



# THE KNIGHT FLYER



Oct – Nov - Dec

2015

## WINDY RALLY

Summer this year seemed to proceed at a fairly rapid pace. May and June disappeared without a trace.

We did have a couple of picnics, which all seemed to go quickly, though nicely. July slipped by and, suddenly it was time to host the Scale Rally.

It was mostly the larger and heavier planes, but they continued to fly all day. Amazingly, there were no serious incidents.

Around noon, the specialty planes took to the air and put on quite a demonstration for the spectators.

There were several multi-engine bombers from past wars and a helicopter.



Spectators enjoy airshow.



Food shelter is a busy place

Looking back at the flying season, it seems that there was a pattern to the weather of 2015. Several nice days followed by two or three rainy days. The cycle was getting pretty old.

Rally setup took place on Thursday. Several of the motor homes were already parked at the end of the parking lot.

Saturday morning came along with the forecast of moderate winds.

In spite of the breezy conditions, there seemed to be no hesitation with the flyers getting into the air.

During the afternoon, several candy drops were held for the urchins.

These are always a welcome activity as the excited kids race across the field in search of the treats.

Orv Chatwood orchestrates this event each year using his specially equipped plane.

The threat of rain appeared late in the afternoon, but vanished by the time of the famous Pilot's Dinner.

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Thanks to the many excellent dishes brought in by the members, there was quite a buffet for the Pilot's dinner.



Urchins line up for Candy Drop

The dinner is one of the high points for our guests.

Sunday turned out to be a clone of Saturday. Sunny but with the same brisk breeze.

## September Picnic

The big football game was on. Buffalo was playing the Pats, but the weather was perfect for flying. What to do?

Well, about a dozen of the Knight's opted for the radio and headed out to the North Collin's Field.

There was a modest breeze across the field, but nothing that would discourage even the lighter planes.

This was the end of the season and a cold front had just deposited an Autumn coolness to the air.

Between listening to the radio and flying, time passed quickly.



Flying jenny with electric start



And,,, they're off

Although, attendance, both pilots and spectators, seemed to be down from previous years, the rally went very well.

Appreciation must be given to all of our member volunteers who worked very hard to make the 2015 rally a success.



Low turn-out. Bill's Game?

Trucker Bob, brought out his giant yellow Jenny. This model replaces the one that crashed last year. It sports an electric starter, which Bob demonstrated during a taxi run. It was quite something to see when the motor stopped, then to see it start up again.

The new field requirement for NC, that every flier have a spotter was in effect.

Dinner time had arrived and activities were suspended while everyone filled their plates.

In spite of the Bill's loss, it was such a pleasant afternoon that it was hard not to enjoy it fully.

# Dawn Patrol

Throughout the summer months, early in the morning, a resilient core of fliers show up at the Nike Base Field.

Any decent day will find them and their planes gathered around the shelter. There might be a coffee or two along with plenty of conversation.

The group consists mostly of retirees and those lucky enough to be free during the day. The low key venue is ideally suited to days of pleasant flying.

The Nike Base field has been placed off-limits for evening use after 5 PM. It's great to see that it is still being well used for it's intended

purpose.

This eclectic group is made up of members of several area clubs.

Even on breezy days you will find them clustered round the shelter.

Those days you'll see a lot more talk than flying.

They'll start to appear early in the spring and continue right up until the cold winds of Autumn discourage flying and make sitting around an uncomfortable venture.

But when the spring weather appears again, as surely as it must, you'll find pretty much this same group arriving shortly after dawn each day to begin their carefree day of just getting together and flying.



The Dawn Patrol: L to R, Jack Best, Joe Skalski, John Lauria, Ron Ogren, Tom Pastore, Rick Prenetta, Jim Devlin, Lester Hutchison, Bob Kellner, Howard Czaplki

## Chili Fly Scheduled

The famous Chili Fly has been scheduled for Sunday, October 4th. Flying begins at noon and the Chili will be served at 4 PM.



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### *Emerling in June*

**D**riving down the entrance road at the Emerling field, one first sees a long row of pop-ups arranged along side of the grass landing strip.

A significant number of Knights took advantage of nice flying weather to attend the Annual Emerling Field picnic. It has become customary to have at least one summer picnic at Emerling.



**Enjoying the Comfort of a Pop-Up.**

The day went very well, until a state trooper arrived.

It seemed that the neighboring farmer had complained about some of the planes flying over his house.



**That Flight gets a TEN!**

Once everyone was aware that this house was directly under the path of some of the planes, everyone modified their flight patterns to avoid the situation.

A.M.A. regulations, (as well as good common sense), strictly prohibit the flying of any model aircraft over the property of another person.

The Emerling Field consists of a vast area on the opposite end of the runway, that easily accommodates the largest models.

The situation resolved, the picnic continued. And, the flying continued with the flyers a bit more mindful of the limits to the field.



**A row of participants waiting to fly.**

High on the hill, Dave Emerling and his family watched and gave their approval to each of the fliers by holding up a giant score-card.

Everyone enjoyed hotdogs and a variety of dishes supplied by the members and their better halves.

The Emerling field proved to be a pleasant venue and as more improvements are added to the field it will become a go-to destination for a summer picnic in years to come.

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### *At Ray's Place in July*

Ray Barron's Flying Field is unique. Situated high in the hills of Little Valley. It is an example of the kind of field we all would wish for. It is his private field adjacent to his own house. How great is that?

Each year we all get the opportunity to visit this great venue.



**Dinner is Served**

Ray's Field is particularly popular because of its unique altitude high in

### *Midsummer Picnic*

It was only a few short days from our very successful 2015 rally.

The rally is a lot of work and certainly takes a lot of energy to pull off.

The best therapy is a nice relaxing day of casual flying with perhaps a picnic thrown in for good measure.



**Orv launches his Glider**



**Chuck Caruana loads up.**

the hills of Little Valley.

Another great draw is the menu of barbecued chicken, prepared by Ray, himself.

The large tent in Ray's yard is always a welcome shady spot at dinner time and would certainly be handy in the event of rain.

This year, there was indeed, the threat of rain, but it held off throughout the day. Once again the visitors came through with a splendid array of dishes to pass.



**Relaxing at North Collins**

Our August picnic provided just such a venue.

Everyone gathered at North Collins field on a beautiful afternoon.

Plenty of flying took place before dinner. An extra on the menu were hamburgers, courtesy of the rally.

With the dishes brought to pass, everyone had an excellent dinner.

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# ANNUAL FALL R/C AUCTION

October 24, 2015

Hamburg Fire Department  
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Auction Starts at 12 Noon

**Raffles and Door Prizes**

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**No winter schedule has been issued for indoor flying at ECC South.**

**No season schedule has been issued for flying at the Agri-center.**

**Everyone will be notified when these schedules become available.**



**This beautiful Russian Jet will be raffled at our 2016 Scale Rally.**

**It is complete and ready to fly.**

**Tickets will be sold throughout the coming year.**

# Christmas Party

Dec. 4, 2015-Pizza and Wings

Don't miss it!  
After meeting and voting.

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# 4th Q 2015

**Schedule**  
**Fri. 10/2, 10/23 11/20,**  
**12/4**

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

**Board Meeting**  
**Tues. 10/20, 11/17,**  
**12/2**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Major Tom's**  
**Drop Zone**

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