

## 4th Q 2007

**Schedule**  
Fri. 10/19, 11/9,  
11/30, 12/21  
St. James Church 7:30  
New members 6:30

**Board Meeting**  
Wed. 10/17, 11/7,  
11/28, 12/19  
7:30 pm  
Pegasus

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# THE KNIGHT FLYER



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## PICTURE PERFECT RALLY

**P**icture a day with not a single cloud in the sky. Mix in a measure of low humidity and dash of negligible winds.

Unbelievably, those were the ingredients of the first day of our 2007 Rally.

And, the second day was nearly a carbon copy of the first.

Over that weekend, 52 pilots took advantage of the exceptional conditions to enjoy a fabulous weekend of flying.

They came from all over western New York, Northern Pennsylvania and Canada.

Many are repeat visitors from prior years.

They brought with them, 105 scale aircraft and flew non-stop all weekend.

There were vintage aircraft, war-planes and of course, the ever present acrobatic planes.

The event opened with a beautiful rendition of the national anthems of Canada and America by member Herb Horni.



Let the flying begin!



Pre-flight meeting at dawn

Immediately, planes were in the air. Flying continued until around noon when it was temporarily suspended.

During the break, several exhibitions of unique planes and talent took the stage.

One perennial favorite is Dave Lander's famous flying lawn mower, a scale replica of the well known Toro.

The new fad of 3-D flying was well represented, with many examples.

Nineteen year old Devin McGrath put on a superb demonstration of flying with his YAK-54.

Devin has numerous sponsors. It was a pleasure watching him put the aircraft through it's paces.

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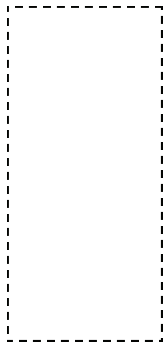
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**SEPTEMBER**

**GREAT AUTUMN DAY...  
SUNNY & COOL**



View from the gallery



Dead Windsock



Inside SpongeBob



Ok, everybody out!



Ho-Hum



Field of Dreams

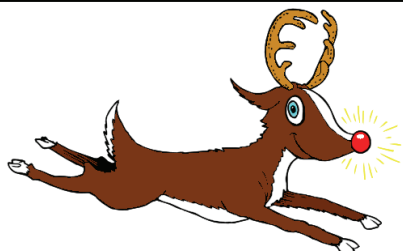


Post flight debriefing

**CHRISTMAS PARTY- MEETING**

**December 21, 2007  
7:30 pm**

**St. James Church, Hamburg**  
Pizza, Wings, Desserts



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If any one plane dominated the show, it was the Yak-54, a Russian build acrobatic plane.

Flying continued into late afternoon, delighting spectators.

At 5 pm, the pilots raffle was held. This year, our manufacturers sent along some exceptional gifts.

Included were a couple of electric RC planes.

As the evening shadows stretched across the flying field, our guest pilots assembled at the food stand for a great dinner, featuring hot dogs, hamburgers and a wide variety of dishes brought to pass.

Sunday was a virtual replay of Saturday. Outstanding weather with minimal winds set the tone for the day.



Wow!, Did you see that!

Even with the competition from the Eden Corn Fest and the Lake View Fire Company picnic, this years rally was outstanding.

**Tweaking the North Collins Field**

Several "instances of concern" occurred over the summer with regard to the North Collins Flying Field.

From our perspective at the shelter, it is difficult to gauge the distance. It may not look that far away, but in fact, it really is.

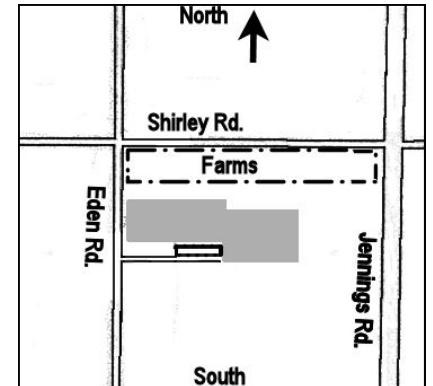
Several years ago, two tall white poles were erected to mark out a no-fly zone to the North of the flying field.

In spite of this, some aircraft wander out too far and venture into the airspace over private property near the northeast corner of the flying site.

Several changes have been made to the field to help prevent future incursions of this sort.

These changes were implemented by Ron Wojcik, Chuck Schumer and Bill Scaglione, who have studied the situation.

The map shows the layout of the NC field. The directions are shown on the map so that everyone will know exactly which part of the field is being discussed.



The pole at the East end has been moved South, closer to the flying field.

The Eastern most flight station # 4 has been eliminated and flight station #3 has been moved to the other side of station #1.

It is very important to maintain good relations with all of our neighbors.

Hopefully, these adjustments will be encourage pilots to stay out of the North Eastern corner of the airspace.

# SUMMER DAZE

## THE PICNICS OF 2007

### JULY



A quiet moment.



Let's get the show on the road

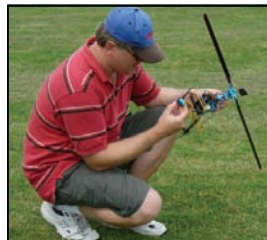
**NICE WEATHER FOR A PICNIC. BUT, SHOWERS ARRIVED AT THE END OF THE DAY.**



Whew! Just in time.



Where'd I put that glo-plug.



Let's see. It could be..



Grillmeister at work.



Look, Daddy, Airplane!



What plane?

### MORE JULY



I love this place.



Sez who?



You're kidding, that's a loop?



Up, up and away.



Getting down to business



Best part of the day

### AUGUST



Recipe for disaster!



Where are all the folks?



Hello! Anybody home?

### A RAINY AND BLUSTERY DAY.



All's well that ends well.

## Nike Field Update

No news is good news, is the best report I can give about the Hamburg flying site situation.

So far we haven't heard anything official from the town of Hamburg as to losing the use of the field.

I can say that I'm sure the future use of the facilities will be on a limited use as it's been over the past summer.

This really hasn't been a big problem for the members of both clubs as the only people hurt by these restrictions have been the working guys like myself that can't get out during the day time.

A meeting with the town and all parties involved is being planned in the near future.

Many issues have been talked over between the Knights and the Aircrafters and I feel we are working together quite well.

Hopefully we can find a viable solution.

On a less positive note there is a master plan that the town has for the NIKE facility and it's doubtful we will be able to fly there if this goes through.

This could happen in a few years or it may never materialize.



Active Airport

That being said we really need to think seriously about the future of the club and a place to fly.

We can't take the attitude that the Aircrafters have more to lose than we do, especially with the problems at North Collins.

So far this has been a lousy summer for me not being able to enjoy a hobby that I do for fun and relaxation.

To me it's worth a lot. What's it worth to you ???.

Contributed by Bill Hauth

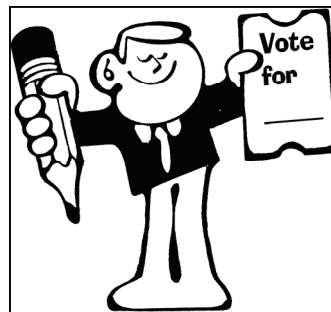
## 2008 Elections

Don't forget, each year during the Christmas Party meeting, that we vote for our slate of officers and board members.

Now is your opportunity to select people to occupy the positions of leadership in your club for 2008.

There are four elective offices; President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer as well as four elective board positions.

Consider seriously if you or someone you know would like challenge our incumbents or fill any vacancies that may occur.



At November's meeting, nominations will be called for.

## Pilot's Raffle Winner

A feature of our rallies, is the Pilots Raffle.

Each time that a pilot puts his plane in the air, he (or she) receives a ticket for the radio drawing held at the end of the event.

Shown here, Bill Hauth, our Rally CD presents the radio to winner, Jim Goodemote of Allegheny, NY.

Jim is a regular participant at our rallies.



Congratulations, Jim.

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