



Wing Tips



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2017 Club Officers

President: Brad Quick

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Treasurer: Tom Eng

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Club Calendar

Coming Up:

- **CLUB MEETING , Saturday, August 19, 11:00am:** At Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field. This is also the day of our club picnic.
- **Saturday, August 19th for our 7th annual Fun Fly-Picnic.** Redl Park Flying Field, our flying field Details below, in this issue.
- **August Wing Tips articles & photo submissions due, Thurs., September 7:** Send your submissions to wingtips@modelmasters.us Due date is first Thursday of each month.
- **September 14 - 17, NEAT Fair (Northeast Electric Aircraft Technology).** Peaceful Valley Campground , Downsville, NY see <http://www.neatfair.org/index.php> for more information.

Other Events:

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Summer Outdoor Meetings, Saturdays, 11am, Sept. 16.
- **OUTDOOR FLYING SESSIONS AT WEST ROAD FIELD** – Every Saturday Morning, weather permitting. It is also possible to find some members at the field on Sunday mornings. Even during the winter months as long as the driveway is not snow covered.

From the President's Cockpit

I'm back!

I really didn't mean to miss two issues in a row. In fact, I was sure that I wrote an article for the last issue. I had written it in my head and thought that I had typed and emailed it, but I searched and searched and came up empty. I guess I have too much going on. One thing that I always try to fit into my busy schedule is to go flying on Saturday mornings. After a stressful week at work, I love to start my weekend off by hanging out with my flying buddies and getting in a few flights. We have picked up a number of new members who have been actively joining us on Saturday mornings, making the mornings even more enjoyable.



It appears that the courts have ruled that the FAA can't force us to register our model aircraft as long as we are flying in accordance with AMA policies. The FAA website says here (https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/registration_deletion/) that you can now fill out another form to delete your previous registration and get your fee back. My understanding is that we early registrars already got our fees back. Do you really think the government is going to wipe our names out of their databases? Well at least they now have the names and addresses of all of the terrorists that are interested in model aircraft. Not!

Our annual fun fly is just around the corner. Be sure to join us if at all possible. This is one of our premier events of the year. Bring a plane to fly in the fun fly events. Be prepared to eat good food all afternoon. Bring your families and

friends. And bring a plane to fly in the ever popular mass combat event. We will have porta-potty on site again this year. See you there!



MEETING MINUTES – July 15, 2017

- Meeting called to order at 11 AM by President Brad, approximately 12 members present and 1 guest.
- New members Brett Huffman and Kent Wien were introduced with Kent's friend Chris as a guest.
- Treasurer's report: Club has \$2,002.21 in treasury which includes \$117.21 remaining in the field maintenance fund.
- President Brad reported that the Pleasant Valley Town Supervisor Mark Figliozzi visited the field to watch some flying and to relay the "great plans that Pleasant Valley has for Redl Park". The supervisor stated that Herb Redl has donated \$100K to renovate the park, which does not include maintenance. Possible plans for the park area include:
 - Band shell (for concerts)
 - Pavilion (to be available for weddings and other affairs)
 - Skate board area
 - Walking trails
 - Dog walking trails
 - Firemens' museum
 - The town board has an engineering firm working on a plan proposal, which includes road access.
 - The town wants to include ModelMasters' activities in the plan
 - The town wants the development to be monetarily self sufficient
- The annual picnic is still scheduled for Saturday, August 19, (rain date is Sunday, the 20th).
 - John Knight has volunteered to coordinate the cooking and food preparation
 - Other preparations are going smoothly
 - The town has approved and will supply a Porta-potty for our picnic as they have in past years.

Meeting was adjourned at about 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Eng (Treasurer).

MODELMASTERS PICNIC/FUNFLY-AUGUST 19, 2017



On August 19th, rain date the 20th, we will be having our 7th Annual Picnic/Fun-Fly. It promises to be a fun day. A series of aeronautical challenges that will appeal to all skill levels are being developed by President and Contest Director, Brad Quick. Again, this year our guests will have the opportunity to fly a trainer plane using a buddy box system under the supervision of our members. On the grill will be hamburgers and hot dogs served with all the customary toppings.

Fresh corn on the cob and delicious potato salad and coleslaw will also be served along with ice cold watermelon. And of course we would welcome any additional dishes and desserts that attendees would like to bring to share. We look forward to having a lot of fun and to the opportunity of showing our guests the kinds of things we do and how enthusiastic we are about our hobby/sport. To help defray the picnic expenses there will be a \$5.00 charge per person. Children are free.

I will be putting out a notice shortly regarding your intention to attend the event so the appropriate amount of food can be purchased. Your re-sponse will be appreciated.

I hope many of you will be able to attend our function. Thank you, Bob Santoro.

Interesting Stuff, Contributions from Members

From the editor

My first edition of this news letter, as editor was the January 2014 issue . Wing Tips news letters from as far back as January 2013 are available on line at our website (see top of any newsletter for the URL). I would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, photos and interesting RC stuff, during my tenure and before. Your contributions make this a news letter. Keep those contributions coming. Sounds like a resignation. I plan to continue.

Summer months there is more flying than writing for the news letter so here is an idea for a written article. When I took over as editor, the previous editor Nick Baston had already organized much of the hardcopy information that has been passed on from editor to editor, Thank You Nick! It was all in a large storage tub. In there I found a disc with many cartoon images. Below is one of those cartoons. When I remember or there is a slow news month I try to borrow something from the past to honor those contributors and editors before me and this clubs long history in the Hudson Valley. I understand it was drawn by a past member who also provided his art work to RC magazine(s). The disc is labeled "Jim Kaman Cartoons". Open call to any member who can share more insight about Jim and his cartoons. Send your article or just a paragraph about Jim, who was he? When was he a member? What were his interests? What do you remember most about him? Send it to me by the Sept. deadline and I'll piece all your input together for the Sept. issue.

