



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Oct – Nov - Dec

2013

MOST SUCCESSFUL RALLY.

The first weekend in August seems to have a great deal of appeal for organizations to host their annual outings.

The Italian fest in Buffalo, the Corn Festival in Eden and Garden Walks galore.

And in the thick of it, the Scale Rally.

With all this activity taking place in the area it was a pleasant surprise to see Channel Two broadcasting a live interview directly from Nike Field.

After our unique helicopter flag raising ceremony, guest pilots from all over western New York, Canada, Pennsylvania and Ohio took to the air.

Blessed with excellent weather, the planes flew continuously throughout the day.



Channel 2 interviews Gerry

spectators with great food and drinks.

The spectator crowd was significant and steady all day long.

As has been the custom, during the noon hour, flying was suspended in order to showcase several unique aircraft.

Among these were the flying fortress of WWII fame, a Mig jet featuring an actual jet engine and the always popular helicopters.

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Spectators enjoy air show

The food tent also operated throughout the day, supplying hungry flyers and

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Several of our guest pilots were also able to show off their skills with acrobatic performances.

An eagerly anticipated part of the show occurred several times during the day. That was the famous Candy Drop for the kiddies.

This year, the candy was taken up to altitude with a specially rigged helicopter.

Excited children took to the field to chase the candy as the chopper



Rugrats scurry for goodies

released its load of goodies and retreated to the sidelines.

The flying drew to a close and at 5:30 PM all of the flyers and their families were treated to a superb dinner consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers and many fine culinary dishes supplied by the knights.

Sunday was a virtual repeat of Saturday with excellent weather and generous crowds of spectators.

It was the best opportunity in years for the Knights to showcase their hobby and the public did not disappoint.



Dave Savini loads candy into copter

Field of Dreams

Our new field has been incubating for about a year.

After several attempts to install it ourselves, the club bit the bullet and had it graded with a grown-up bulldozer.

This spring grass was planted and on July 24 th, an open house of sorts was scheduled. The object of this event was to introduce the field to all of the club members. In particular, it was good to have everyone visit the field. Once you know where it is, you are far more likely to go there.

A nice crowd showed up. Unfortunately, so did the sun, which appeared low over the field, directly in the line of sight.



Airplane stands at Emerling Field

Your editor, naturally flew directly into it, losing his plane.

Thanks to the alert club members who were watching the drama unfold, were able to call out its location.

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National Aviation Day

The American Modeling Association proposed a day in August to introduce the general public to the sport of model aviation.

August the 17th was chosen for the nationwide event.

Every model club across the entire country was asked to host a public event in their local neighborhood to promote the modeling activ-



Coordinating the training flights

Thanks to the dedication of the club members who manned their posts throughout the day, everyone who wanted to fly got the chance.



Setting up the "buddy box"

Members of the various clubs were encouraged to bring as many models out to their club fields and fly.

One of the features of the day for our local area was the use of the "buddy box" to allow visiting members of the public to try their hand at actually flying a model.



Trainer plane gets workout

All of the proceeds from these events all across the country were used to benefit the "Wounded Warriors Project."



Young Student pre-flights Trainer

This turned out to be the most popular activity of the day. At one point there were about 30 people lined up to fly.



Spectacular Warbirds

These funds are used to help the wounded veterans of our recent conflicts, by providing prosthetics and assistance for those who have given so much.

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A Summary of Summer

July

The July picnic was held at Ray Barron's Farm.

This is always a pleasant change of venue.

Ray maintains a unique flying field across the street from his home.

Very convenient.

Bordered by a cornfield.

Not so much.



An Impromptu Hanger Row



Orv enjoys lunch under the trees

This year the weather was excellent and about a dozen planes showed up.

The club supplied hot dogs and hamburgers.

At 4 PM everyone relocated from the field to the shade of the trees where Ray had set up a tent.

With many dishes brought to pass, everyone enjoyed dinner, then returned to the serious business of flying.

August

In between the steamy hot end of July and the subsequent cool, rainy end of August, we managed to slide into the third family picnic/fun-fly.

There was a nice turn-out with plenty of planes and food, the two basic staples of life in the modeling world.



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One must stop flying to eat and one must stop eating to fly.

The day's damper was the loss of Chuck Caruana's neat warplane.

It suffered a critical structural failure on a pass across the field, diving nose first into the long grass. Bad.

Everyone enjoyed the picnic lunch complemented by a wide array of dishes from home.

The "dishes to pass" are always a treat of unique culinary skill and individual taste.



The Active Collins flight Line

September

After a postponement due to weather the September picnic got under way on the rain date. It was a perfect day for flying.

A significant crowd of knights took advantage it and arrived early.

Only one disaster occurred when Herb's plane suddenly disintegrated during a high speed roll.



Watching all of the action

For an instant it looked like Jim Devlin's cub was sharing the same airspace, but the cub emerged unscathed.

A forensic analysis of the doomed plane revealed that a structural deficiency in the center wing section actually led to its early demise.

The afternoon warmed nicely and the flying intensified.

At 4 PM someone called out that the hot dogs were ready.

The flying came to an end, (albeit temporarily), and the serious task of eating began.



The shelter sports a fine dining room

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The plane was successfully spotted and brought in for a landing. Scary.

Daren Domon put on a spectacular demo with his helicopter.

The field is a little rough yet, but should improve over time.

The field in North Collins has been tended to for over thirty years with countless rollings and cuttings.

At the end of August the club decided to have a Wednesday gathering at the field. It was a "Bring your own



A Gathering of Eagles

Dinner" situation.

A grill was set up at the field for anyone wishing to cook.

At least a dozen of the folks showed up with their planes. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event.



Looking for Jim's lost Cub



A Sign for the Times



New Flying Stations with Sunblock

With all of the problems associated with the North Collins field it's good to know that an alternate field is available.

Quite a few of the club members are taking advantage of the new field.

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176 chartered clubs all across the country raised over \$50,000. The total will be published in late October.

We owe a great deal to all of those who gave their lives and their limbs so that the rest of us can grow old.

A vote of thanks is owed to all the guys and gals from both the RC Aircrafter's and the Knights who stepped up to carry out this task.

It was a long day.

Christmas Party

Dec. 13, 2013
Pizza and Wings

Don't miss it!
After meeting and
voting.

Chili Fly Sched- uled

The famous Chili Fly tenta-
tively scheduled for October 6th.

The foul weather date will
be Oct. 13th. Everyone will noti-
fied of any change.



No schedule has been issued for indoor flying at ECC South.
No schedule has been issued for flying at the Agri-center.
Everyone will be notified when these schedules become avail-
able.

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