

2012 Old Rhinebeck Jamboree

Vern Nulk, of West Newbury, MA
flew this unusual Roland C.I



The Greatest WW1 and Vintage Scale RC Event Turns 46!

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When it comes to having a good time, many modellers and pilots know that the annual gathering of WW1 and classic vintage models hidden in the hills of the Hudson Valley is the place to be. And the event has redefined the term Jamboree. For 2012, the Old Rhinebeck Jamboree held at the World famous Aerodrome/Aircraft Museum, drew an impressive 68 registered pilots from 11 states and from Canada.

Everyone enjoyed flying at the Aerodrome even though the weather, as it often is, was a bit challenging. When the *Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society* crew showed up to cut the grass and do their own set up on

Thursday, (delayed from Wednesday,) there were already several tents up. Not to worry though as those early arrival pilots cheerfully pitched in to help rake the grass cuttings. After some elbow grease was applied, the field was pronounced in superb shape. Flying was

great Friday and Sunday but warnings of high winds and an approaching storm front shut things down for a good portion of Saturday.

Recognition

The historic importance of the 2012 event was recognized by AMA District II VP



MHRCS President Warren Batson receives recognition from AMA District II VP Eric Williams.
(Photo by Flavio Amrbrosini)

Eric Williams congratulated MHRCS President Warren Batson. (see photo above.)

From the District II blog:
"In recognition of the MHRCS' long standing relationship with the Aerodrome, AMA Vice President for District II, Eric Williams presented the club with the AMA Award of Merit, and MHRCS President, Warren Batson was awarded the AMA District Service Award, for his outstanding leadership and guidance in directing the club's assistance to the Aerodrome in the wake of Hurricane Irene last year."

Starting with Tradition

Flying included a delightful range of scale RC planes. And as has been tradition, the flying days started off with a *Cole Palen Memorial* rubberband mass launch. Our good friend Tom Polapink has been a very active promoter of free flight scale, and he has an awesome all rubberband powered memorial event in honor of the Aerodrome's founder Cole Palen. Tom is show to the right in the middle of the morning launch. Cole himself was a long time free flight, stick n tissue modeller himself and there is a large collection of his



Ken Hall's ever-present 1/3-scale Fokker D-VIII Flying Razor.

model airplanes at the Aerodrome for all to see.

On the Flightline

As is always the case, there were many beautiful traditional RC planes populating the flightline including regular attendees like Adam Lilley with his 1/3 scale Balsa USA Sopwith Pup and Ken Hall with his ever-present green and orange Fokker D-VIII Flying Razor.

Ken has been coming to the Rhinebeck Jamboree for 33 years and his plane has been flying for 11 years at the Jamboree. It was built from plans and a partial kit from JB Models. It spans 114", weighs 31 lbs, and is powered by a 70cc twin cylinder McMinerelli engine. Ken uses a Spectrum radio to control it--which is the third radio he has used for that purpose.



Traditional Morning Mass Launch in memory of Cole Palen.

Richard Smith and Victor Stoykovich, of Concord, NH show off their Balsa USA de Havilland DH-4.



More recent visitors to Rhinebeck included a lovely DH4 built from a Balsa USA kit purchased at Rhinebeck two years ago. Richard Smith and Victor Stoykovich, of Concord, NH put it together, and equipped

it with a moving rear gun! Keith Zimmerly was also on the flightline on Friday with his huge and graceful DH4. Keith's monster plane has a 173-inch span and is powered by a Desert Aircraft, DA-100 engine.

Tim Haggerty, of Trains & Lanes Hobby shop, Easton, PA, had a lot of fun with his Aeronca. Vern Nulk, of West Newbury, MA also showed up with a very unusual model--a Roland C.I of his own design (opening photo.)

Keith Zimmerly showed up with his 173-inch span de Havilland DH-4 which he build from enlarged the Balsa USA plans.



Rich Feroldi's Top Gun winning Albatros D.Va takes to the air for another patrol of the Aerodrome skies.



He has been working on it for 13 years, and has been coming to the Jamboree for 32 years. The "Whale" as it was called, was an early observation plane, uniquely carrying a radio transmitter. Vern's model is powered by a G62 engine and controlled by a Spectrum radio.

There were two excellent

representations of the beautiful Albatros D.Va. The first was Rich Feroldi's Top Gun winning model from the mid 1990s.

The second was the prototype of the new Balsa USA Albatros D.Va kit. This kit is based on a Dave Johnson design and is a consistent scale performer. The

Albatros is 1/3-scale and is designed for 60cc engines. Among other unique design features, the Balsa USA Albatros uses a second receiver in the top wing to control the ailerons. This feature eliminates having to run the servo wires from the fuselage up the cabane struts to the wing.

Based on a Dave Johnson design, this Albatros is the prototype of the soon to be released Balsa USA 1/3-scale kit.





This lovely 1/3 scale Balsa USA Nieuport 28 (above) has an interesting human interest story. The three gentlemen behind it have each built a version of the same kit, collaborating through communications on the RC

Scale Builder forum website. They decided to meet here and are standing behind "Doc" Morrison's plane, from Houston Texas. Doc is in the center, flanked by Dr. Mark Shelstrom from Lancaster, WI and Whitney Philbrick,

from Poughkeepsie, NY.

As usual, the folks at the Jamboree chose models to receive prizes in various categories. These planes aren't hangar queens. Here (below) Dave Perrone's D-VI in flight. It is built from a

GTM kit resulting in a 1/3 scale model with a 101" span and a 32 lb. weight.. It is covered with GTM lozenge fabric. Dave powered it with an AXI 5360-24 motor spinning a 30x20 prop. Power from a 12S



Dave Perrone's electric-powered Fokker D-VI in flight.



And the Winners are...

From left to right: Brian Perkins, Best of Show (sponsored by Arizona Model Aircrafters) with his RAF SE5a Scout; First Place (sponsored by Airtronics), Tom Kosewski with his Ryan STA PT-16, Spirit of Rhinebeck, (sponsored by Balsa USA), won by Martin Irvine with his Aviatik D-I, Best WW I, (sponsored by Glenn Torrance Models), won by Dave Perrone with his Fokker D-VI, Best Civilian, (sponsored by BP Hobbies), won by Doug Pierce with his Piper Cub, and Best Golden Era Racer, (sponsored by NoBS Batteries), won by John English with his Gee Bee R-2 racer.

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Long time attendee Tom Kosewski, of Sterling, MA, with his Ryan STA PT-16.

servos, and is controlled by a Futaba radio.

Vendors Row

Finally, the event also had a number of great RC vendors including: Balsa USA, GTM, Iflytailies.com, Micro Fasteners, WW1 Aero & Skyways magazines, RC Plane Wear and Trains & Lanes Hobbies.

So, If you missed 2012 then you simply have to pencil in the 2nd weekend in September on your 2013 calendar. See ya there!

LiPo battery is managed by a Castle Creations ESC,

yielding about a 10 minute flight. It carries 10 Futaba