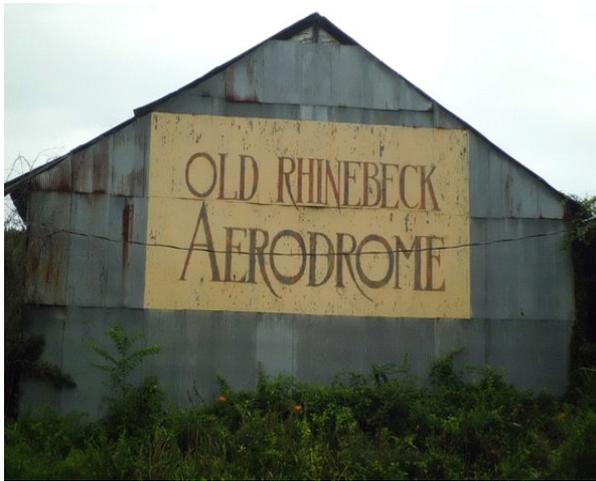
In the past MHRCS members had asked about working on some of the winter aircraft projects. While the previous atmosphere at the ORA was not the best, that has all changed. There is a whole new family type atmosphere at the ORA and if you ever wanted to help out at the ORA I can assure you now is a very good time. Present plans for the winter are to semi restore a Fokker Eindecker to a point it can be field hopped for the 2014, 100th year anniversary of WW1.

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Building the lower wings of the 2nd D25 rides plane, Finish the restoration on the Albatros D5a, Covering the wing of the Spirit of St. Lewis, just to name a few. If you would like to help out at the ORA, call the ORA office and ask what days Ken Cassens will be at the ORA. Ken is the lead mechanic and will get you involved.

Well that is all for now. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Warren Batson
MHRCS President



Modelers work weekend at the Rhinebeck Aerodrome. The before picture of the West side of the Curtis hanger where Mother nature had gone wild.

Little different angle but shows the brush cleared away. Plan is to level this area out and plant grass so the area can be mowed and maintained. The brush growing close to the building has not allowed the buildings to dry out.



Preparing the Ryan Hanger for staining by pressure washing the 25 years of dirt away

Ryan hanger staining in progress.



And the finished South side of the hanger. It has since had a second coat of stain and looks even better.



Back side of the Ryan hanger in progress.



The back almost finished with one coating.



Thought you might like to see how the Albatros D5a is coming along receiving a new paint scheme and a complete maintenance overhaul. This paint scheme is Leutnant der Reserve Walter Boeing of Jasta 5.





The upper wing in the foreground and the lower wings panels in the upper right corner.

Preceding Rhinebeck photos and comments complements of Pres. Warren Batson

A Squadron of MHRCS pilots landed at the Flying Knights Pumpkin Fun Fly in -Ravena, NY on Oct. 12th.

The weather was beautiful. The field better than a golf green. The Flying Knights were great hosts. If you missed it this year, plan to attend next October.



Our squadron leader gassing up his beautiful biplane.



Our District Wing Commander Eric Williams about to something the editor has not done before- A touch and go with a plane with no landing gear. He did it!



This is Eric's choice of planes!



Bob, what was that you were saying to me about body English?



Rick Rizza's U-2 that looked great in the air.



Ron P. propping his plane while Bob assists.

Don't forget to vote. Support Bob Brown as AMA President!

CAVU till the next time.....Ron Revelle