



THE

KNIGHT FLYER

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DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 23RD
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INTERESTED IN NEW STUFF ?
HERE'S THE SCOOP

THE MEMBERSHIP DECIDED IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE AND HEAR ABOUT OTHER HOBBIES THAT ARE ENJOYED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CLUB. ANTICIPATED PRESENTATIONS ARE:

3-D RATTLE SCENES - PAUL CWIKLINSKI
WOOD CARVING - DICK KUSTER
RESTORED MODEL "T" TRUCK - VINCE RASP

IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS AN INTERESTING HOBBY THEY WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT IN THE FUTURE. CALL GIL LANGE AT 649-1231.

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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 24TH - PINEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
STATIC AND CAR DEMONSTRATION

FEBRUARY 13TH - CLUB AUCTION

FEBRUARY 17TH - JOINT OFFICERS MEETING WITH
R/C AIRCRAFTERS (TENTATIVE)

FEBRUARY 20TH & 21ST - HOBBY FAIR. STATIC,
BLD'g. & COVERING. & R/C CAR
DEMO.

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DUES ARE DUE - FEBRUARY 1ST - GET IT UP

DUES MUST BE PAID BY MARCH 1ST, TO REMAIN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. DUES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRESENTATION OF A 1987 AMA MEMBERSHIP CARD OR PROOF FROM THE AHA.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IN ADDITION TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS, THE BOARD INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS:

RICHARD KURPIELA
JAMES LANDES
ROBERT BUTCHER
WILLIAM SCAGLIONE

AND, THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS WERE MADE BY THE BOARD:

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CHRISTMAS

PARTY RAFFLE WINNERS

1 STICK RADIO _ LES HANKS
2 STICK RADIO - ELMER GROSS

(SEE "RAFFLE WINNERS", PAGE 2)

CHRISTMAS PARTY RAFFLE WINNERS

KEN HENRY DONATED 4 BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS FOR THE RAFFLE. THE WINNERS WERE

PAM BITTINGER
MARTY PISCITELLO
NORBERT FRANK
FRED WHITEHEAD

THANKS AGAIN, KEN

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS CONT'D.

MARCH 10TH - INSTRUCTORS MEETING

MARCH 13,14, & 15TH - MCKINLEY MALL,
STATIC, PRESENT R/C TO
PUBLIC

SALE OF THE CENTURY

MACHINISTS LATHE, WITH MOTOR; 3 INCH
SWING, 14 INCH BED, SIX (6) SPEED. CALL
ORV CHATWOOD AT 992-4342. STEP
ON IT.

DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 23RD

OUR DC-3HAS 'EM LOOKING

WE'VE RECEIVED SOME INQUIRIES ABOUT OUR
BIG BIRD, THE DC-3. ONE SUCH FROM FLAV
BOTARI OF THE ROSE CLTY MODEL FLYERS OF
WELLAND, ONTARIO. HI, FLAV. WILL HAVE THE
INFORMATION YOU REQUESTED IN THE NEXT
ISSUE OF THE KNIGHT FLYER.

SUCK UP A GOOD BREATH BECAUSE THE PREZ IS
ON THE SOAP BOX AND HE AIN'T QUITTING
TILL HE'S DONE. PAY ATTENTION NOW, HEAH?

HOT OFF THE PREZ

HEY! GUYS AND GALS, HERE IT IS THE
MIDDLE OF JANUARY. 1987. AND TWO MONTHS
OF BUILDING TIME HAVE GONE BYE IF
YOU'RE LIKE ME. I'M JUST GETTING READY
TO SETTLE DOWN TO SOME SERIOUS
BUILDING. OR SHOULD I SAY. REBUILDING
YES. 1986 WAS A BAD YEAR FOR A LOT OF
FLYING KNIGHTS WHO LOST THEIR MODEL/S
DURING THE FLYING SEASON, MANY THINGS
CONTRIBUTED TO THE LOSS OF THESE
MODELS. THINGS SUCH AS RADIO FAILURE.
SEVERAL MID-AIRS. STRUCTURE FAILURE.
PILOT ERROR. WEATHER. ETC. WHATEVER THE
REASON. IT DOESN'T HURT ANY LESS AND THE
OWNER AND PILOT MUST GO THROUGH A
PERIOD OF MOURNING SO TO SPEAK. WELL, I
DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU
PEOPLE. BUT I AM THROUGH CRYING AND
READY TO BUST UP SOME MORE

(OH! NO !)

THE FLYING KNIGHTS HAD A GREAT
YEAR IN ALL OTHER WAYS. WE DID SOME
VERY NICE MALL SHOWS, SEVERAL STATIC
AND DEMO SHOWS FOR DIFFERENT ORGAN-
IZATIONS AND SCHOOLS, AND ALSO DID A
NICE SHOW FOR AN AMUSEMENT PARK. OLJR
SCALE RALLY WAS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, OUR
BIGGEST YET. WE TOOK IN MANY NEW
MEMBERS, MET A LOT OF NEW FRIENDS, AND
RENEWED OLD ACQUAINTANCES MADE IN OUR
TRAVELS AROUND TO THE VARIOUS AIR
SHOWS AND RALLY'S IN OUR AREA. OUR
BEAUTIFUL DC-3 MADE ITS' FIRST
SUCCESSFUL TEST FLIGHT AND DELIGHTED
MANY MODELERS AND SPECTATORS WHERE"
EVER IT WAS PUT ON DISPLAY. I COULD
GO ON, AND ON, BUT YOU KNOW ALL THIS.

I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT THE PEOP-
LE IN THE KNIGHTS WHO BROUGHT THIS
PAST YEAR TOGETHER, AND MADE THINGS
HAPPEN. I AM TALKING ABOUT THE WIVES,
THE FAMILIES OF OUR MEMBERS. THINK OF
THE CLUB WE WOULD HAVE IF EVERY MEMBER
WOULD JUMP IN AND CARRY HIS SHARE OF
RESPONSIBILITY. THIS IS EVERY LEADERS
DREAM AND THAT IS JUST WHAT IT IS.

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HOT OFF THE PREZ CONT'D,

THE YEAR 1987, IS STARTING OUT WITH A BUSY SCHEDULE. IT STARTS WITH THE SNO-FEST '87, THE WINTER C A R ~ NIVAL SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF HAMBURG. WE WILL HAVE A STATIC DISPLAY AND PUT ON AN R/C CAR SHOW ON THE ICE ON BOTH DAYS. LATER, IN JANUARY, WE WILL PUT ON A SHOW FOR AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. FEBRUARY IS HIGH-LIGHTED WITH OUR OWN CLUB AUCTION, THEN, PRESENTATIONS FOR A CHURCH SCHOOL AND A MALL SHOW.

THE FIRST BOARD MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR WAS AN AGGRESSIVE ONE WITH NEW IDEAS BORN AND SOME OLD IDEAS UP-DATED.

TRY SOME OF THESE:1. RUBBERBAND MODEL FLIGHT NITE

NO CONTEST, NO REGULATIONS.
DATE? SOMETIME THIS WINTER.

2. NO MEETING NITE

WATCH VIDEOS. BLD'G. AND DEMOS ALL EVENING.

3. SHORTER BUSINESS MEETINGS

YEAH! YEAH! YEAH!

4. OTHER I PEAS NOT READY FOR RELEASE

I AM CALLING AN INSTRUCTORS MEETING FOR MARCH 10TH. THIS WILL BE A BULL-SESSION TO SEE IF WE CAN WORK OUT A PROGRAM TO BETTER UTILIZE A FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS TIME SO THAT HE WILL NOT BE OVER-LOADED. WE HAVE MANY INSTRUCTORS AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULD HAVE MORE THAN THREE (3) STUDENTS IN A SEASON IF YOU ARE INSTRUCTING, OR FEEL CAPABLE OF INSTRUCTING, PLEASE, BE AT THIS MEETING. IF YOU WERE INSTRUCTING AND ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE PAST SEASON, PLEASE, COME ALSO. I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU TOO. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE WEST END HOTEL

AT OUR JANUARY 2ND MEETING, WE ENACTED A NEW RAFFLE WHICH HAS BEEN NAMED OUR "ROLLOVER RAFFLE".

MEMBERS WILL SELECT THE ITEM TO BE PURCHASED BY THE CLUB. RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR ONE DOLLAR EACH. WHEN THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE ITEM HAS BEEN REALIZED, IT WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AND, YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. THE MEMBERSHIP WILL THEN SELECT A DIFFERENT ITEM FOR THE RAFFLE AND THE SAME PROCEDURE WILL FOLLOW. A LIMIT OF \$150.00 WAS DECIDED BY THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AND A RADIO

OF THAT APPROXIMATE VALUE WAS CHOSEN

AS THE FIRST RAFFLE. SO, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW RADIO FOR A COUPLE OF BUCKS, BE SURE TO GET TO THE MEETINGS AND TRY YOUR LUCK.

THE MEMBERSHIP AGREED TO APPROPRIATE \$100.00 TO PURCHASE GOODIES TO BE AUCTIONED AT OUR CLUB AUCTION, THIS IS ALWAYS A FUN TYPE NIGHT SO, GATHER UP ALL YOUR R/C STUFF THAT YOU DON'T WANT, OR CAN'T USE AND BRING IT IN FOR AUCTIONING. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO YOU AND, YOU'LL PROBABLY GET SOME BUCKS BACK. BRING SOME CHANGE AND A COUPLE OF GREENBACKS TOO. YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT SEE SOMETHING YOU CAN USE.

WE CAN ALSO USE A COUPLE OF INEXPERIENCED AUCTIONEERS TO HANDLE THIS EVENT. THE PAY IS TERRIBLE, BUT THINK OF THE EXPERIENCE YOU'LL GAIN. AND WITHOUT COST TO YOU. WHERE CAN YOU GET A DEAL LIKE THAT? THAT'S RIGHT, NOWHERE. SO, SEE THE PREZ IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE JOB.

THE BOARD ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE CLUB APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION OF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) TO BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS (NOT MAGAZINES) WHICH WILL BE ADDED TO OUR CLUB LIBRARY. (GEE! I HOPE THEY HAVE PICTCHERS). SELECTION FOR SAME TO FAVOR "HOW TO DO" BOOKS RATHER THAN DWELLING ON A SINGULAR SUBJECT.

THE BOARD, ALSO DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF HOLDING A "RUBBER FLIGHT NITE". THIS SOUNDS LIKE A BARREL OF LAUGHS TO ME AND WE ALL ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN THIS ONE. BOB ROGERS IS CHECKING INTO THE USE OF HIS CHURCH'S GYM FOR THIS EVENT.

HOT OFF THE PREZ CONT'D,

OLD SHARK FACE

BY HOWARD

GOEBEL

(FORMERLY WITH HQ.311TH FG, CHINA)
SIAM,

MANY MEMBERS SHOWED A LOT OF INTEREST IN THIS ONE. IT IS HOPED THAT SOME OF US WILL HAVE SOME RUBBER JOBS AT THE NEXT MEETING. AS IT NOW STANDS. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY REGULATIONS EXCEPT ONE.

THE ONE IS...TO HAVE FUN. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER MAKING MORE THAN ONE AS THEY ARE PRETTY FLIMSEY. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO AWARD LITTLE PRIZES FOR DIFFERENT THINGS. A HOBBY FAIR IS IN THE MAKING ALSO, AT BOB'S CHURCH. SEVERAL HOBBIES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THIS FAIR ALONG WITH OURS. PRESENTLY, THE TENTATIVE LINEUP IS A STATIC DISPLAY OF MODELS, A MODEL BUILDING DEMO, A COVERING DEMO AND, AN R/C CAR DEMO.

THE AMA HAS PRESENTED US WITH A 'JEW FORM TO EXPEDITE AMA MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW MEMBERS. IT LOOKS AND SOUNDS REAL GOOD. . .IF IT WORKS. A NEW MEMBER WOULD HAVE PROOF OF AMA MEMBERSHIP WITHIN A WEEK AFTER HE/SHE SENDS IN THE FORMS .

I 'VE RATTLED ON MORE THAN I PLANNED TO, SO I 'D BETTER QUIT AND GET BACK TO REBUILDING. IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS SAFETY. EVEN THOUGH THE FLYING SEASON IS OVER FOR MOST OF US, UNTIL MARCH, WE CANNOT FORGET TO APPLY THOSE SAFETY RULES STRESSED FOR OUR PARTICULAR HOBBY. WHY NOT REVIEW THEM IN YOUR SPARE TIME. THESE RULES SHOULD BE APPLIED WHETHER WE ARE BUILDING OR FLYING. REMEMBER IT'S A LOT EASIER FLYING WITH FIVE (5) FINGERS ON EACH HAND AND TWO (2) GOOD EYES.

DON'T JEOPARDIZE YOURSELF BY BEING CARELESS. DON'T TAKE SHORT CUTS, OR PICK UP BAD HABITS THAT MIGHT CAUSE AN ACCIDENT.

IN CLOSING I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHFUL, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. I'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FLYING KNIGHTS.

THE PREZ

GIL

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THE AMERICAN VOLUNTEER GROUP (AVG) WHO FLEW CURTIS P-40'S AGAINST THE JAPANESE IN BURMA AND CHINA, SOON BECAME KNOWN AS THE "FLYING TIGERS". THIS; OF COURSE, PRECEDED OUR ENTRY INTO WWII AND THE AVG SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME A PART OF THE 23RD FIGHTER GROUP, ACTIVATED IN CHINA ON JULY 4, 1942 AS A UNIT OF THE UNITED STATES 14TH AIR FORCE. HERE THE WORD "TIGER" STEMS FROM TWO SOURCES AS APPLIED TO THIS GROUP.

THE FAMOUS DESIGN PAINTED ON THE NOSE OF THEIR P-40'S WAS ACTUALLY IN-SPIRED BY THE TIGER SHARK. ACCORDING TO KEN SANGER OF THE AVG, THE CREDIT FOR THIS DESIGN GOES TO THE BRITISH TOMMIES WHOSE SHARK-FACED P-40'S RAKED GEN. ROMMEL'S TANKS WITH CANNON AND MACHINE GUN FIRE SOME TIME BEFORE THE FIRST P-40'S ARRIVED AT THE DOCKS IN RANGOON. THE AVG BOYS GOT THE IDEA FROM AN ENGLISH AVIATION MAGAZINE THEY SAW IN RAN" GOON THAT SHOWED A PICTURE OF THE LIBYAN BASED P-40'S. THEY DID HOWEVER, MAKE THE TEETH SOMEWHAT LARGER TO BE SURE THE JAPANESE PILOTS COULD SEE IT. ALSO, IT WAS BELIEVED BY SOME THAT THE JAPANESE SO FEARED THE TIGER SHARK THAT THIS DESIGN MIGHT PROVE DISCONCERTING TO JAP PILOTS WHO SAW THOSE GOD-AWFUL TEETH COMING AT THEM.

IN ADDITION TO THE SHARK-FACED COWLING, THE AVG ADOPTED AN EMBLEM DESIGNED BY WALT DISNEY STUDIOS DEPICTING A BENGAL TIGER LEAPING OUT OF A "V" (FOR VICTORY) AND THIS WAS PAINTED ON THE FUSELAGE SIDES. AFTER BEING ABSORBED INTO THE 23RD FIGHTER GROUP THIS TIGER EMBLEM WAS MODIFIED BY ADDING AN "UNCLE SAM" HAT, TO SHOW THAT THEY WERE NOW WITH THE UNITED STATES AND NO LONG-ER PART OF CHINA'S FORCES. THE MANY UNITS OF THE 14TH AIR FORCE OPERATING IN CHINA, BURMA, AND INDIA SOON WERE COLLECTIVELY TERMED "FLYING TIGERS" AND ADOPTED THE LIKENESS OF A TIGER FOR THEIR OFFICIAL EMBLEM AND ALSO BECAME THE EMBLEM OF THEIR SHOULDER PATCH.

ATTENTION! BEGINNERS ATTENTION!

There will be an R/C Modeling Contest for Beginners First or Second effort in Airplane Building. Entry Forms will be available at the February 13th Club Meeting. You had better be there if you want to get in on this one.

The Contest will be judged on May 8th. So, start building NOW.

More information may be had by contacting:

- George Gard
- Les Hanks
- Jim Pravel

FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE

College Students, ATTENTION!
ROYAL TYPEWRITER, 18" CARRIAGE,
GREAT FOR TABULATIONS OR SITUATIONS
WHERE USE OF WIDE PAPER IS REQUIRED,
NOT A PIECE OF JUNK. \$50.00
CALL PJ BROWN AT 627-4331

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING

JANUARY 23RD

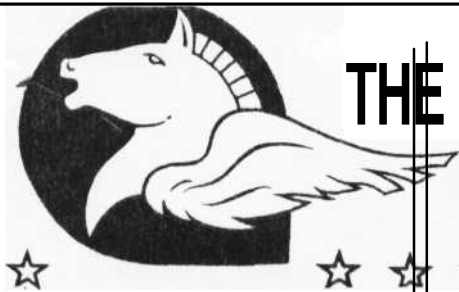
MAKE IT! MAKE IT! MAKE IT!

REMEMBER WHEN?

How words have changed in meaning thru the years

Remember when HIPPIE meant big in the hips ,
And a TRIP involved travel in cars, planes and ships?
When POT was a vessel for cooking things in
And HOOKED was what Grandmother's rugs may have been?
When FIX was a verb that meant mend or repair,
And BE-IN meant merely existing somewhere ?
Where NEAT meant well groomed, tidy and clean,
And GRASS was a ground cover, normally green?
When GROOVY meant furrows with channels and hollows,
And BIRDS were winged creatures, like robins and swallows?
Where FUZZ was a substance, real fluffy, like lint,
And BREAD came from bakeries. . . not from the mint?
When ROLL meant a bun, and ROCK was a stone,
And HANG-UP Was something you did with a phone?
It's groovy, man, groovy, but English it's not,
Methinks that our language is going to pot.

So, it's not William Shakespear, but this space could be utilized for your Notice of an Item for Sale, a Birthday, an Anniversary, or whatever. Maybe some little item that you saw in a magazine that we do not subscribe to. THINK ABOUT IT.



THE KNIGHT FLYER

THE FLYING KNIGHTS OF HAMBURG, NEW YORK, INC.

PRESENTS

OUR ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION

WHEN:

WHERE: Friday, the 13th (February, 1987) could be your lucky nite.

Nike Base - Lakeview Rd. - Hamburg - Golden Agers Bldg.

Special incentives will be offered in an effort to

FIRST: make this year's club auction the best ever. _____

The business portion of the meeting is guaranteed to last only 45 minutes to allow ample time for the auction.

SECOND:

Special valuable "Grab Bags" will be auctioned off during the course of the evening.

THIRD:

For the 1st time, we will have two special FREE RAFFLES.

RAFFLE #1 - A Black & Decker new mini-cordless screw-driver-drill (with charger.)

RAFFLE #2 - A M.E.N. Automatic R/C Charger for your Ni-Cad Packs.

To qualify for the free raffle, you will receive a free raffle ticket for each hobby related item that you bring to auction off that has an obvious value of \$5.00 or more. There is no limit to the number of items that you may bring.

This is being done for two reasons: 1) We want more members to participate by bringing usefull items to auction off. 2) We are trying to upgrade the quality level of the merchandise being auctioned off.

Everyone please bring something - but - don't bring any junk items.

ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW DUE - DEADLINE MARCH 1, 1987-

ALSO: During the winter months - listen to WGR or WBEN' radio from 4 PM on for possible meeting

