



THE KNIGHT FLYER



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Mall Show lands at McKinley

Each year the McKinley Mall provides a superb stage to introduce the Knight's "winter building frenzy" to the public.

This year was no exception. It was a blend of the new and the old.

Several of the planes had been stashed away for a while, but this was their year. Orv Chatwood blew the dust off the box of an old biplane.

Bob Rodgers also turned his attention to a couple of models that sat in his basement for quite a spell.

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APRIL 6TH MEETING CANCELLED

Many members as well as the leadership will be going to Toledo this weekend.

With the board and the officers out of town, it seemed appropriate to cancel the meeting.

A vote was taken and passed to that effect. Anyone not present at the Mar. 16 meeting should get their notice with this newsletter.



Sightings

Many strange objects have been brought into our meetings at the Flying Knights over the years.

Perhaps one of the strangest were the blimps brought in and flown by Herb Horni.



These craft are ideally suited to indoor flying.

Filled with helium, they float gracefully above the heads of the members. Control is achieved with an undercarriage that sports three propellers.



Two propellers are mounted side by side and face fore and aft. They control the forward motion of the blimp and are reversible.

Backwards seemed to be necessary, since the blimp would often get itself into places where forward was no longer an option.



Our earstwhile treasurer ponders the choices during chinese auction.

Caution Advised on Computer Radios

New fliers intending to use a computer radio, who also plan to use a "buddy box" while learning to fly, should make certain that the trims on their radio are set to 100%.

This would ensure that when control is transferred to the "buddy box" the trims are not reduced and the plane will remain in trim.

The trims on your trainer should be set the old fashioned way, by using the clevises.

Later, when you no longer need the "buddy box" the radio controls can be used as intended.



Orv Wins New Dremil Tool

RCM's Hints & Kinks award for Jan. 01,

went to our own Orv Chatwood for his "epoxy oven". A neat way to keep epoxy soft while you are working with it.

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Once again the mix of planes ran the gamut from zero engines (simple gliders) to four engined bombers.



The not quite finished B-29 was a standout. The retractable under-carriage was extremely realistic.

Speaking of wheels, the retractable gear on Harry Kleindinst's amphibian homebuilt really worked!

Saturday and Sunday afternoon was once again, Delta Dart time. This immensely popular program introduces model building to young people.

Knight volunteers guided little fingers in the art of turning egg cartons into airplanes.

Hugh Spears was the intrepid test pilot, making sure that no child took home a plane that wouldn't fly.

All of the knight's who took time from their busy schedules to help make this show successful, can take pride in a job well done.

Frequency Stats

The Knights would like to compile a list of the frequencies used by our club. Members will soon be asked to provide this information on each transmitter that they use.

Statistical information would be used to inform prospective radio buyers of the frequencies in use by the club.

Few things are more aggravating than going to the field with an hour to fly and finding four transmitters on your frequency.



Les presents club hat to new member, Greg Achtyl



Curtis & Calvin Wilburn display their trainer.