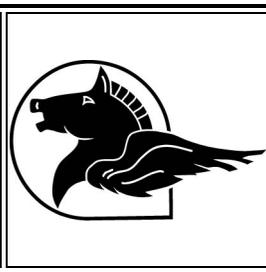


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March Mall Madness

Every year in the early days of March, the buzzards come back to Hinkley, Ohio. Without fail the swallows arrive at Capistrano.

In like manner, the Flying Knights of Hamburg made their expected appearance at Mckinley Mall.

We enjoyed one of the busiest Saturdays in recent memory.

Our display contained many examples of the full range of our hobby. There were high wing trainers, low wing performance planes, biplanes old and new.

Even gliders and helicopters slipped into the array.

More subtly, electric planes were there, too.

On the far end of the display, the unfinished WW1 biplane being assembled by Hugh Spears dominated the table.

Mall guests voted for the plane they thought best.

The results of this casual contest appear on page 2.

In our Dart program, hundreds of kids got the opportunity to build and fly,

possibly their very first tiny model airplane. Each year, members of the knights donate their time and skills to introduce young people to the world of flight.

There are few things more satisfying than sharing something that you love with a new generation.

This years show again provided our members with a great opportunity to bond and to talk to the public about our hobby.

Thanks to the participation of so many knights, this years show was another great success.



Future pilots hone skills on simulator

Photo-courtesy of George Fox

Oh, Boy! Club Fun Flies

Our club "meets" last summer were nicely attended and everyone who came had a good time. The food was great and the weather favorable.

This year, four events will be sponsored by the board.

As has been the custom, our club will provide pop, hot dogs & hamburgers while the members ante up with a dish to pass.

They will take place on Sundays starting about noon and continue on into the evening. The picnic dinner will be held at 4:00 pm.

Check our website for the weather and event status.

Mark these dates.

June 6/1	raindate	6/8
July 7/6	raindate	7/13
Aug 8/17	raindate	8/24
Sept 9/14	raindate	9/21

40th Anniversary Dinner

Dinner at Ilio's will mark our club's 40th anniversary.

The board has arranged this very special occasion so that all the members can get together and reminisce about the past, enjoy the present and contemplate the future of our flying club.

Dinner will consist of Roasted chicken (a non-flying bird) or roasted pork.

It will start at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30. Dress is casual and the cost is \$14.00 an adult plate.

George Fox and Stu Brierly will present slides of our history.

This year is also the 100th anniversary of flight and Jim Devlin will give a short talk on "Very Old Aircraft".

North Collins work party scheduled

On Saturday May 3rd, the club will meet at the NC field site.

As all members know, an 85 ft. expansion to the present field has been approved.

This expansion will move the flight line away from the present shelter position, greatly improving safety and flying visibility.

Rich Kurpelia, our "mower in residence", has agreed to buzz the new area at no additional charge to the club.

All members are asked to join in. It will require all types of rakes, shovels, wheel barrows, chain saws and even a measure of sweat.

Food and drinks will be provided by the club. If everybody can put in some time the work will be light and the day enjoyable.

Mall Contest Winners

A new feature of our mall show was a contest whereby visitors could vote for their favorite plane.

159 votes were cast with third place ending in a 3 way tie.

For 3rd, were the 1/3 scale Pitts by Orv Chatwood, the Curtis Hawk by Bob Rogers and the F-177 Nighthawk by Jim Pravel.

2nd prize was captured by Hugh Spears for his Sopwith Pup.

First prize went to the G-Sharp by Chuck Schummer.

The contest seemed to be so popular that it may become a fixture in future mall shows.