



THE KNIGHT FLYER



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2011

New Location for Mall Show

Judging by the increased traffic, moving to the center of the mall seems to have been a good move.

Saturday was very busy. Hundreds of shoppers stopped by to look over the many fine aircraft displayed on the tables.

Each spring the mall show heralds the beginning of our flying season.

Many of our club members have built one or more new planes over the winter.

This is the first opportunity for the new projects to be shown not only to our own fellow members but to the public at large.

Walking into the display, one could not help but notice the large quarter scale planes. They seem to capture the passerby's attention.

There were planes of every description, color and size.

Among the war birds were the familiar Mustang, the Thunderbolt and the Dauntless.



Magnificent Warbirds

Among the biplanes were several vintage models from World War One.

Other biplane examples were from the classic era of the thirties.

In addition to multiple wings, there were multiple engines. Those included the B-25 bomber and the C-119 Flying boxcar.

There were several helicopters and jet aircraft. The variety of aircraft certainly showed the mall visitor just how extensive our hobby is.

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Nostalgic Biplanes

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The Great, Great, Great Chinese Auction

Fifty to a hundred cups arrayed on tables greeted members as they arrived to the meeting on February 4th.

Each cup represented one or more items that had been brought in for the Annual Chinese Auction.



Eager customers survey items

This event helps to finance improvements at our North Collins field each year.

Taking a mental inventory of all of the unique items is the first challenge.

This often requires several walk-a-bouts.

Then the effort to narrow the vast number of choices to a manageable amount to fit the number of tickets purchased becomes the next order of business.

The Chinese Auction is one of the more enjoyable meetings for the year, (not that all of the meetings aren't enjoyable), by providing a great opportunity to get rid of a lot of that flim-flam that clogs our basements.

It also, gives us an opportunity to bid on some unique or rare item that we don't have.

Of course, there are some who wish to make a donation to the cause, but dread the possibility of actually winning an item they don't need and never wanted.

The days between Christmas and the onset of that first flight in spring are always somewhat dreary.

The annual Chinese Auction is one of those meetings that brings a sense of awe and mystery to the drab days of winter.

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Among the more unusual items was the hang glider. It was prominently suspended over the tables.

Other activities that took place during the show were movies of modeling and our simulator.

The simulator gave many young people an opportunity to try their hand at flying an RC model.

Large numbers of forms and other handouts were distributed to the mall visitors as they passed through.

And of course, each year, several of our dedicated members toil at making foam gliders to pass out to the young children passing by.

The mall show of 2011 was very successful and a large part of that was due to the change in location.



Orv's Hang Glider

From the President's Desk.....



It is hard to believe the outdoor flying season is upon us. Time to get your planes ready!

It is imperative that everyone take a close look at the preventative maintenance of your aircraft.

Things such as linkage (w/safety tubing), ensuring all control surfaces are working properly, and don't forget to charge the batteries.

If you have any questions regarding your aircraft, please contact a member of our training team, Bill Hauth, George Fox, and Orville Chatwood, for assistance.

So far this year the club has taken successful strides in creating the "leadership teams" we have been discussing. This is evident in the tremendous success of the Mall Show.

We are already drawing potential new members. Our Team Leader Dave Savini ensured that this year's show went on without a hitch to report. Thank you to Dave and all the members that volunteered and provided assistance. Well Done!

As always, the general public votes on the aircraft and this year's winner is Orville Chatwood (Extra 300), second place Jim Ehrig (P-51), and third place Lenny Czaplicki (Dauntless). If my memory serves me correctly, the same pilots won last year!

Please remember that our team organizational chart is available on our web site for your review.

If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please contact the appropriate team leader.

I would like to notice Don Moffitt for the work he is doing with the membership team.

Don has been enthusiastic and is in the process of creating a Standard Operating Procedure for new members entering the club.

Also, it is a pleasure to see he is involving the training team as well. Thank you for your efforts Don, and supporting our initiatives.

The next major event is the Scale Rally, please volunteer and make Bill Hauth's job easy.

Some items of interest: Bob Waldruff and Chris Caruana are finalizing the plans for a few new benches at North Collins, construction should start soon.

Please keep May 7, 2011 open, this will be our annual spring clean-up at the NC field, with hotdogs and beverages to follow. Please feel free to bring a dish to pass.

I am pleased to report that we have scheduled a "joint" fun-fly with the R/C Aircrafters. It will take place the weekend after our scale rally (August 13th and 14th). This is a flying event for all members. The fun-fly is open to all clubs in the area, so please pass the word.

This event also demonstrates our commitment to become better flying partners with all our friends at The RC Aircrafters. We will post more info regarding this event as more details are worked out.

I look forward to flying with all of you this year. Let's have FUN! If anyone needs to contact me, please call or e-mail as necessary.

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Also, please feel free to contact me with any ideas, questions, or concerns you may have. I look forward to your input for the betterment of our club.

Thank you for your support,

Jim Ehrig



North Collins Field Clean-up
May 7th 10 A.M.
Hot Dogs and Pop

Mall Contest Winners

**First place
winner:
Orv Chatwood
“Extra”**



Second Place Winner:



Jim Ehrig “Mustang”

Third place winner:



Len Czaplicki “Dauntless”

Summer Activities

April

**Don't Forget Toledo,
Ohio**
April 9th, 10th, & 11th.

Indoor Flying
ECC 7th and 14th
Agri-center 4/20

May

Spring Cleanup Date
North Collins Field May 7, 2011 @ 10 A.M.

June

Batavia Fun-Fly
Sat-Sun, June 5, 6
6684 Randall Rd.
LeRoy, NY

Wing & Rotor
FONRA June 11
Air Show Reservoir Park
10 a to 4 p

**Canandaigua
Sky Chiefs 2nd Annual
Pattern Event**
Sat-Sun, June 4th & 5th
Gehan Rd. Canandaigua, NY

Fly In Breakfast
Sat. June 5th
Hamburg Airport
Static display - Pancake breakfast

Knight's Club Picnic
Sun, Jun 12 th
North Collins Field

RCCR Fun Fly
Sat-Sun Jun 26,27
Northhampton Park
Brockport, NY

Open House at Hamburg Airport

Just off Lake view road about a mile from the Model Flying Field lies the runway of the Hamburg Airport.

Each year this out of the way facility, hosts an open house. The Knights have always been invited to set up a static display in one of the hangers.

There are always a number of full size planes to look at as well as other exhibitions.

One of the features of this open house is the excellent breakfast that is put on by the Civil Air Patrol of Hamburg.

The breakfast consists of bacon or sausage with scrambled eggs and pancakes.



Visitors check out the planes

Airplanes rides are available for young people who are interested in flying. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 4th.



Rally Raffle

This beautiful Beechcraft Bonanza will be raffled at our 30th annual Scale Rally in August.

The winner also has a choice of \$200 in lieu of the plane.

KNIGHT'S SWAP SHEET

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If you have something for sale, or looking for that special something, 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 accountable for any dispute. Do not call Knights or Editor to execute sales.

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Schedule
Fri. 4/15, 5/6,
6/10

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

Board Meeting*
7:30 pm
Pegasus

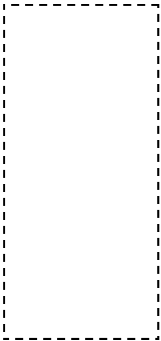
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Officers

President: Jim Ehrig
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