



THE KNIGHT FLYER



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Editor

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Jim Devlin

2008's final picnic



Chuck Caruana gives Nathan a helping hand

The summer of 2008 will be remembered by one word. Frustrating.

It seems that whenever the time arrived for flying, the rain was not far behind.

It was certainly true for our Fun Fly picnics.

Both the picnics for July and August were postponed to, you guessed it, another rainy day.

Our picnic for September fared no better. It finally occurred on the scheduled rain date.

Though there was no rain, a foggy mist hung over the field for most of the day.

Quite a number of folks came out for what is formally the last picnic of the year.

It was a great opportunity for some of our newest members to put in quality training time.

Everyone who wanted to fly was able to do so.

Two or three planes were in the air most of the afternoon.

In a few instances a plane seemed to disappear into the mist bringing a measure of anxiety into the flight.

Ten or fifteen planes occupied the flight line, so there was plenty of talk throughout the afternoon.

That's what pilots do when they aren't actually flying.

Which is another side benefit of our picnics, the opportunity to enjoy good camaraderie.

At 4 pm the hot dogs were ready and everyone took a break for dinner.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the picnic and were happy that we could, at last, celebrate one.

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Farewell to summer...



A cheery fire cuts the chill



Kevin lands his plane



If words could fly planes...



Even the snacks aren't safe



Thoughts from the other side...



Browsing the Flight Line



George gets to sit down for a change



Enjoying the "Dinner Break"

Knights saddened by loss of two long time members



Elmer Gross



Harvey Reed

Nearly everyone knew Elmer and Harvey. They were always present at the many events over the years.

Whether it was a Scale Rally, an auction or just a Friday night meeting you could count on them to be in attendance and eager to lend a helping hand.

They will be missed by all of us.

Our sympathies go out to their families.

Electric Event Pondered

There has been an increasing number of electric planes appearing at our flying fields.

Some members have already invested in electric models.

Jerry Piscitello has proposed that the club sponsor a contest in order to generate interest in electrics.

Some of the members have suggested that the club schedule an electric event next summer.

Such an event would be in addition to our regular picnics.

There will be much discussion on this topic in coming meetings.

Such an event could take the form of a Fly-in breakfast some Saturday.

It could also be another Sunday picnic for "electric" only.

Meeting Change

When is Nineteen equal to Twelve?

When we change our meeting date, of course.

The meeting originally scheduled for December 19th has been moved back to December 12th due to the frenzy of Christmas week.

In addition, the Nov. 28th meeting (and board meeting) is cancelled.

Elections will be held on the December 12th meeting.

Nominations for offices will be made on November 7th.

**Christmas Party
December 12,
2008**

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A Fine Rally

Summer of 2008 seem to be characterized by a day or two of sun followed by a day or two of rain. Usually the rain would come on a weekend.

There certainly was concern that the weekend of our rally would fall victim to this dreary cycle.

What a relief when the forecasters predicted that this particular Saturday and Sunday would be sunny with little chance of rain.

Most of the worry had vaporized Friday evening as club members gathered to get the field ready.

A lot of work goes into preparing the field for the rally.

Grass needs to be trimmed and the field manicured.

There are picnic benches to position, tents to erect and loudspeakers to set up.

The food to be used in the refreshment stand has to be delivered and stored.

The grills have to be cleaned and prepared.

All this activity takes place on Friday evening.

After all of that work, what could be more inviting than hot pizza.

The television weathermen eventually settled on an optimistic forecast after bouncing back and forth between gloom and doom for most of the week.

True to their word, Saturday morning arrived bright and sunny.

It wasn't long before planes were in the air.

All morning, the flyer's put their models through their paces.

On Saturday, nearly 38 flyers attended the rally and flew some 78 flights.

They came from far and near. Many were old friends who have attended our rallies for many years.

They came from familiar places east of here like Rochester, Canandaigua and Phelps.

They came from Erie, Pa and Conneaut, Ohio and other places to the west.

And of course, many came from our neighbor to the north., Burlington, Scarborough and Fort Erie.

From the south, Hornell, Painted Post and Bradford, Pa.

Locally, we had fliers from Lockport, Hamburg and Cheektowaga.

Around noontime, the scent of hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill wafted across the flying field.

Spectators settled down to enjoy the food and watch the pilots perform.

During the noon hour, a number of special aircraft were demonstrated. The crowd was delighted with the four engine B-17.

A jet plane made high speed passes over the runway and of course what would the air show be without Dave Lander's perennial flying lawnmower.

In mid-afternoon, one could watch the ominous clouds slowly move in from the west.

Sure enough, around three, flashes of lightening appeared on the horizon.

Flying was suspended for the rest of the afternoon, but no significant rain appeared.

The pilots raffle was held and at 5:30 everyone sat down for the feature of the day, our Pilot's dinner.

Sunday, the weather promised almost a repeat performance.

A beautiful sky and almost no wind made for another excellent day of flying.

Before the Rally...



Nick and Ron do totes



Benches need to be placed



Food tent conference



Solving the Cooler Crisis



Getting around the easy way



Reward for all the hard work

Saturday at the Rally



Planes to the Right



Planes to the Left



Watching the flight antics



Spectators enjoy a lunch break



Les Hank's Kite Station



Ron Wojcik tends the raffle tent



Pit crew brings plane to line



Pilot's Dinner at day's end

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Sunday's static display



One ice cream, please, sir



A fine Afternoon

Sunday at the Rally

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Schedule

Fri. 10/17, 11/7
12/19

St. James Church 7:30
New members 6:30

Board Meeting

Wed. 10/15, 11/5,
12/10

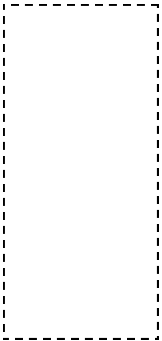
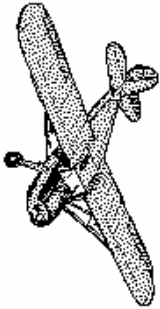
Pegasus 7:30

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