



# THE KNIGHT FLYER



Jul – Aug - Sep

2014

## Rains Fail to Dampen Summer

**A**fter a month of playing tag with the rain gods, the game was not over.

Throughout the month of May, the rain kept the field at North Collins in a semi-saturated state of wet.

We were unable to get into the field to groom it after the ravages of winter.

Even the scheme of combining the May picnic with the work party came to naught.



**Wet ground delays NC open**

and were able to get quite a few flights in.



**Taking advantage between showers**



**Who is that masked pilot?**

The rains kept on coming. Flying even got off to a late start at the Nike and Emerling Fields.

The June picnic took place under the threat of more rain. That did not deter the eager Knights.

The field had dried out and the grass was manicured.

Rain was not scheduled to arrive until late afternoon, so a good number of Knights headed out to the field early

Right on schedule, however, the rain rolled in. The planes were quickly put into safe places and everyone gathered under the shelter.

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## Open House in Hamburg

The unmistakable buzz of ultralights filtered through the trees alongside the parking lot of the Hamburg airport early on Sunday morning of June 15th.

Suddenly the multicolored canopy burst out over the lot, filling the sky above.



A graceful approach

Barely a hundred feet above the ground, it crossed over and aligned itself with the runway, gracefully alighting like some huge bird of prey.

The greeting was perfect for the annual Open House at Hamburg Airport.

It was Father's Day of 2014 and people were just arriving to have a great pancake breakfast, surrounded by the sights and sounds of planes and pilots.



Breakfast in the hangar

Unlike the last several years, the weather was perfect for such an event.

In previous years, cold windy conditions seemed to be the norm, sometimes bringing such severe crosswinds that many pilots were discouraged from doing what they love best, taking interested young people on perhaps their first airplane ride.

Safety is always foremost in the minds of aviators. Cross winds always make landings difficult.

But, today was warm with little wind and a festive mood permeated the crowd.



Static display

Breakfast is usually the first order of the day. The line was short, and folks were cueing up for pancakes,



Look out below!

The ambience was aviation themed as would be expected.

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**Attention, all new members!!!**

Flight Training– Flying Lessons.

Billy Hauth will be at the Emerling Road Field on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer, (weather permitting).

5 Pm until dusk

This is a good opportunity to get some serious stick time.

**Obituary**

Bill Sutton was a member of the Flying Knights for about ten years. He passed away on May 30, 2014 after a long battle with pancreatic



cancer. He was 69.

**Instructor List for 2014**

**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.

**Improvements at Emerling**



06/17/2014

**Dozer performs lumpectomy  
Photo-Gerry Piscatello**

It had been decided by the members, that additional work was necessary at the Emerling field.

A Dozer was contracted and now with a little manual clearing of small stones the field is ready for grass. The driveway is being worked on.

Toilet facilities now exist at the field.

With constant improvements this field is becoming **the field**.



**Seeking shelter inside the shelter**

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A few gigantic bolts of lightning convinced everyone that this was no drill.

It was decided to start the grill and get the dinner on. Good call.

There were plenty of dishes to pass and enough room to accommodate all who were there.

Good food and plenty of conversation. Who could ask for anything more.

# Floating Fun

By Lois Sampson, Flying Knights

Our club in Michigan used to have float fly's every first and third Saturday of the month. They were very passionate about the sport.

If you brought a new plane to fly, it was inspected by the senior pilots. If it didn't pass the inspection, you were advised not to fly.

Some didn't listen to the advice and well.....



When you don't listen...

A picture is worth a million words! But the floats survived to go on another plane.

About the floats, they are hand made by one of our old club mates from Michigan.

They come with hardware but need to be covered with either fiberglass or Monocote.

Ralph Smith is the gentleman who makes them and he is an avid flyer!

In fact, he took a plane called the "Mud Duck" which is made from cardboard and got it to fly! It wasn't pretty but she flew!

He has a website: <http://planefunfloats.com/>.

He has photos and even suggestions on how to cover them.

They are also repairable for the most part, balsa can be replaced but the plastic floats are shot once they break.

Another thing that we have found is that the home-made float brackets tend to be a little more forgiving than the ones that you purchase.

If you set down a little too soon or a little hard, which we all do from time to time, the brackets may flex and bend.

But it saves your plane from some of the damage like a shock absorber.

The firmer purchased brackets do not flex causing more severe damage to your plane.

Last summer we went to New London, Ohio for a float fly. We took our trusty old LT-40, that has the homemade bracket and a Cub that came with the floats and brackets.

The first flight of the LT-40 started fine until I lost my

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aileron control.

John took the radio and brought it around with the rudder but didn't want to take a chance landing on the water, which would mean another circle, he set in down on the grass.

the plane, leaving a gaping hole!

That's not what you want to see when flying on water!

The bracket was too stiff and unforgiving.

So the Cub went back in the truck and we flew the old LT-40 the rest of the week-end.



Lois & John perform pre-flight check

When we got to the plane, one bracket was bent but it was fixable!

We went on to have a couple more successful flights with the old bird.

Later, I took my Cub up and all was going great until the wind shifted so that I had to land coming toward us.

I misjudged the distance to the water and touched down a little too soon!

It didn't look like there should be too much damage but it wasn't flying again that day!

The bracket tore away from

### Float Note

This the set up I use.

It doesn't have to be exact.

The step of the float has to be a bit behind the CG & the wing has to have a positive incidence about an eighth-to a quarter of an inch.

John Sampson

Here's a Float Fly for those who are interested...

### Canandaigua Sky Chiefs Annual Dick Parshall Memorial Float Fly. Sat-Sun July 19-20

No Flying Fee

Coffee & Donuts Available: Lunch at Noon, Raffles, 50/50 Drawings

CD: Lynn Bowerman

4692 Morrow Hill Road  
Canandaigua, NY 14424



# Summer Activities

Dates to keep in mind for summer fun!

## 37th Stars Rally

July 12, 13 2014

Olean Airport, Ischua, NY

Sat. 10 AM-5PM—Sun. 10AM-3PM

No pilot/camping fees

Full Scale Stearman rides,

(weather permitting)

## FONRA

Fly Over Niagara

Wing & Rotor

Sat-Sun, July 19, 20

RC Pilots welcome

No landing fees

10 AM—4 PM

Reservoir State Park

## RCCR

### Great Electric Fun Fly 2014

Sat-Sun Aug. 16, 17

Northhampton Park

Near Brockport

## Knight's Club Picnics

July 20

Aug. 10

Sept. 7

Ray's Place

NC Field

NC Field



## Sky Rovers

Sat-Sun Jul 26, 27 2014

10 AM—4:30 PM

Ford Field, Phelps, NY

No entry /parking fee

Campers welcome, no hookups

Food available

## Knight's Scale Rally

Sat. & Sun.

Aug. 2 & 3

Nike Base

Hamburg, NY

## Geneseo Air Show

Full Scale

Old Planes & Warbirds

Fri., Sat., Sun.

July 11, 12 and 13

Geneseo, NY

## Flying Dutchmen

45th Annual Scale Rally

Sat.-Sun. Sept 6, 7

Kitchner, Ont

\$7/day, kids<12, \$1

No charge for pilots or campers

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Music from the thirties and forties drifted through the spacious hanger while people shared their stories over breakfast.

Numerous aircraft were situated around the field, while others took off or landed.

In the second hanger the Flying Knights had assembled a display of models. Among these, was a nicely scaled P-39 Airacobra belonging to George Gard.

For those with an interest in things aeronautic, there was something for everyone.

### Flyer's 2014 List Posted

Each year a field roster is posted at the Nike Base field. It is mounted in the shelter.

Over the past few years people who did not belong to any local club precipitated several safety violations that threatened the loss of the Hamburg field.

Our clubs along with the town agreed to restrict flying to actual members of the two clubs and their guests.

The 2014 list is now posted.

All members with a current Knights membership card are allowed to fly at the Hamburg Field.

### July Picnic Information

The July picnic will be held on Sunday, July 20th at Ray Barron's place.

Bring your plane and fly at the famous cornfield.

If you do plan to attend this

picnic, please call or email Ray.

He needs to know how many will attend so that he can order the food. Let him know what you will be bringing for a dish to pass.

His phone is **699-4716** and email is: **rgbash@hughes.net**

## KNIGHT'S SWAP SHEET

Former member, Bob Parrish has the following items for sale.



Great Planes Real Flight "Elite" flight simulator + expansion packs #1 & #2..... asking \$70



Flying Knight's winter jacket. Worn four times and shows no wear. I believe Paid \$70..... asking \$35.



Great Planes "Sport Floats" for size .40-.60 plane. New in the box. Never unpacked. Paid \$80---asking \$40

**If interested please email: [bob1parrish@gmail.com](mailto:bob1parrish@gmail.com)**

**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 2014

**Schedule**  
**Fri. 7/11, 7/25,**  
**8/15, 9/12**

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

**Board Meeting**  
**Tue. 7/8, 7/22,**  
**8/12, 9/9**

**Pegasus 7:30 PM**

## Officers

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