



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Oct – Nov - Dec

2010

Scale Rally Brings Out the Best

What a thrill it was to see the beautiful Flying Fortress make a low pass across the field, with four engines humming.

One could only imagine the time 66 years ago when a thundering flock of hundreds filled the skies over Germany, making a column that would stretch the distance from Buffalo to Rochester.

That was one of a number of scale fighter planes from the World War Two era that took part in our annual scale rally.

The summer of 2010 was about as good as it gets.

Long periods of dry weather, punctuated by short spells of rain. Our Scale Rally was nicely synchronized with the summer weather program. And the weather couldn't have been better.

Saturday was a modeler's dream. Our guests took full advantage of the situation.

Fifty three pilots came from all over western New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Ontario to participate.

Almost from the start, flyers took to the air. Three or four planes aloft at the same time was the norm for Saturday.

There were 114 flights throughout the day.

Around noon, a break was taken to permit the spectators to stroll among the planes and converse with the pilots.

This is a very popular part of the Rally. For about 15 minutes or so, people can get a close up view of the planes they see flitting about in the air above them.



B-17 readies for take-off

Quite a few folks from the surrounding area came out to the Lake View site to see the activities and are especially pleased to have such an opportunity to mingle.

Another part of the show is the time set aside to see some of the unique examples of special aircraft actually flying. The B-17 was one of these.

Also, putting on a spectacular show were several jet aircraft. One used a true jet engine and wowed the crowd with its speed and sound.

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Two jets were powered by electric ducted fans and also put on a high speed performance.

At the end of the day, the pilots gather to share in the Pilot's raffle.



Gentlemen! Start your engines.

Each flyer receives a ticket for each flight.

The first winner receives a \$100 cash prize. Each subsequent winner chooses from among the many donations made by supporting manufacturers.



Enthusiastic crowd surveys field.

Perhaps the most popular part of the Rally, at least for the pilots is the dinner at 5 o'clock. Many of the participants have voiced their most favorable opinions over the years.

It is with immense thanks to the member volunteers that we have such a good reputation and our flyers keep returning, year after year.

Sunday, the weather continued to be most favorable and around noon the spectators drifted in.

There are always fewer pilots on Sunday but 44 flights were put in, particularly in the middle of the day. Around 3 PM the pilots are eager to get on the road. Many have come from distant locations and prefer to be well on the way home by evening. The Pilot prize for Sunday is also \$100.



Line forms for Pilot's Dinner

At the end of the show, our annual drawing is also held for the model plane.

This year the model was won by Gerry Piscatello's wife, Marty, who, to his consternation, chose the \$200 to go shopping. Bummer.



Tuning the Flying Lawn Mower.

This year's show was one of the best of our 29 years of hosting the Scale Rally. The success is of course, due to the excellent work of the large number of volunteers.

It is a real tribute to the members of our club and their families

At the Field

-from the Prez

“The difference between try and triumph is a little "umph”, (quote from Zig Ziglar).

Success, for most of us in flying, involves practice, practice, practice. It has been said that success is a journey, not a destination, (we are reminded of this at every crash).

We have had some nice flying weather this year so far. Have you been able to take advantage of that?

For upcoming meetings please keep bringing your projects (aircraft, devices, or ideas) for Show and Tell.

Your presentation could be a large help to someone.

If you have just finished building a new plane it is a good time to get it checked out for possible corrections before its first flight.

There have been some notable articles in our AMA magazine during this year.

They deserve to be read even if they are not totally understood.

Be sure to say "thanks" to Jim Devlin for our news letter and all that he publishes each quarter. Our Newsletter "library" has many interesting articles related to aircraft

and flying that can be downloaded, read and/or printed from our web site.

At North Collins our field is looking especially well groomed.



Thanks go to Herb Paas, John Clark, and all others for their good work.

Thanks to all who helped with our Scale Rally. Everyone and everything seemed more organized this year.

At the last fun fly, Jim Ehrig and others surprised Betty and I with roses and a nice "dinner out" to help us celebrate our fiftieth wedding anniversary.

I want to thank Jim and all my fellow flyers for this wonderful gift!

For the past seven years I have been an officer of our club.

The end of my second year as president is coming up.

It is time that a different person takes my place at the gavel. Jim Ehrig has volunteered to take over my job as president.

Will YOU volunteer to take Jim's job as secretary.

Thanks for a great experience.

Alien invades Nike Site

A recent stranger appeared at the Nike Base field.

A playground for kids.

This playground was installed less than 50 feet from the fence that delineates the flying field from the soccer fields.

Very probably, the playground is to serve the soccer parents who bring young children to the soccer events.

Since we do not fly in the evenings when soccer games are being played, it should have no impact on flying at the field.

At all other times, there is a sign posted that informs all visitors, (including those with children), that they are to stay behind the fence for safety reasons.



New playground at flying field

Our organizations have an excellent safety record. All members of the two clubs that legitimately fly at the field are aware that they must never fly behind

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The Far-away Hills

After a short drive through the beautiful hills of Little Valley, we arrived at Kent Road.

The first thing to catch our eye was the model airplanes flying high above the cornfield.

This was the site of our July picnic.

It was also the home of Ray Barron, who graciously invited the club to join him and his family for a chicken barbeque and fun-fly.



Ray tends the chicken

The flying field sits directly across the street from Ray's house and farm.

The flying field itself was carved out along side the corn field.

Many Knights had set up shop, parking their vehicles and erecting their tents down the length of the grass runway.

A large number of flyers showed up for this one.

There was plenty of airspace for even the largest of planes.

There were both gas models and a healthy showing of electric planes.

Naturally, more than a few pilots confused the cornfield with the runway including even your editor.

But, the flying was superb and the weather was perfect.



Hill Top Airfield

Ray had set up a huge tent on his lawn and provided several tables and a number of chairs for the convenience of the attendees.

Several volunteers roasted chicken over a huge barbecue pit and around four PM everything was ready.

Everyone made the trek from the field to the tables and enjoyed a fantastic array of dishes.

This was one of the most memorable picnics that we have had.

Well worth the trip to the high country.

It is definitely a venue that (Barron's willing), merits a repeat in future years.



Enjoying the Barbeque

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Summer Storm

The threat of rain dogged the August picnic.

However, that didn't slow down the flyers who came out to North Collins. There was little flying during the afternoon, however.

Perhaps a half dozen planes challenged the elements.

Heavy clouds loomed on the horizon.

At 4 PM the rain came. The planes disappeared from the flight line, as frantic flyers sought temporary cover for their machines.



Storm clouds approach

But, none of that mattered. Jim Ehrig and his family had the picnic dinner well under control.



George Gard fires up



Returning before the storm

As soon as the rains came, the food was ready.

Everyone managed to squeeze into the shelter, load up their plates and settle down for a relaxing dinner, laced with lots of chatter.

It turned out to be a very pleasant time and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to simply sit back and talk.



Flowers for George & Betty

During dinner, the members presented George and his wife with a bouquet of flowers for their wedding anniversary.

The surprised couple had spent their actual anniversary date working at our Scale Rally.

Season's End

September always seems to be a little depressing.

It is always a little cooler and a little windier.

Perhaps, it's because the fact that Summer is over, really hits home.

And a nice summer it was. Few could complain about the number of flying days.



Sometimes it takes a group to land a plane



Dinner trumps flying

Thirty two knights and family came out to North Collins to take advantage of the last picnic.

The threat of rain did not seem to dampen any appetites, either for flying or for food.

In addition to the standard fare, there were two large pots of Chili.

The sun returned and flying once again took center stage.

It was a great finish to the year.

Indoor Flying Dates

There will be ten Thursday evenings set up, all from 7:30 - 9:30 PM, at the ECC-South Campus gym.

Dates are: September 23 and 30, October 7, 14, 21 and 28, November 4 and 18, and December 2 and 9.

All electric or rubber-powered micro planes and helis are welcome.

A.M.A. membership is required.

WNYSEF in conjunction with the Athletic Dept of ECC is the sponsor of these events.

Membership in the Sailplane club is encouraged but not mandatory.

Membership/renewal forms will be available.

Join now for the entire year.

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the flight line.

So long as that sign is posted and plainly visible, there should be no reason to curtail flying due to the presence of the playground.

It doesn't seem to make much sense that the playground was placed right smack in the middle of our Scale Rally spectator area.



Solo Flight

Each summer a number of our new members achieve solo flight, the ability to take off, execute control of an aircraft and land safely.

This year, Rich Prenetta accomplished this level of competence.

Other may have, but we have not received any word of their accomplishment.



Flying at Agri-Center

The first AG center date will be **Wed. Oct.-13th.**

The hours will be from 5 to 10 PM. There will be more dates to follow.

\$10.00 will be charged at the door to cover cost of rental.

A.M.A. required.

Christmas Party

Dec. 10, 2010

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Schedule

Fri. 10/15, 11/12,
12/10

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

Board Meeting

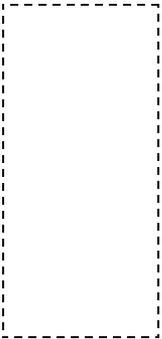
Wed. before members
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(when scheduled)
7:30 pm
George's Place

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