



THE

KNIGHT FLYER



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THE FLYING KNIGHTS DO IT AGAIN -
AS CUB SCOUT PACK 253 PACKS HEIM ROAD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH INTERESTED PARENTS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all members who participated in this show. I'm sure we were rewarded 10 times over just to see the faces on those kids from the first moment the first model was brought into the room.

Approximately 20 models were displayed on an elevated stage in the Cafeteria. The show started with yours truly giving a little history of the Flying Knights, followed by Les Hanks who presented the basics of Model Aviation. Bill Eberhardt gave a talk on different types and shapes of aircraft. Bill Hauth started the "Big Banger" on the business end of his Laser 200 and the show climaxed in the Gym where 12 - 15 R/C Cars, Trucks, and Jeeps, thrilled many of the kids and their parents.

The following men displayed aircraft:

Leo Lewek	Bill Hauth	Jim Pravel
Jim Landes	Bill Eberhardt	Les Hanks
Elmer Gross	Ray Barren	Gil Lange
Paul Brown	Bob Rogers	Irwin Riegel
Ed Baumgart	Howard Walmer	Don Heider

I came home feeling a great sense of pride for a bunch of guys who put on another excellent show.

Well Done. . .

Gil

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Doc Meyer asks: "Who FIRST flew the Atlantic Ocean and WHEN? The first ten correct answers get a Castor Oil Phosphate."

See our next issue for the ANSWER?

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KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

If one of the Public were to ask you, at one of our sponsored Fun Fly's, etc., who your President, or Vice-President was, could you impart that information? Well, the following is published for the information of all.

FLYING KNIGHTS OFFICERS

President.	Gil Lange
V/President.	Randy Bittinger
Treasurer.	Bob Rogers
Secretary.	Leo Lewek

BOARD MEMBERS

. . . Orv Chatwood	
. Bill Hauth	
. . . Rich Kurpiela	
. Jim Landes	

FIELD MARSHALLS

Nike Base	Jim Landes
	Bill Hauth
No. Collins	Rich Kurpiela
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And, ALL good knights who have something to say, sell, or swap.

next meeting - April 18th

NARRATIVE OF THE "FLYING KNIGHTS" OF WWII BEING CONSIDERED FOR SERIALIZATION

WE'RE STILL BATTING ONE THOUSAND WITH OUR STATIC DISPLAYS

The story of the 9th Fighter Squadron is being considered by your Editor for serialization in the Knight Flyer. The narrative is straight forward as it was taken from the Morning Reports, Intelligence Reports, etc., of the squadron.

The Boy Scouts of America were treated to another slick display at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Hamburg on Tuesday evening, March 25th.

In reality, it is a composite as seen through the eyes of many pilots as they served their country in what was WWII. The 9th was assigned to the 49th Fighter Group which was the first American Air Force Unit to engage the Japanese Imperial Air Force in the Southwest Pacific following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The 9th Fighter Squadron was the unit of the late Major Richard I. Bong, America's Ace of Aces. The 49th Fighter Group destroyed 678 enemy aircraft in 18 major battles from Australia to Japan and is still an active unit in the United States Air Force. Suffering only a change in designation, the 49th Fighter Wing is based at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. In over 60,000 pilots who passed thru periods of service in the Air Force, only 3 percent ever achieved the rank of "ACE".

Gil Lange, Les Hanks and Bill Eberhardt did the pitches. We had a hang-up with Bob Rogers' Laser as his Big Banger coughed once and quit... well, maybe twice. The reason was determined to be flooding. Being "Good Scouts" it was overlooked and following a series of questions and answers, all repaired to the ramp (parking lot) outside and were treated to the antics of the R/C Cars, Jeeps, etc., etc., etc.

Those who should feel proud of their contribution to these efforts are:

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| Gil Lange | Les Hanks | Bill Hauth |
| Ray Barren | Elmer Gross | Bob Hauth |
| Paul Brown | John O'Connell | Irwin Riegel |
| Jim Pravel | Jim Landes | Bob Rogers |
| John Felong | Bill Eberhardt | Dick Clark |
| Don Heider | Bob Butcher | |

NICE GOIN' GUY'S.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION ! ATTENTION!

Don Stoessel has prints and Instructions for a Fuselage Jig. Interested members can call him at 684-5866 between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 P.M. I'm first.

Elmer say's: "You know it's going to be a Bad Day when you call Suicide Prevention and they put you on hold".

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Your Editor is still open to suggestions, Births, Engagements, Marriages, Birthdays, Grandpa getting his teeth, Grandma too, things to swap, sell, give away, just about anything that will make for a cozy, well read club bulletin. The lack of items will indicate (to the bosses) that I'm not doing my job... and just might relieve me. I really need the money guy's. Let's get busy to make ME look busy.

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The narrative, as seen by the Editor, is mostly dull but does have its' moments, We were trying to do a job, get it over with, and go home. There is no such thing as Glamour in war. It was exciting; we were kids. What more can I say?

Well, it looks as though the fields are drying up and the sweet sound of two and four cycle bangers fill the air as we tune up for the coming season of R/C flying. I'm sure all members will bear in mind the adherence to safety and the responsibility our hobby entails. Elmer Gross will soon issue a list of Safety Procedures for pre-fighting our aircraft. Right, Smiley?

As the membership can see, in the past issue, and the present issue of Knight Flyer, the same guy's always show for the projects that the club endorses. With the advent of a NEW season, let's see more of the membership, . . .involved.

1985 Member Interest Survey

Dear Member, To better serve the needs and desires of our club members in 1986, we would like to get come input from you as to what you would like to see the club do in 1986. This is your opportunity to let your officers know what you want your club to do to raise your **enjoyment** of the hobby/sport of R/C modeling. Please take the time to answer the following questions and also add any additional ideas which you might have which you think would help our club and better serve the members in the future.

P.S. Form does not need to have your name on it if you so desire.

Name _____

Number of years in R/C? _____

Question	Yes	No	?	no answer
1. Do you regularly attend meetings? Comment - _____	Yes 47	No 8	0	0
2. Do you enjoy the meetings? Comment - _____	Yes 54	No 0	0	1
3. Would you like to see more demonstrations at the - Comment - _____ meetings?	Yes 54	No 0	i	0
4. Would you like to see more movies at the meeting? Comment - _____	Yes 44	No 4		1
5. Have you enjoyed the demonstrations and movies we have had in the past? Comments - _____	Yes 53	No 0	1	1
6. Do you approve of the club's efforts at Public relations, Displays, Demonstrations and other public activities? Comments - _____	Yes 51	1 No	2	1
7. Do you think we do too much for Public Relations? Comment - _____	Yes 4	44 No	4	3
8. Would you like a summer family picnic? Comment - _____	Yes 37	6 No 8		4
9. Do you want the club to stick strictly to R/C model flying and building? Comment - _____	Yes 24	27 No	X	2
10. Did you approve of the move to have our Airshow turned into a Scale Rally rather than an Airshow? Comment - _____	Yes 27	18 No	6	4
11. Would you be willing to provide an entertainment program for one of our meetings? Comment - _____	Yes 12	27 No	14	2
12. If you could provide a program for a meeting, what would it be? _____				
13. Would you be willing to be Chairman of a committee? Comment - _____	Yes 17	25 No	9	4
14. Are you in favor of continuing the 50-50 Raffle? Comment - _____	Yes 51	1 No	3	0
15. Do you think there are adequate instructors on instruction nights? Comrnent - _____	Yes 33	12 No	9	1
16. Would you be willing to be a flight Instructor? Comment - _____	Yes 23	24 No	7	1
17. Do you think the club is being lead by a dictatorship? Comment - _____	Yes 1	49 No	5	0
18. Do you think the club is seperating? In what way? ²⁺ _____	Yes 9	34 No	10	2

out of 55 surveys

	Yes	No	?
19. Do you think the Show Team is calling the shots? Comment- _____	8 + 1 comment	39	2
20. Do you feel the Show Team is a conflict to the best interest of the club as a whole? How? _____	2 + 1 comment	39	9
21. Do you feel the Show Team receives too much reconition from the membership? Comment- _____	1 + 2 comments	43	1
22. Are you against the Show Team putting on a show during our Scale Rally? Comment- _____	5	50	0
23. Are you in favor of the Show Team? Comment- _____	50	0	4
24. Do you think that the Air Show Team should be abolished? Comment- _____	0	4	37
25. Do you think our By-laws should be amended to protect the club against a Life Time Member who offends Club or Field regulations? Comment;= _____	30	II	10
26. Do you have any other suggestions to improve the club? _____ _____			
27. Any other comments-			