



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Oct – Nov - Dec

2012

RALLY CLIPPED BY RAIN

It's often said that half a loaf is better than none. The 2012 rally is a case in point.

The opening day could not have been better.

The weather was ideal for flying and enjoying the great outdoors.

It turned out to be the hottest day of the year but that didn't keep either the flyers or the spectators from attending.

As early as Friday everyone knew that isolated showers had been forecast throughout the weekend, but Sunday was definitely in the crosshairs. This was the first measurable rain since early June.

The entire region had been in a relative drought and the water table was some six inches below normal by July.

Putting in the posts for the safety fence was like pounding on rock.

The Opening ceremony featured a raising of the American Flag via a helicopter, with Dave Savini at the controls.

Megan Gorman sang the anthem as the helicopter hovered over the field.

Of course, with all of our great north of the border guests, the Canadian anthem followed.

Although the threat of rain lingered in the background throughout the day, the weather at the field was near perfect.



Old Glory flies high above Rally

There was just enough of a breeze to make things interesting. Naturally it was a crosswind. Most of the time four planes were in the sky.

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Pilot's Night Out

In days gone by, the summer meetings were held outdoors.

The RC Aircrafters would hold their meetings at the Nike site on Thursday evenings and The Knights would hold theirs on Friday evenings.

That all changed several years ago, when the town located the soccer fields at the Nike facility.

The town wanted to combine the soccer activities which were spread all over the town into a single location.

Unfortunately, this presented a problem. As a result the fliers in the interest of safety, curtailed their evening flying and along with it, the outdoor meetings.

This year, club president, Jim Ehrig, thought it would be good to bring back this outdoor venue.



North Collin's Meeting

It was decided that we would hold the June meeting at North Collins.

This meeting was tremendously successful and many of the members brought out their planes to fly before the meeting.

After the Scale Rally the soccer season is over and flying resumes at the Nike Site in the evenings.

Our August meeting was scheduled to take place there.

Unfortunately, wind and potential rain put a damper on any flying, but quite a few members attended the meeting.



Meeting at Nike Base Field

New Field Update

Our new field will require a considerable amount of effort to make it ready for model planes.

Due to the many holes and bumps in the field, it was determined that a higher level of grading had to be done.

Negotiations are currently underway with one of the local farmers to prep the new field.

The club recently purchased a heavy duty roller, so that the field can be



Our New Field

properly finished.

The roller will also be utilized on our NC field in the spring.

July Picnic

The funfly picnic in July is always an exceptional event.



Relaxing between flights

That's because Ray Barron offers to host the event at his place high in the hills of Little Valley.



Enjoying chicken barbeque

Featuring a chicken barbeque and an airstrip adjacent to the famous corn field, the July fun-fly provides a pleasant alternative to the hot dog fun flies.

Dark clouds on the horizon, however were a constant reminder that rain could pop up at any time.

This year rain was forecast for the area, but for most of the day it held off.

As usual the barbecued chicken was spectacular and was augmented with a superb array of dishes brought to the event by the knights.



Hmmn, wonder what's good up there?

Ray also hosts a chicken barbeque for his family on the day before Labor day and the knights are invited to bring their planes and participate.

Scale Rally Raffle Winner



2012 winner Mary Dix with Jerry Piscatello and Mark Chambelain

Each year the club conducts a raffle of an RC airplane. The plane is chosen in the fall season for the following years Scale Rally.

The club then sells tickets at all of our events throughout the year.

In the event that the winner is not interested in an RC model, an alternative cash prize is offered.

The model is usually built by Jim Pravel. This year's model was a Pilatus Porter.

It was won by Marty Dix of Hamburg, NY.

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Hot dogs, hamburgers and salt potatoes were provided throughout the day by our Grill Team.

Spectators and visitors stopped by at a steady pace throughout the afternoon.

During the noon hour time is taken to showcase some of the more unusual models, much to the delight of the spectators.

These include multi-engine, jets and a variety of pattern programs.

Several of our guest pilots put on a spectacular show with their helicopters, as did those who flew the large pattern planes in 3-D mode.



Our National Anthem



Guests and members honor the flag

At the end of the flying program, the flyers are always feted to the famous and popular Pilot's Dinner.

The pilot's who come from distant parts of the state and Canada to fly at our Scale Rally always look forward to this part of the program.

It has been part of the Rally program from day one.

Our team cranks out the hot dogs and hamburgers while all

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Several times during the day, our Candy Drop plane takes to the sky.

This event is greatly anticipated by the little folk.

Unfortunately, the first drop of the day miscalculated the wind vector and most of the candy drifted into the woods at the far side of the field.

Later, a second drop fared better.

Flying continued throughout the balance of the afternoon.



Kids race for the candy

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Along the Flight Line

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the members bring in an outstanding variety of dishes.

It is a great way to wrap up a successful day filled with flying and fun.

After dinner, anyone with charge left in their radios took advantage of open flying.

Sunday, was the other side of the coin.

Pilots put their planes away and headed for home.

Shortly before noon the sky's opened and the deluge arrived.

The rain and wind continued with full intensity throughout the afternoon.

In spite of the torrent, it didn't put a dent in the drought.

The good news? Our unused food would turn up again, at a future picnic.



The line forms for the Pilot's dinner



Stuffing the Candy Plane

Early in the morning, word came of severe thunderstorms in Dunkirk moving in our direction.

The call came from our President, to cancel the event and everything was stripped down and secured.



Wind and Rain take over the Field

September to Remember

In a summer of beautiful flying days, our Sept picnic was another jewel.

Breezy it was, but that didn't seem to stop anyone from taking to the air. And the winds did die down as the afternoon passed by.



An eager flight line

There were huge planes flown by our members as well as a few giants brought by our guests from the RC Aircrafters.

This event was very well attended by a record crowd.

Dinner, as usual, was a great mix of dishes brought in to augment the hot dogs cooked up by Jerry Piscatello



Cutting the Birthday Cake

and Chuck Carauana.

A pleasant surprise was the birthday cake brought in by the Ehrig family for granddad Tom Wolverton.

Nothing like a piece of birthday cake to top off a picnic dinner.



Don't Shoot Daddy's Airplane

Christmas Party

Dec. 14, 2012

Don't miss it!
After meeting and voting.

The famous Chili Fly tentatively scheduled for October 14th. The weather could change this date.!!!

Everyone will notified of any change.



August Fun Fly

The summer of 2012 has been superb for flying model planes. Not so good for our lawns and gardens.

Our third picnic brought out a crowd of 25 or more members.

Everyone who had a desire to fly was able to get in the air.

The flight line was a busy place all afternoon and well into the evening.



Oops!



Building a Picnic Plate

Modeler's are usually multi-talented, mixing their love of things aeronautic with other pursuits, so it was a pleasant surprise to learn that Fran Pavone also played the bagpipe.

With a little coaxing, he played several tunes to the delight of the crowd.

A dirge for lost airplanes was not among them.



Afternoon Recital

Usually, hot dogs are the main attraction on the menu, but because the Scale Rally was cut to one day, there was plenty of hamburger left.

The August picnic had everything.

Agri-Center Flying

The dates for the Agri-Center are as follows:

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| Oct. 22 | Jan. 7, 29* |
| Nov. 12, 26 | Feb. 25 |
| Dec. 17 | Apr. 1 |

It is expected to cost about the same as last year, \$10 for the evening. The hours will be from 5 to 10 PM.

*Note that these are all **Monday's**, except for **Jan. 29**, a Tuesday.

The schedule for indoor flying at ECC South is not yet finalized.

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.

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Schedule

**Fri. 10/12, 11/2,
12/14**

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

Board Meeting

**Tues. 10/10, 10/31,
12/12
7:30 pm
Pegasus**

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