

# Pilot Briefing

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## Upcoming Events!!!

Next Meeting Dec. 6th - 7 PM Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

Board Meeting Dec. 20th- 7 PM Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

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## President's Corner

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and the building season for many of us. At the last meeting Bob Allen presented a proposal for HMRCS to host a building Seminar that would have Roy Vaillencourt and some other Top Quality Scale builders from Long Island, talk about high end aircraft building techniques. The club voted in favor of this seminar so Bob has set up a date of Sat Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> with snow date of the 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be an open discussion presentation and you do not have to attend the entire days topics. You can attend whatever you feel fits your RC needs. Bob will have a full listing of the topics and time table in the coming weeks.

The club holiday party will be on Friday Jan 14.

The event will be held at the Church where the meetings are held. More info on the Meal and price will be coming shortly. Initial meal price was discussed to be between \$12-15 for a sit down dinner. A follow up note will be sent out with more information on the meal and exact price.

I did a little flying at the Red wing field a weeks ago and had trouble getting off. A few days later another warm day came along and I bought my mover with me and mowed the field after I did a little flying. I cut it as low and my machine would cut. While it is still lumpy I hope the field is now better to fly from. It got dark before I could finish the last 20ft on the far side of the field.

Some time in late Jan or early Feb we will try and pull together a Frost fly at the Red Wing field. We did this a few years ago at Hopewell and we had a good attendance. It was cold but people did get some flying in. We will watch the weather and try and give as much notice as we can.

That is all for now.

Happy flying and a Happy Holidays to everyone.

Warren Batson  
President MHRCS

## Some Pre-Rhinebeck 2010 flights at the Wallkill Aerodrome! Labor Day!



Whitney's SE-5



The field director's Camel on approach.



The Washingtonville Wizard showing us this is serious business



Rick's Camel after a strafing run!



Nick thinking...." I sure hope this thing flies or it ain't gonna be a fun trip home!



And fly it did! Checked out and ready to fly a mission at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome at the 2010 Rhinebeck Jamboree.

## A Chili fly!..... by Ron Revelle

Back in the 70's Neil Hunt and I organized and chartered an R/C club called the RC Barnstormers of Delaware County. In November of this year, we decided on short notice to host a Barnstormers' Reunion Chili fly. The old field has changed quite a bit over the years. What used to be a small light plane airport now has no full size aircraft parked there and the small saplings that were there, now threaten to overtake the place. It is the airport from which flight instructor Max Francisco took the fly fishing legend Lee Wulff for his last flight. It was to be a recertification flight for Lee who had been a bush pilot for many years. Many of his fishing trips to remote rivers via small aircraft are well documented on film. Unfortunately, it is said that on the recertification flight, Lee suffered a heart attack and fell forward on the controls. Max was unable to move Lee sufficiently and the plane crashed. Lee was dead and Max was seriously injured including the loss of one of his eyes. Fly fishing had lost one of its legends. And "the most fortunate of all women", as Lee would refer to his wife Joan, because she was married to him, had lost her husband. After a long recovery, Max was back in the air. Both men were true gentlemen and a pleasure to know.

Anyway, back to R/C flying....The weather predictions for the day went from high winds and rain to calm and no rain. As the 12:30 starting time arrived we got the high winds. The two big pots of chili were warmed up in Neil's kitchen and everything was transported to the field- chili, corn muffins, coffee, soda, deserts, etc. The generator was started at the field to keep the chili and coffee hot. Some photos of the gathering follow:



First in the air in spite of high winds was the daring Rick Rizza with his T-?. Rick managed several flights



Next was Jim Quinn, Secretary of the National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics with his electric powered Great Planes Sequence F3A. This plane flew like there was no wind at all. Maybe Jim's piloting had a little to do with it. Ya think? In any event it proved to be an outstanding performing aircraft doing expert pattern maneuvers.

Chili Fly—continued



The editor's Venus II was next up. On the first approach to land, the wind put the plane in knife edge flight at about four foot off the ground. A decision was made to go around for another attempt. Rick's Rizza's voice was heard saying "good decision!" This time a nice smooth approach and landing were accomplished.



Terry Terrenoire, former president and current vice president of the Aeroguidance Society was the official photographer.

On a final note regarding the chili fly, Rick Rizza won the best carrier landing event and took home a pot of chili as a prize.



Next up was Neil Hunt's Pentathon, designed and built by his son Mark of InsightRC and pattern fame. The next two generations of aircraft from InsightRC are now available. At first the 160 refused to start...and Neil had to endure cries of sandbagging and accusations of fear of flying in the wind. Rick Rizza used a chicken stick to persuade the prop to turn under power of a small starter. Up and running and in the air, the Pentathon seemed to say, "what wind?" Ok, so the pilot had a little to do with it here too! After all he was a 2009 NSRCA region one pattern champion. The editor has flown this plane too and it is by far the nicest pattern plane he has flown. Rock solid in the air!



In the center of this photo is Mike Carey, a retired State Trooper, who flew with the RC Barnstormers of Delaware County. Some calloused individual used to accuse Mike of painting his planes with a mop!

Here is to all of you and yours, a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year! And may Santa bring Bill Lederer a new airplane....we all know he needs one more!

CAVU till next time... Ron