



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Jan – Feb - Mar

2014

Christmas Party 2013

The snow had been coming down for about a week. Between Lake Effect, our peculiar version and a general blanket of ordinary, (whatever that is), there was a persistent foot or so on the ground.

Today, as our annual Christmas party/meeting was about to take place, the forecast was for, you guessed it, more snow.

On top of what we already had, driving could be difficult.

Yet, in spite of the weather guy's prognosis, this was the best attended meeting of the year.

Of course, business comes first, so everyone got into it. The Elections were held.

Only a couple of offices had become vacant, so this part of the meeting went quickly.



Taxiing up to the Flight Line



Billy accepts the "Paas" Award.

The presentation of the annual "Paas" Award, a yearly high point, was made by none other than, the Herb himself.

After a magnificent, though lengthy introduction, the deserving vict- uh, recipient stepped forward.

None other than Billy Hauth proudly accepted this highest of all honors.

Then it was on to the main event, the pizza and wings. Hot and appetizing, they arrived right on time.

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Membership dues **must** be received before **Jan. 24**, or you will be dropped from the roster. **Extension by request only. (Call 699-4716).**

If you are not able to see the Treasurer, please use the form below to renew your membership by mail.

Remember, flying privileges at the Nike Site and the North Collins fields are restricted to club members only!

Return form along with **payment** and a **copy of 2014 AMA card** to :
Ray Barren, 7330 Kent Road, Little Valley, NY 14775.

2014 Dues Renewal Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ A.M.A. # _____

Email: (if you have one.): _____

Note: ECC spring schedule will be announced after the winter break.

Due to a county mandate, there is now a charge for the use of the gym by outside organizations.

The cost per participant has been set at \$5 per evening. With an average group, this covers the gym cost of \$75 per night.

In Memoriam

Les Hanks

Les has been a member of the Knight's for several decades and has made many contributions to the club.

He passed away in October and will be greatly missed.



Mall Show

Feb. 28, Mar. 1, 2
McKinley Mall
Setup Thu Feb 27th.

The mall is a great opportunity to introduce our hobby to the general public.

It also provides a chance to show off that spectacular model you've been working on all winter.



Mall Show May 2013

Turkey Fly

The Knight's were invited to the RC Aircrafter's Annual Turkey Fly.

This year it was postponed from the usual Saturday after Thanksgiving, to Sunday due to the weather forecast of strong winds.

About two dozen hardy souls showed up around noon on the first of December.

About a foot of snow covered the field.



Foot Path Leads to the Shelter

shelter confines. These would soon share the food table with a variety of dishes that were brought to pass.



Conversations by the Stove.



Jim Ehrig & Son Check the Turkey

Out on the flight line, a number of combat planes were being readied for flight.

Meanwhile, within the enclosed shelter a roaring fire burned in the old barrel stove. The shelter had been enclosed with panels to keep it cozy warm.

Master chef, (and RC Aircrafter's president), Andy Broze was engineering the kitchen activities.

Flying continued throughout the afternoon and in spite of the cold, all the pilots had a great time.



A Very Chilly Flight Line.



Banquet Fit for a King.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the event.

The RC Aircrafter's have extended an invitation to all of the Knights to attend their winter events on New Years day and of course the old standby, the Crash & Bash on Super Bowl Sunday.

Three turkeys and a ham were cooking in several locations around the

The Fall Auction

This is the second year for this event at the Hamburg Fire Hall.

This venue allows for plenty of room to display all of the items brought in to the auction.

It was a nice day and the huge doors of the fire station were open, enhancing the environment.

The auction is held every year at the close of the flying season.

Our fall auction comes at the right time of the year, since this a turn-over time for many modelers. They have their eye on the new project for the winter building season.



I have 49, do I hear fifty.

After the flying is over, many fliers would like to get rid of their older planes and fly something different the next season.

They don't want to scrap them and they know that they won't get a pot of gold for them.

They would like to see someone else make good use of them. Some fliers have put a lot of time and money into their planes.

Some of these gems can fetch a good buck at the auction.

However the vast majority of fliers would just like to see someone else get to enjoy the plane as much as they did.



Maintaining the cash flow

Especially the younger, beginning modeler who may not have the assets to get the latest and greatest out in the commercial world.

Many a decent plane has found a good home for a modest price.

Then of course, there are those who seek the legendary diamond in the rough, sometimes a rare plane they have long admired, that might unexpectedly turn up on the auction table.

It could be just a kit or one already built and ready to fly.

And of course, there are plenty of bargains for incidental goodies, such as engines, radios and even wheels.

Almost anything remotely related to RC can and will turn up at an auction.

Like our famous Scale Rally, our auction is now a fall fixture.



A packed house.

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From The Prez

I would like to take a moment to thank Jim and Chuck for their years of service to the club.

They both have held office for many years, and have worked hard to get our club to the point it is today.

As a club, we have many things to be thankful for.

We have 3 flying fields. Not many clubs can say that.

We have a wonderful scale rally, that attracts pilots and spectators from all over. We showcase our club at the mall show, fun flies, and various charity events.

The newest event, the National Aviation Day, was a complete success. We were able to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project,

and introduce many people to our hobby, by training them on buddy boxes.

I believe the future of our club exists in the newest people to the hobby, and the members who have not yet joined.

We have existed for 50 years now, and if we want to continue for another 50 years, we need to continue to add new members.

New members add enthusiasm to the club. They help by volunteering to help complete tasks, and spreading the workload.

Your new President and Vice President are perfect examples. We have only been members for 3 years, but have volunteered to take on leadership of the club.

We are both looking forward to this year, and having a great flying season with all of you!

John Scarantino

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The meeting was adjourned.

All of the members and their guests sat down to enjoy the food and relive all the great memories of the past year.

Picnics and auctions and fun-flies. What a lot of fun we had.

What would the new year bring?

Finally, it came time to sample the vast array of desserts brought in as a dish to pass.

As 2013 fades into history, all the fun and memories of the year's



Enjoying the Food and Conversation.

events and especially the Christmas party will remain.

Chili Fly

You can always count on October to be brisk. Brisk and breezy it was.

That didn't stop a hardy bunch of flyers from coming out to the North Collins field for the annual Chili Fly.



Trevor Takes to the Air.



Warm Fire Chases the Chill.

Of course, it may have been the Chili itself that brought them out.

Whether the chili or not, quite a few planes showed up. The brisk wind only made it more interesting as most took to the air.

At dinner time, however, everyone was ready to sit down and enjoy the Chili.

NMAD tops \$70,000

This summer 176 clubs from across the country joined in a celebration of RC Modeling. The Knights held a joint event with the RC Aircrafters in August.

The money is going to The "Wounded Warriors Project" to aid and assist wounded veterans returning from Iraq, Afghanistan and other recent wars. The event went over so well that we will do the same in 2014.



Flying Knights Officers 2014

Front Row: Ray Barren Treasurer, Jeremy Moore Vice President, John Scarantino President, Greg Stromecki, Secretary. Standing: Jim Devlin Newsletter Editor, Bob Waldraff Board Orv Chatwood Board, Bill Hauth Board, Bob Rodgers Board

Picture by George Fox

**Don't miss our Famous
Chinese Auction**

Feb. 14 th

(following meeting)

Benefits NC Field Fund.

**A great opportunity to unload
your junk unneeded items.**

**Make Plans for
Toledo**

**The 2014 Toledo Event will
take place on April 4 thru 6th.**

\$10 / person / day

Seagate Center

Several car pools will be going.

The Knight's are invited to:
Super Bowl Crash & Bash

Hosted by RC Aircrafters

Nike Base Field.

Sunday February 2nd.

**Listen & watch the game in the
comfortable confines of the
Shelter.**

Bring an airplane (we love combat),
and a dish to pass.

**2014 Scale Rally
Raffle Plane**

This beautiful replica of the
WWII ME-262 will be raffled off
at our Scale Rally in August.
The winner may choose a cash
prize of \$200 instead.



Indoor flying at the Agri-Center

2014 Schedule

Monday January 6th

Tuesday January 28th

Tuesday February 11th

Tuesday February 25th

\$10 pilot fee.

Planes lighter than .5 lb. Heli's less then 250.

A.M.A. required.

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.

1st Q 2013

Schedule
Fri. 1/ 3, 1/24,
2/14, 3/7, 3/28

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

Board Meeting
Thu. 1/2,
Tue. 1/21, 2/11, 3/4, 3/25

Pegasus 7:30 PM

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