



November 10, 1978

Edition II

Highlights from the October 27, 1978 meeting:

Members expressed surprise and pleasure about receiving The New Knight Flyer. We hope all will support the Flyer by contributing articles, announcements, gossip, and trivia.

Norm McCormack brought up that there were several bad points concerning the AMA this year. The three main problems are:

1. members must now take the Model Aviation magazine with their membership.
2. increased dues to pay for administrative costs.
3. competition news should come automatically with membership and should be separate from the magazine.

Many members voiced their opinion that the AMA should get out of the magazine business and back into modeling. Most feel that a short, pertinent, and informative newsletter, offered to clubs and/or members, would be more than adequate. Members are protesting individually by not paying the extra \$8.00 per year for the magazine, and the club will also send a letter of protest to the AMA.

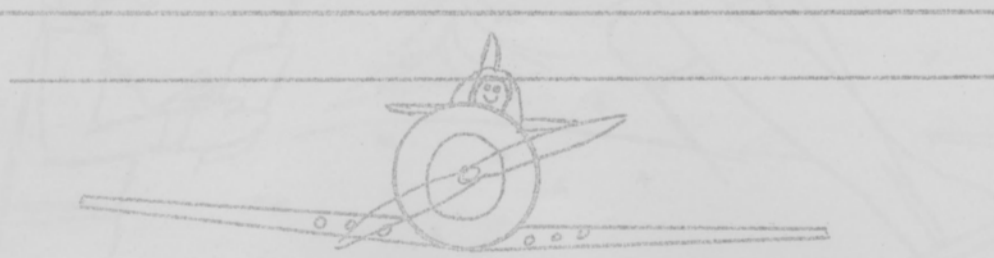
Gene Robertson announced that the Town of Hamburg has invited us to put on a flying demonstration during their two day winter carnival.

John Doner has sent for our clubs sanction and contest sanction for August 11 & 12, 1979.

David J. Barren joined our club this meeting.

Jerry Piscitello started a discussion concerning our contests. He suggested that we spend an equal amount on our own club fun-flies that we spend on our August contest. The people who work hard making our contest for the other clubs successful, should be rewarded. After a lengthy discussion the club motioned to table the issue until the November 17 meeting.

Kevin McCormack suggested that the first meeting in January be devised as a workshop. Demonstrations on construction, finishing, and qualified help (concerning the hobby of course) will be available for members. The November 17 meeting will be used for planning the



workshop.

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Mr. Jeff Smith has found a DeBolt Champ in a wooded area of East Alden. Owner may claim by positive identification. Call Jeff at 649-7346 between 3 and 9 PM.

..... The following members have already pledged their support by returning a card pledging aircraft for the Static display in April:

Norm McCormack
Kevin McCormack
Orv Chatwood
Robert G. Kersten
Robert Kersten, Jr.
Lawrence Scaglione
Bill Scaglione
Ken Staffan

The club reminds members that when they fill out their AMA ballots to consider our friend John Griggs who has crossed our club unpleasantly several times, and vote against him.

* * * The next meeting of the Flying Knights will be November 17. A workshop in January will be planned.

REMINDER - this is the last meeting to pay dues before the November 30 deadline. All members who wish to remain in good standing should make an effort to get their dues payed by themselves or someone else.

All it takes is a letter or a phone call to get your name in print. Come on Knights!!!!

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Dear Fellow Pilots,

Several happenings of late have forced me to drop from the clouds to trade my x sticks for my Bic. I beg your indulgence for a bit of editorializing and also for the freedom my nom de plume can afford me.

Happening One The AMA's latest sock-it-to-us item, \$25 dues. Ouch! After all \$25 buys a good kit, 5 rolls of Monokote, a servo or piece of mind in the form of marital bliss. Dollar for dollar those might be better investments. What does \$25 buy from the AMA?

1. Insurance - seldom needed often cheaper elsewhere.
2. Sanctions - Ha! Ha! How about last August?
3. Wonderful Magazine - O.K. Norma, not adequate even as a bird cage liner.

There must be alternatives to the AMA monopoly. I'm ready. Are you?

Happening Two This really deploys the drag chute from my soaring bird (sorry Jeff Smith). Oct. 27 was billed as a meeting date at which Jim Devlin would let us in on some electronic mysteries. Jim was ready. I was ready. But petty discussions dragged on draining us of precious time. Too bad Jim but that seems to be "show biz" with the Knights. And, believe it or not, some people wondered why they can't get volunteers for an entertainment group or new members to show at meetings. Ho - Hum - Yawn!

Happening Three : The annual selection of club leadership is close at hand. A few thoughts might be worth pouring into the fuel mixture. We have had great officers and we would like to continue to do so. A very real danger exists when we cease to look for strength and leadership and begin to railroad some poor, overworked guy who already has too many responsibilities. A club office should be an honor and be sought after by members with strength and vision. They should have the gut desire to steer the organization happily through the year. Maybe these people are

entitled to greater rewards from our membership.

One closing note: our hobby and our club is supposed to be fun, relaxing, and educational. Let's endeavor to keep it that way.

Sincerely yours,

Sky High

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The Big Ones

For the past 6 months or so, several members of our club have been bugging me about, "The Big Ones". When are you going to build a big one, Larry? You'll like it! It's great. There's nothing like it. Wait till you see the first "Big One" fly at the field.

I kept thinking of all the disadvantages of building one of those "Big Jobs". Then the moment of truth came. I saw and heard the big "Tiger Moth" at last years Annual Fun Fly. It was truly a beautiful experience, to see how gracefully that big assembly of balsa wood cut through the air space above our Nike Base flying field. That very flight, had sold several of the members of our club to start there big bird. At the present time, I know of 2 Bud Rosen Trainers being built, 1 Aeronca "Champ", 1 Citabria, 1 Piper J-3 Cub and a 1937 Gene Sport.

Oh yes, I have been sold too. I hope to start building my big bird after or during the coming holidays. For those who are interested in building and flying the "Big Ones", you will find a multitude of information in the column entitled "Super Scale" by Dick Phillips. This column was first published in R/C modeler magazine, March 1978, as a bi-monthly article.

There will be more about the "Big Ones" in the next issue of this publication. Let's hear from you.

Larry Scaglione