



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Jan – Feb - Mar

2015

Christmas Party 2014

Our annual Christmas party is perhaps the best meeting of the year. It certainly is the best attended.

This year was a little different, in that there were no pesky elections to endure. All the board members and the officers now serve for two years.

The meeting portion was therefore pleasantly short.

However, it did contain two noteworthy events. The first was the annual presentation of the PAAS award.

This award, first presented in 2011 as the "Certificate of Total Awesomeness" or the "P.A.A.S. (Pilot Achieving Aeronautical Supremacy) Award.



George receives the famed "PAAS" award

Dave has been instrumental in the creation and development of the Emerling Field.

As the owner of the property, he has helped the club in countless ways to bring this field into existence.

Dave likes to watch the models from his porch, but we all hope to see him actually flying this new model.

The pizza arrived right on schedule and everyone lined up to fill their plates.

There were plenty of dessert items from old fashioned Christmas cookies to some new style delicacies.

Then, like the drifts of Snovember, the party melted away and 2014 slid into history.



John presents Trainer to Dave Emerling.

It was named after and first given to Herb Paas.

This year it went, deservedly to George Fox. George has been a dedicated trainer and has taught many new members how to fly without breaking their new planes.

The second was the presentation of a trainer kit to Dave Emerling.

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Membership dues **must** be received before **Jan. 23**, 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 **2015 AMA card** to :
Ray Barren, 7330 Kent Road, Little Valley, NY 14775.

2015 Dues Renewal Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ A.M.A. # _____

Email: (if you have one.): _____

Annual Club Raffle Winner

At each meeting the club members are asked to submit a free raffle ticket. The more meetings that the individual attends the more tickets he/she will accrue.

At the Christmas party, one of the tickets is drawn. Over the years there have been airplanes and radios as the prize. This year it was a cash prize of \$200.

It was won by John Sampson.



Mall Show Coming... Mar. 6, 7, 8th McKinley Mall

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



Mall Show of Mar. 2014

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From The Prez

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their participation this past year. We had excellent turnout for our events and meetings.

I am looking forward to this coming year.

I plan on organizing some road trips to events this year if anyone is interested.

Places like The Toledo swap meet, Joe Nall, and the Niagara Falls air show are events that the club could enjoy as a group.

Also, I am asking in advance for volunteers to coordinate our Fun Flys this year.

The 2015 calendar is posted on the website, and copies are available at our meetings.

Some of our members have asked about expanding on our Fun Flys to include the Emerling field.

I think this is a wonderful idea, as long as we have the volunteers to run the events.

Once again, thank you for the participation this past year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all of you!

President

John Scarantino

After Meeting talks prove popular

A pleasant surprise at our fall meetings was a talk by Bill Hauth on various aspects of electric models.

He has divided up the topic into a number of easily digested pieces.

One evening he might explore the mysteries of Lithium batteries, on another he will delve into digital motors.

Often, the problem with new things is the vocabulary, the words that are used for different elements of the new venture.



They are unfamiliar to us, so many things remain a mystery. Bill's talks take many of these complicated mysteries and sort them out..

This makes the hobby much more enjoyable for us.



Photo by George Fox

Giant Plane Lands at Emerling Field

If you go out to the Emerling Field this holiday season, you will be greeted with this amazing giant size airplane with spinning props.

It was erected by Dave Emerling on his front lawn next to the Model Field entrance.

Autumn Auction

Several efforts were made to boost the attendance at our annual fall auction.

Email and mail lists were sought for the different area clubs.

Notices were sent out to the clubs to mention the auction at their meetings and emails were sent out to the members lists themselves.

It is not known whether these efforts paid off. We did have a spirited crowd of forty seven paid attendees and plenty of items to be auctioned.



Bidding on all the good stuff.

After all bills were paid, the club raised over \$760.

Once again the day of the auction turned out to be most pleasant. The doors of the Hamburg Firehouse were opened wide, giving the effect of a small town bazaar.

Of course, that's necessary as the



Many of the items up for bid.



Bill Hauth hunts down a bid.

equipment trucks have to be parked outside to make room for the auction activities.

Several rows of tables were filled with some really good stuff.

Bill Hauth served again as our principle auctioneer. Calling out the items is a strenuous task. John Scarantino served as backup.

They both did a fantastic job connecting neat stuff with eager bidders.

Bidding lasted for about three hours. Actual bid prices appeared on the low side. One can never tell about an auction.



John steps up to the mike

Sometimes, the items are highly prized, other times it seems they are almost given away.

But, that's what makes the auction such an exciting activity.

Turkey Fly

The Turkey fly is an annual get-together of the RC Aircrafters of Cheektowaga.

Members of the Knights are always invited to take part in this event.

It offers a great opportunity for late autumn flying.

The week before Thanksgiving, the "mighty" lake effect snow of November had dumped an average of seven feet of snow on the field and surrounding area of Hamburg.



A cold and wintry Nike Field

One of the feature events of the day were the combat encounters.

This event features about a half dozen, (or more) rugged, basic aircraft all intent on stripping the long trailing streamer from each other.

The last man, (plane), standing is declared the winner.

Dinner time came up around one PM when the turkeys and ham were brought out and sliced up.

Along with some excellent dishes to pass everyone settled down in the shelter to chat and eat.

A number of desserts capped off the festivities.



Andy Brose carves the turkey.

Although most of the snow had evaporated by Thanksgiving Day, it left the field in an extraordinarily wet condition.

The Turkey Fly was cancelled because all the traffic on the wet ground would have ruined the field.

But, not to be denied, on the fourteenth of December, like the swallows to Capistrano, the flyers returned to the Nike Base for the Turkey Fly.

It was a gloomy but dry day. The shelter had been closed in and a warm fire burned in the old stove.

One could smell the aroma of the turkeys as they were being cooked.

Outside, in spite of the new snow covering the field, models were arrayed on the flight stands.

Among them were several large helicopters.



Taking in the Combat mission

The Turkey fly is a nice way to wrap up the flying season for the year and the RC-Aircrafters must be congratulated on hosting such an enjoyable activity.

Chili Fly

Driving up to the NC Airfield, there appeared to be little activity.

The chili fly had originally been scheduled for early October, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Today's weather was only marginally better. Even with lighter winds, it was still a very cold day.

When one got to the field, there were a few cars parked behind the shelter but not a lot of people.

Outside, only three planes were set up on flight stands.

Next to the shelter, a couple of hardy souls sat in front of the fire.



Cold day, warm fire.

Arriving at the shelter, however, the scene was much different.

The shelter was clad in tarps. Huddled inside were a dozen or more flyers and their wives.

It was only 3 PM, but the heating of the chili had already begun.

Everyone seemed to be focused on food rather than flying. With the cold air and strong breeze, it was a good choice.

Three large pots of Chili simmered on the table surrounded by an array of dishes brought in for the occasion.

Dinner began in earnest and soon everyone was enjoying the warmth and cordiality of the shelter.



Braving the cold winds



Your club officers & board for 2015

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

Picture by George Fox

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

Feb. 11 th

(following meeting)

Benefits NC Field Fund.

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

**Make Plans for
Toledo Show**

**The 2015 Toledo Event will
take place on April 10, 11,12 th.**

\$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 Feb. 1 st

Bring Chili, soup or snack

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

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

2015 Scale Rally

Raffle Plane

This beautiful replica of the
Globe/Temco Swift. It 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

2015 Schedule

Tuesday January 6th

Tuesday January 27th

Tuesday February 24th

\$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 2015

Schedule
Fri. 1/2, 1/23, 2/13,
2/27. 3/27

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

Board Meeting
Tue. 1/20, 2/10, 3/3,

Major Tom's Drop Zone
7:30 PM

Officers

President: John Scarantino
Vice Pres: Jeremy Moore
Secretary: Greg Stromecki
Treasurer: Ray Barren

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Bill Hauth **Bob Rodgers**
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