

**Fourth Annual  
Cole & Rita Palen  
Free-Flight Memorial Meet  
Saturday, June 14, 2008  
(Rain or Shine)  
This year's theme – World War I**



Cole Palen gave the world his life's work...the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. In addition to building, flying and restoring full-scale antique aircraft, Cole was an avid Free Flight model builder & flier. In 2005 some of his friends and fans decided to honor his memory with an annual Free Flight Model Meet.

For the First annual event, we celebrated Cole's Dec. 29 Birthday on December 17 (the 102nd anniversary of the Wright's first flight), and flew our models in a foot of snow! Thankfully, the sun was shining on us that day and the air temperature was warm enough to allow us to enjoy ourselves. Subsequent events have been held in warmer months.

**Come join us for a fun day of Flying!**

This event is *primarily* for scale, rubber-powered models of full-scale aircraft built between 1900 and 1939. Awards will be given for *Longest Individual Timed Flights of Pioneer Era, WWI, & Golden Age models*, and there will be a "Mixed Category" (for non-scale models & post 1940 scale models). *Prizes for the Mass Launch, Pilot's choice* - (voted by the participants) and the special *Taxi/shuffleboard event* (for those of us who have no hope of winning a flying event) will also be awarded. Other categories may be added as plans for the event continue to develop. The primary goals of this celebration are to remember Cole & Rita Palen and to have a lot of fun while doing so.

**In 2008 we will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the End of WWI!**

***We have also decided to honor and memorialize some of the special people who, in addition to Cole and Rita, helped the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome to develop.***

***Special events being planned include:***

- ***Cole Palen "Evil Black Baron" memorial – Best Triplane Award***
- ***Rita Palen Memorial - Best Two Seat Subject***
- ***Dave Fox "Regal Eagle" Memorial - Fokker D.VII Mass Launch Award***
- ***Bob Love Memorial - Technical Achievement Award***
- ***Dick King "Sir Percy Goodfellow" Memorial - Sportsmanship award***
- ***Judy Meyers Ulfik "Trudy Truelove" Memorial - Powder-Puff Award for women pilots***
- ***Gordon Bainbridge/Larry Potter Memorial - Craftsmanship Award for flying models***
- ***Dick Day Memorial - Static Model Competition Award (limited to small models)***
- ***Boxy Bipe WWI-style, Combat-Mass Launch***

***In 2009 the Pioneer Era will be our focus of attention when we celebrate 100 years since Rheims, Bleriot's crossing of the English Channel and other significant aerial events. Our 2010 event will feature Air-Racing Aircraft of the Golden Age.***