



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Oct – Nov - Dec

2011

Scale Rally celebrates 30 years

Our Scale Rally celebrated it's 30th birthday this year. There were many familiar faces along the flight line.

Many of the pilots have returned again and again to take part.

Each year the pilots comment on the excellent dinner that the club presents on Saturday evening.

The rally is a well attended and much enjoyed event by our fellow modelers across Western New York, Pennsylvania and Canada.

And of course, many of our own members can recall our first attempt at a scale rally thirty years ago.

It was noticed that what had formerly been an annual fun fly seldom brought out the best looking models.

In the early days, even the local Girl Scouts manned the food tent.

Over the years, things have



Along the Flight Line



Commemorative T-Shirt

changed, but the popularity of our Scale Rally endures for both pilots and spectators.

In spite of the gloomy weather forecasts, Saturday opened without rain. Overcast skies were the order of the day, but excellent flying weather prevailed.

Our opening ceremony was planned out by Jerry Piscatello and featured a young family friend who also sings for the Buffalo Bills and the Sabers.

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Competitive events discouraged risking a plane that contained a lot of sweat equity. And, spectators wanted to see nice looking planes.

So, the Scale Rally was born.

Electric Dawn

Some days are made for flying. Think non-existent winds. Think bright sun and cool temperatures. Such a day dawned early on the final Saturday of August.

The dew was still on the grass when Knights arrived at the North Collins Field.

Such was the auspicious start of our first Electric Fun fly and breakfast.

Members arrived early and took



Harold Hauser launches indoor model



This calls for seconds

advantage of the dawn stillness.

It was so quiet that even the indoor models flew with perfection.

Around 9 AM, the food started arriving. Sausage, eggs and potatoes along with a generous supply of doughnuts. Even a tasty fruit dish.

Flying continued throughout the day.

Our first Electric Fly breakfast was certainly a great event and judging from the participation, one that should be considered an annual event.



From the Prez...

Once again the summer has ended too quick. However, with this comes another indoor season of flying.

Get the foamies ready! ECC flying will be starting soon and dates for the agri-center will be published as soon as they become available.

I would like to take this opportunity and thank everyone who helped make the auction a success this year.

Although, I was not able to stay the entire time, the team stepped up and took care of business, as usual.

It goes without saying that one person stood out this year and in fact was the reason we were able to ensure success. Greg Stromecki, not only volunteered to be this years auctioneer,

but took on this demanding challenge with enthusiasm and pride.

On behalf of the board and the membership thank you for your help.

We should all use this as an example. Volunteers are always needed for our club functions.

Well done, Greg!

Our next club event will be the annual Oktoberfest with chili cook off at the North Collins field.

We have not picked a date as of yet. It will be coming soon.

As the outdoor flying season is wrapping up this year, I want to remind everyone to focus on safety at the field.

It has come to my attention that we have let our guard down a bit.

A couple of items stand out; When taxiing your airplane into the pits, never point the model towards

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RC Crafters-Knights Fun-Fly

Rumor had it, that there was to be a pig roast. This of course conjures up the image of a large pig slowly rotating on a spit over an open flame.

That being said, it seems that some folks imaginations were running away with them.

What really happened was a giant cauldron of the most delicious pulled pork in Western New York.

During the upcoming season, the joint fun-fly will be debated and chances are good that we will see another mutual event next year.

The heavy rain all morning did



Friends and Food



Cooking up the pork

put a slight damper on the activities, but around noon the sky cleared and people started to trickle in for the much anticipated dinner.

Sunday's dinner was the high point of the first joint RC Aircrafters/Flying Knights fun fly.

On Saturday, hamburgers and hot dogs were the order of the day.

Over the years, attempts have been made to bring the two clubs together, but the response this weekend was terrific.

This year the event seemed to resonate with both clubs.

Indoor Flying Dates

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

October 6th
October 13th
October 20th
October 27th

November 3rd
November 10th
November 17th

December 1st
December 8th
December 15th

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 and membership/renewal forms will be available. Join now for the entire year.

Agri-Center dates are dependent upon the event schedule of the upcoming season. Members will be notified as soon as these dates are determined.

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While our National Anthem was being sung, Dave Savini flew the American flag tethered to his helicopter. Fantastic choreography.

There was great flying all morning and a large number of spectators gathered throughout the day.

This year, the pilots were situated behind the safety fence along with the spectators. This arrangement seemed to work out well with both.

The spectators seemed especially pleased that their view of the action was not blocked by a row of pop-up tents.



Successful Candy Catcher

During the noon hour many specialty flights take place. This year, two jet aircraft performed, thrilling the crowd. A four engine B-17 put in an appearance.



Pilots line up for dinner



Tara Minogue Sings the Anthems

Several times during the day, the Candy Drop catered to excited kids as they ran out on the field to retrieve the sweets raining down from the sky.

At 5:30 PM the Pilots Dinner took place, capping off the day's activities.

Sunday, opened with less than ideal weather, but as the day progressed the skies cleared and the flying intensified.

However, we tracked a storm, on a Blackberry. It seemed to hang just off the horizon, but our luck held.



Ready—Set—Go !!!

The food tent was busy all day, supplying hamburgers and hot dogs while the pilots took advantage of the five flying stations.

The program wrapped up at 3 PM. At about 3:15 PM the rain moved in and the thirtieth Scale Rally faded into history.

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Why did the chickens cross the road?

Obviously, since the airfield was on one side of the road, the chickens had to cross the road to get to the barbecue.

Why the chickens wanted to go to the barbecue in the first place is open to question.

However, the club members who went to the July picnic at Ray's place, definitely wanted to get to the barbecue.

So, that's why the knights crossed the road.

After an afternoon of great



Cornfield Flight Line



Enjoying the Chicken Barbecue

flying at the airfield in the cornfield, everyone had worked up an appetite.

The July picnic is a very popular venue.

Ray and Ann Barron are superb hosts and put a lot of work into making this fun fly / picnic a great success.

This is the second year and I'm sure that all who attended are already looking forward to next year.

2011 Raffle Winner



At the close of our rally a drawing is held for a model plane. Tickets are sold at all of our public events throughout the year.

This year the plane was a **Beechcraft Bonanza**.

The winner of the plane was **Gage Tomaszewski**.

The 2012 Raffle plane is shown below.

It is a **Pilatus Porter**. Pilatus is a Swiss aircraft company. The Porter is capable of extremely short field, high altitude take offs.



September Picnic

They say the best is always saved to the last.

If that is really true, then the last summer picnic featured the best weather of the season.

What few clouds that were in the sky, soon vanished leaving a field of blue.



Jerry runs thru pre-flight



Tom's former jet

People arrived early to fly. They flew all afternoon. Tom Banish smacked his jet plane into the ground.

At four o'clock The hot dogs were ready and everyone suspended their flying activities to fill their plates from an array of savory dishes.

The mild weather persisted and flying resumed.

New Members Join Knights Over Summer

Several new folks joined the Hamburg Knights during the last calendar quarter. We would like to welcome them aboard.

In June Jim Inglut arrived. In August, Tom Woolverton came aboard.

Then in September we were pleased to welcome Shawn Ehrig and Brian Deeds.



Jim brings Jim Inglut aboard



Tom Woolverton & Tom Holden

Shawn is Jim's wife and Brian is the son of member Jeff Deeds.

We would like to welcome them all and wish them blue skies and gentle winds.



Jim & Bob welcome Shawn & Brian

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the benches, always taxi in parallel to the safety fences.

When starting your engine always ensure that nobody is standing in-line with the prop and limit your time in front of the plane after starting.

Also, for those members that smoke... The fuel is flammable... enough said.

I do not believe we had any serious accidents, lets keep it that way.

Happy flying.....*Jim*

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Schedule

Fri. 10/7, 11/11,
12/9

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

Board Meeting

Tues. 10/4, 11/8,
12/6

7:30 pm
Pegasus

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