



# THE KNIGHT FLYER



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## McKinley Show Thrills Customers

This year's mall show contained an array of planes that included specimens across the spectrum. Warplanes, classics and generic models were all represented.

In the warplane category were the large 1/4 scale B-25 and several fighter planes.



A fine array

There were 41 planes entered this year. This was a larger number than we've had for the last several years.

Out of the mix, there were only two very large planes.

The rest were 40 to 60 size along with a number of Mini Blade choppers and a few small foamies.

Also present at this years show were several of the miniature indoor helicopters.

They were kept busy by Les Hanks and Ray Barron.

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Many a mall customer was startled to see a helicopter circling the display tables.

A unique feature of this years show was the projection of the simulator on a six foot screen.

The simulator was constantly in use. The large screen gave the illusion that one was actually out at the flying field.

Now, all we need is surround sound to really get into the swing of things.

Our Dart program for the kids was also in high demand.



Dart production line

Several knights spent the afternoon each day cutting out the small planes from foam egg cartons.

These tiny future aviators would eagerly take one and toss it around with great delight

## Chinese Auction

February may be a cold and dreary month because there are so few days when flying could take place. There are several winter activities that command our attention during these trying times.

The Chinese Auction meeting is one such bright spot.

A generous crowd showed up on the 6th of February to participate. And participate they did. The profit from the enterprise was \$87.

There were two tables of goodies brought in from the depths of member workshops.

The splendid array consisted of accessories for models, tools and even several big ticket items.

Money from the Chinese auction is dedicated to field improvements at the North Collins field.

Each year, we try to make the field a little better.

One year it was additional drainage.



Don and Bill work the Wheel

Another year we bought a shed and so forth.

The Chinese auction helps to defray the cost of such things.

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## From the Prez...

Time goes by—

The year is already well under way. Already there has been one perfect flying day in March.

We are all a little rusty. Are your batteries all charged and ready to go?

The Chinese Auction had more sales than usual this year. Thanks to Chuck, Don, Herb, and all others who worked to make this event run smoothly.

Our Mall Show in March was very successful. There seemed to be more than usual interest by people wanting to join our club.

Thanks to the many people who helped.

This year there were more planes than usual.

Instead of a 17 inch screen we had a 48 inch screen to view the airplane aerobatics from our simulator.

What did you think about having a large screen for our simulator?

A video projector such as the one we had at the mall could be used for show and tell at our meetings.

Being able to see an object as well as hear about the object helps to cement the information into our memories.

New updated (as of March 1) calendars are available at upcoming meetings. The calendars from January are no longer accurate.

Be sure to bring your latest model plane or project to the next meeting, (s).

The rest of us would like to hear about your experience in building or remaking or flying.

These are the things that make the meetings informative and interesting. Please bring your small electrics to fly before and after the meetings.

If you reside in the Town of Hamburg, please cast your vote about the Ice Rink Facility on April 28.

See you at the field.

*George*

## The Knight Flyer

### Mall Show contest results

Our Mall Show contest allows spectators to choose the airplane that they like best.

Each plane is identified with a number and the selection is deposited into a bucket. The plane with the most tickets is declared the winner.



1st—Mk1x Spitfire  
Len Czaplicki



2nd—B25 Mitchell  
Bob Rodgers



3rd—F-22 Raptor  
Bob Wagner

### Song of the South

When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

So, when winter descends on WNY, Gerry Piscatello heads for warmer climes.

While under the influence of the Florida sun, he managed to build and fly the Long Easy ARF, which he plans to fly at the Knight's field this summer.



All members are reminded to respect the pattern profiles on the fields at which we fly. Always remember, "Safety First".  
Never fly where people may enter the flight path.

### Nike Site Field Rules

In order to clarify the situation at the Nike Base, the following guidelines should be followed.

**1. May through July, ( M - F ), end at 5 p.m.**

Scheduled Soccer games are played weekday evenings after 5 pm.

**2. No flying is permitted on the weekends when Soccer, Lacross or Softball tournaments are scheduled.**

As these dates become known, we will notify all members via email and on the meeting cards.

The soccer fields are used at other hours, for practice etc., so if the fields are in use outside of the above hours, caution should be exercised.

A buddy system is advised.

### First Picnic Fun-Fly June 14th. NC Flying field

12 noon to dusk.

Dinner at 4:00 pm, (dish to pass).

Club supplies hot dogs, pop, condiments, plates and silverware.

### More Indoor Fly-ins in April

On the last two Mondays of April, the Knights are invited to take part in a Fly-in at the ECC Gym.

Bring your helicopters and Park Flyers.

The dates are April 20th, and 27th.

The times are 8:00 to 9:30 PM.

## Fly-in Scheduled

Bad weather plagued the Hamburg Airport fly-in last year.

High crosswinds on the runway made landing and taking off risky and so the airplane rides that everyone looks forward to, were cancelled.

This year the Fly-in will take place on Saturday, May 30th.

It all begins with a Pancake Breakfast at 6am.

The breakfast put on by

the Hamburg Civil Air Patrol Group is a high point of the day. It features eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes.



Breakfast in the hanger

The Fly-in features flights in a variety of aircraft. A donation for fuel is all that is required.

## June Events

**Sky Rover's Warbird Rally**  
**June 20-21**  
**Phelps, NY**

**Batavia RC Fun Fly**  
**June 6-7**  
**6684 Randall Rd..**  
**Leroy, NY**

**Chief's Fun Fly**  
**June 13-14**  
**Gehan Rd.**  
**Canandaigua, NY**

**RCCR Ray Edmunds Memorial**  
**Fun Fly**  
**June 27-28**  
**North Hampton Park**  
**Spencerport, NY**

## Generic Plane Takes Shape

Bill's Building Project has been a popular venue for members who are seeking a winter time activity.

The Cherokee Project and the Ultimate Biplane provided an opportunity for new and old members to get together for a common goal.

In particular, those who are new to the hobby can find lots of help and advice in participating in an actual building project



Jim Pravel & Generic Plane with floats

This year Bill went back to basics with a very simple model. He also wanted to promote the use of electric motors.

The result was a nice looking plane that didn't cost an arm & leg to make. Hopefully, it will fly as good as it looks.

## Big Screen Simulator

Many of us have the Great Planes Flight Simulator and we all agree that it is quite realistic, particularly the latest versions.

But have you ever wanted to break free of the small computer screen and really get the ambience of the great outdoors.

Well, this won't get you total immersion, but it could come pretty darn close.

If you also have large screen digital TV, then this is for you.

It turns out that hooking your lap-top computer to your Digital TV is a piece of cake.

Most all Digital TV's have an input connector called VGA. This mode is selected via the input on the controller.

In addition, most lap-top computers (and desk top computers, also), have a VGA output connector.

So, how do we get them together?

You pick up a VGA cable from your local Radio Shack or other source.

Most of the connectors on these devices are female, so you have to be sure that you get a male-male cable.

Of course, it is best to check the connectors and be sure that you get the appropriate cable for your particular devices.



Digital TV Simulator.

Now when you run your simulator, you can enjoy the advantage of a giant screen presentation.

Imagine, a 40 or 50 inch simulator with surround sound.

The sound cable is usually separate and uses male mini-plugs on both ends. Connect it from the sound output of the computer over to the VGA sound input of the TV.

One problem. This may not be a spouse friendly operation.

Please take notice that our annual schedule issued in January, has been changed. The new schedule is posted on our website and is available at the meetings.

## KNIGHT'S SWAP SHEET

### 40 Size Thunder Tigre Trainer

\$225

- .46 Thunder Tigre Engine
- Four channel Radio
- Ready to Fly

Call Chuck Schummer  
675-1531



If you have something for sale, or you are looking for something special, put your request in "The Swap Sheet". Free to all club members.

Disclaimer: This feature is presented as a service to the members of our club. All transactions are between the buyer and the seller only. Neither the Knights, its officers nor any entities will be held

## 2nd Q 2009

**Schedule**  
**Friday 4/10, 5/1,**  
**5/22, 6/12.**

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

**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday 4/8,**  
**4/29, 5/20, 6/10.**  
**7:30 pm**

## Officers

**President:** George Fox  
**Vice Pres:** Chuck Caruana  
**Secretary:** Gail Scaglione  
**Treasurer:** Ray Barren

## Board

**Chuck Schummer Bob Rodgers**  
**Bob Waldraff Orv Chatwood**

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