



# THE KNIGHT FLYER



Jul – Aug - Sep

2012

## PICNIC WELCOMES SUMMER

The knights arrived early to the North Collins Field on Sunday, June 10 th. With such great weather predicted, who could blame them.

Flying started immediately and continued throughout the afternoon.

It was gratifying to see the number of new members taking to the skies.

Of course not every flight ends successfully. An unlucky glider became snagged in the top of a tree.

It took a ten foot pole to wiggle it free.

Chuck Caruana brought out the recreation of his previous P-40 war bird for its test flight.

Unfortunately something went awry as he crossed the north end of the field. A search party was dispatched.



Knights enjoy picnic fare

Apparently, the plane came down near where the occupants had been riding. They dug it out of the mud and brought it to the flying field.

The search party was called back and Chuck was reunited with his P-40.

Later Darren Domon put on a spectacular show with his helicopter.

The first chopper flamed out and everyone was amazed to see it safely auto-rotate back to the ground.

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Greg Stromeki returns with Walenda balance pole

While the rescue team searched, a green four wheeler ATV slipped up to the flight line. There was Chuck's P-40, or what was left of it, laying in the back of the vehicle.

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Unfazed, Darren brought out a second bird and continued the display as though nothing happened.

For some strange reason no one had volunteered to take charge of this picnic.

Don Domon volunteered to cook the hotdogs, but while the dogs were being grilled, it was noticed that there were no plates or hot dog rolls. Oops!

Someone was quickly dispatched to head for the nearest store, (which

was several miles away), to pick up these items.

About 4:30 PM the required items arrived and everyone suspended operations for dinner.

A number of delicious salads, including German Potato were available to accompany the hot dogs along with plenty of cookies and assorted desserts.

Everyone had their fill and soon the sound of airplanes returned.

## Outdoor Meeting Returns

**I**n the very first outdoor meeting at North Collins Field the turnout was spectacular.

Many of the older members recall fondly outdoor summer meetings at the Nike field.

With the encroachment of other activities at the Nike site, this meeting venue was severely curtailed until it was eventually abandoned.



**Business as usual**

A number of new members were also able to get some quality training time as experienced flyers were present to help them out.

This outdoor get together brought back memories of early summers in the club.

Hopefully, we can have several of these outdoor meetings each summer.



**Lipo battery -1, Flyer- 0**

Jim Ehrig really hit it out of the park with the June 29th meeting.

The fabulous flying weather coincided to enhance the experience.

Many members showed up early and flew with wild abandon until the start of the meeting at 7:30.

Everyone gathered around the shelter for the actual meeting.

Business was conducted in short order and flying resumed until dusk.



**Great crowd for a meeting**

# Summer Activities

## Dates to keep in mind for summer fun!

**Canandaigua  
Sky Chiefs 2nd Annual  
Fun Fly 2012**  
Sat-Sun, June 9th & 10th  
Gehan Rd. Canandaigua, NY

**Knight's Club Picnic**  
July 15 Ray's Place  
Aug. 19 NC field  
Sept. 16 N C Field

**RCCR  
Elecrtic  
Fun Fly  
2012**  
Sat-Sun Aug. 18, 19  
Northhampton Park  
Brockport, NY

**FONRA**  
Fly Over Niagara  
Wing & Rotor  
July 21

**Sky Chiefs  
Dick Parshall  
Mem Float Fly  
Sept 8, 9**  
Honeoye, NY

**Stars Rally**  
July 7, 8  
Olean Airport  
Olean, NY

**Warbirds over the Bay  
Burlington, Ont.**  
Jul 21,22  
Bayfield Park  
\$10 reg \$15 on day



**Knight's Scale Rally**  
Aug. 4 & 5  
Hamburg, NY

**Geneseo Air Show**  
*1941 Theme*  
Full Scale  
Old Planes & Warbirds  
July 13 to 15  
Geneseo, NY

**Flying Dutchmen  
Annual Scale Rally**  
Sept 8, 9 Kitchner, Ont

**Sky Rovers**  
Jul 28, 29 2012  
Ford Field  
Phelps, NY

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# Serendipitous Fund Raiser

An opportunity arose whereby the club could add a few shekels to its treasury.

It seems that VALU Stores in Hamburg would permit the selling of hot dogs and pop in front of their store.

We have all seen the hot dog and drink venues in front of our local neighborhood stores during the summer months.

And, I'm sure many of us have been snared by the aroma wafting through the parking lots.

Recently Greg Stromecki came across just such an opportunity for our club.

A little extra revenue never hurts.

A meeting at the field resulted in an OK and several volunteers.

In May the fundraiser took place in front of VALU in Hamburg.

With a grill supplied by VALU



The food chain—from grill to guest

and a pop up canopy, a half dozen Knight's members volunteered their services.

Mike Josker and Darrel Yerkovich served up the hotdogs while Don Domon manned the grill.

Chuck Schummer and Jim Pravel chatted with the customers about the models that were displayed.

There was quite a breeze, but the weather was pleasant.

Several airplanes were set up for a static display and information on the club was made available to shoppers passing by.

The effort raised \$125 for the club, but the opportunity to present our club to the public generated much more in good will.



Airplane talk for young visitor

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## 2012 FLYING SEASON INSTRUCTORS

### At the Nike Base:

John Newman — 824 - 5744  
Bill Eberhardt — 627 - 3486  
Jim Devlin — 627 - 7221

### At North Collins:

Chuck Caruana: — 337 - 0144  
George Fox — 648 - 0667  
Call to make arrangements for all persons involved.

## Out of the Past

On June 14th Dave Gross spotted this B-29 flying over St. James Church in Hamburg.

Seizing the moment, he snapped this picture and sent it out to son, Trevor.

This B-29 was visiting Buffalo for several days and was stationed at Prior Aviation in Cheektowaga.

A number of people took a ride on this iconic plane.

Thousands were built and today, only one or two remain.

Placed in service toward the end of WWII,



the B-29 was instrumental in long range bombing of the Japanese mainland.

It was 67 years ago that a B-29 named "Enola Gay" dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

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## Club By-Law Changes

The By-Laws that embody the organization of our club were written up many years ago.

The last fifty years we have seen many changes in our hobby.

There have been several changes in the way our radios are legally treated and of course there have been immense changes in technology.

In days gone by, the frequencies were the same as the Citizens Band and though controlled by the FCC, were subject to lot of interference. A great change was the transition to a set of frequencies dedicated just to RC use.

But technology changed, too.

We went from AM to FM, then to PCM. Today, we have Frequency

hopping with virtually no interference.

There have been changes in the flying fields and many other areas.

As a result the by-laws had become seriously outdated. They addressed situations that no longer existed.

Over several meetings there were discussions regarding these problems and the entire set of by-laws was placed on the club website as well as being made available to those without internet. Our board examined each section in detail.

Everyone had the opportunity to contribute to the changes and finally on the meeting of April 27th all members were asked to vote on the changes.

The by-laws have now been brought up to date and should serve as a guiding principle for years to come.



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### New Flying Field Emerges

Everyone knows how town activities have encroached on the Hamburg Nike field over the last few years.



Don Domon repairs Driveway

Flying is now prohibited after 5:00 PM for most of the summer.

Several weekends are also off limits to flyers, due to contests held by soccer groups or other activities.

In North Collins, everyone is aware of the problems posed by the horse farms. Houses are beginning to appear across the street.

Over the past decades clubs have seen their fields disappear due to advancing civilization.

No one knows what will happen in the future.

The club was recently offered use of a new field on a farmers land that is not too far from our base of operations, i.e. the Hamburg area.

The distance is approximately the same as our current field in North Collins.

The field is located on Emerling Road in the Town of Boston.

Being farmland, it is in rough shape with high and low spots.



The Famous Yellow Roller

Several work parties have been organized somewhat hesitantly, but progress is being slowly made.

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### First Solo of Season

The early days and fair weather call out to the modelers who have been cooped up inside all winter.

Even more so, does Spring's call resonate with the new modelers, who have been waiting to fly their new plane for the first time.

The primary goal, of course, is to solo. This means that one must take off, fly a circuit and land all on his own. During this 1st quarter, new member Trevor Gross managed to make his first solo flight.

Assisting him in this endeavor was Herb Paas, stalwart winner of the



famous P.A.A.S. award \* of 2011.

In fact, Trevor did so well that he made over 50 flights by the end of June.

\* P.A.A.S. (Pilot Achieving Aeronautical Supremacy) Award.

## Open House at Hamburg Airport

Earlier in the spring, the airport folks had decided not to host an Open House this year.

As spring moved along, word came out that the Open House was indeed going to be held. The date was set for Saturday, June 2.

This was good news for many in the area who have an interest in aviation.

Over the years a number of local airports have closed up, so the places where folks can get up close to an airplane have been slowly dwindling.

Many of us with grey hair can remember the airport on Camp Road

and the air shows that used to take place there in the late forties.

The Angola Airport closed its runways several years ago.



C.A.P. group serves breakfast

Other nearby airports have become victims of urban sprawl decades ago.

Even the Hamburg airport languished for a time in the fifties and sixties. The old hangers had become storehouses for tires.

When the owners of Rod's Tire town closed up and retired they bought the airport and opened it to the public for air traffic. The annual open house is a good time to reflect on the fact that Hamburg Airport is one of the few remaining local airports in our vicinity.



Hanger Bay Static Display

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Don Doman brought his front loader out which saved a tremendous amount of work with wheelbarrows and shovels. Orv Chatwood used an industrial roller to flatten the field. Jim Ehrig secured a large lawnmower.

In one long time farmer's opinion, the holes in the field cannot be eliminated by filling and rolling.

He said, "We need a lawn".

The club will check into paying him for this effort, since he would have all his equipment near the field anyway.

A proposal was also voted on, to buy the roller for about \$2100. It can be used at both our fields.

It will take a lot more work to get the field in shape for model flying but a significant start has already been made

## KNIGHT'S SWAP SHEET

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

## **3rd Q 2012**

### **Schedule**

**Fri. 7/20, 8/10,  
8/31, 9/21**

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

### **Board Meeting**

**Tues. 7/17, 8/7,  
8/28, 9/18  
7:30 pm  
Pegasus**

## **Officers**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Jim Erhig</b>
<b>Vice Pres:</b>	<b>Chuck Caruana</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Greg Stromecki</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Ray Barren</b>

### **Board**

<b>Bill Hauth</b>	<b>Bob Rodgers</b>
<b>Bob Waldraff</b>	<b>Orv Chatwood</b>
<b>Editor Jim Devlin</b>	