

Pilot Briefing

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Upcoming Events– September

6-8 Rhinebeck Jamboree
13-15 NEAT Fair Downsville
16 Board Meeting 7PM PUMC
21st Biplane Bash - Farmington CT

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President's Corner

Hi everyone,

Wow. Has this summer gone by quickly. It is almost Jamboree weekend at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome.

Just a quick reminder that the Mid Hudson RC 47th Jamboree event will be held Sept 6-8 at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. If you have not already signed up for a work position there is still time. There is always a spot we can use some extra help. We have about 10 new member this year so I will say that Mid Hudson members are welcome to fly at our event as long as they meet the aircraft requirements as spelled out on our Web site Jamboree flyer.

I just came from a Aerodrome board meeting this week, and I can tell you that just about all flyable planes are air worthy this year. With the exception of some minor mechanical issues that pop up and that sideline a single plane, there will be a full out air show flown at our event this year. I am also happy to say that the Aerodrome is looking forward to our event.

The Aerodrome is having a Fund raising dinner Sat Sept 7th at 5 pm and an auctions to follow. If you would like to join other Mid Hudson members, please call the Aerodrome and make arrangements prior the event.

The office number is 845-752-3200 and ask for Carol. Mid Hudson has about 12 members signed up for the dinner/auction already. There will also be a showing of a new film that was made at the Aerodrome this past spring. From what I hear there is some very nice air to air flying video. Should be nice.

Just a reminder that there is no Mid Hudson general meeting the month of Sept. Next general meeting will be Oct. 7th at 7 pm, at the Church.

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Early in Sept. I will send out an email asking for board members. We are in desperate need of an active Vice President. If you have interest helping run your club, please let me know. If no one steps forward for the president position for next year, it will be my 6 straight year. So I am in need of a very good VP that I can transition into taking the president position for a few years.

Wallkill Field Sept. flying hours

Our lease agreement states that we have the use of the field in the month of September from 9 am to 3 pm, 7 days a week to Sept 30th. Please help us keep this great field by following the terms of our lease.

That about raps it up for this month.
Hope to see you at the Jamboree event.

Warren Batson
President



Would you believe this beautiful full scale SE 5 landed at our Wallkill field on August 25th?

Then, would you believe it is Ron Salsbury's new BUSA 1/4 scale SE 5 that was flown for the first time on August 24th?



Here is the proud builder, owner and pilot! Welcome to the WWI pilot group, Ron. Beautiful job.



Ron's plane in the air. It flew great.

Ron at the sticks with on very fine co-pilot standing as backup.





On the same day, Rob Vandermeulen's big DR 7 took to the air in Walkill



And the D 7 in the air.....



And the pilot enjoying flying the big plane!



Walt, Wayne and Rob showing that just relaxing at the field isn't too bad either.



Wayne prepares his P47 for flying a couple of missions.



Ron Preston was on hand to fly a civilian aircraft along with Bob's D8.



Lou Callahan was on hand to fly another non-military aircraft.

Life is Good by Ron Revelle

A number of years ago at the Hopewell field at the beginning of the “flying season” I watched a very young man bring an RC plane in for a beautiful landing. I complimented him on the landing. He replied that it was his flight of the year. I remember talking with his mom and mentioning that it might be worth keeping in mind that sometime in the future he might be eligible for an AMA scholarship. Well, this year he was awarded an AMA scholarship. And that is wonderful. But it didn't surprise me in the least. But what would have surprised back then, would have been if someone told that in a few short years I would climb into a full size plane with that same young man at the controls.

About a week ago I got a text from Jonathan's dad asking if I had plans for the day. It seems Jonathan had access to a plane for the day. My dad, who was a very seasoned military pilot, on a number of occasions said, “don't jump into a plane with just anyone at the controls.” But knowing Jonathan for the time that I have known him, I can't think of anyone, except my dad or my buddy Herb Stockton, a Top Gun pilot or Jonathan that I would feel more comfortable taking me for a plane ride.

I met Jonathan at the Ellenville airport and then, Jonathan, in his usual low key manner, proceeded to impress me with everything he did from the pre flight checks to the beautiful landing, after a great flight which included a landing and take off from the Dutchess County Airport. I have been in airplanes with many pilots, but none that I trusted more than Jonathan. He flies the plane, it doesn't fly him.....something else I learned from my dad. Thanks Jonathan.



The plane that Jonathan took me for a flight in.



Naturally we had to take a look at the MHRCS Wallkill field from the air!

CAVU, Ron Revelle