



# THE KNIGHT FLYER



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## DISAPPEARING AIRFIELD

We all knew that it would happen someday. We all hoped that it never would.

For several years, the soccer fields that were being built by the town came ever closer and closer to the flying field.

One could see the big earth moving machines grading the land around us.

Then the children and their parents arrived.

For two months out of the summer, the fields were alive with the sound of soccer players.

Throughout this encroaching process, the model flyers voiced their concerns, but no one listened.

The occasional crash did indeed occur. It was a ticking time bomb.

No incidents have occurred this year, but several verbal confrontations apparently arose.

In May, the final nail was hammered home. The flying field had to go.

It didn't matter that we had been there for 40 years. It didn't matter that we used the field from April to October.

It didn't matter that the clubs had invested heavily in improving the field, which currently sports a hard runway and shelters.

It didn't matter that the flyers individually and collectively implemented safety procedures and monitoring efforts to ensure that the risk of accidents would be minimal.

A hastily called meeting left the clubs ill prepared to defend against some who apparently had planned this encounter for some time.

The most significant argument put forth, was that model flying and soccer cannot co-exist because of the threat of injury from a wayward model.



Nike Base Runway

However statistics show that soccer itself presents a greater threat of injury to the players.

Estimates for the years 1992 through 1994 show that 146,000 to 160,000 injuries occurred world wide each year.

Approximately 38% occurred in participants younger than 15 years.

These injuries far outnumber any injuries that might be attributed to activities such as model flying.

However, if there is "no flying" during the actual playing of soccer games, then the risk of injury due to models is zero.

It the current restriction (no flying after 5 pm on weekdays), remains in effect from mid-May to the end of July, then there should never be a conflict with the soccer players. And no threat of injury!

An arrangement of this nature would eliminate the problem.

There would be no need for the flying clubs to vacate the field.

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# FIRST SUMMER PICNIC OF 07

A quick check of the weather radar on the computer revealed perfect weather.

Not a shower in a hundred miles. Low winds, temperatures in the upper 70's.

What a day for a picnic!

Planes were in the air early and continuously all afternoon.

Somewhat more than a dozen Knights took full advantage of the superb conditions to ring out their planes.



Flying, heck! Let's talk about dinner.

There was plenty of food and drinks for everyone.

Tremendous desserts topped it all off.



Chuck Caruana readies his plane.

Several new members were able to get training flights in.

A slight cross wind made for some interesting landings, but our first picnic of the 2007 season was a great success.

Ron Wojic fired up the grill and at 4 pm, everyone settled in for a fine picnic dinner.

You have to stop eating to fly and you have to stop flying to eat.



Ron pilots the grill.

Flying continued till dusk.



Nick Scaglione helps friend on "buddy"

There will be other picnics this year, but June's picnic will be a hard one to beat.



A tasty break

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# Hamburg Airport Days

This was our second visit to the Hamburg Airport Fly-in.

The Pancake Breakfast was prepared by the local Civil Air Patrol and consisted of a generous plate of Pancakes, sausage and eggs.

Our club was invited to participate in the festivities by setting up a static display of models. About 13 were displayed in the hanger space provided.

From a couple of Cherokees to a beautiful large scale B-25, the array consisted of variety of models flown by our club members.



**Knights static display**

The young people seemed to be particularly thrilled with this venture into the domain of the air.

Many will remember this as they grow up and perhaps one day, they too will develop a love of flight and the wonder of flying machines.

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## Club Cherokee

Our winter program was a very successful operation. About 16 members took part.

In all 22 Cherokees were constructed.

Bill Hauth ran the program and with several senior members, re-worked the original Vern Kreible design with modern techniques.

Two of these planes are now in operation at the North Collins and Nike fields.

Perhaps next year a new subject aircraft can be chosen for a similar program.



**So, That's how it works.**

Of course, there were the standard Pipers and Cessnas.

The breakfast was set up in the second hangar with tables and chairs to accommodate everyone.

A number of large scale private aircraft were distributed around and between the airport buildings.

Several of these were homebuilt aircraft, often a fertile venue for modeling.

One of the high points of the day are the airplane rides.

Our vice Pres. Mark Chamberlain brings his Cherokee in for the day.

Rides are free and this is one of the most popular events of the day.

Several dozen folks signed up for rides.

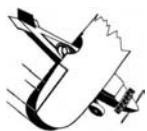
With several planes operating, everyone got a chance for an actual flying experience.



**Mark taxis to the Hamburg runway.**



## Top Ten Reasons Why It's Not So Bad to Crash Your Airplane !



from Roxbury Area Model Airplane Club,  
Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, (with permission)

10. If there are people in the club who are wondering why you haven't done it recently, they will finally be "off your case."
9. You get everyone's attention for a few seconds.
8. You get some people's sympathy for second or two.
7. Certain club members run to get their camera to take pictures of the wreckage.
6. You don't have to fold the back seat down in your car to get your airplane in on the way home.
5. Your spare parts collection just got bigger.
4. You now have more room at home for your next airplane.
3. You now have room on your transmitter for your next airplane (if you were maxed out).
2. You will never have to bring that airplane to the club auction.
- And, finally,
1. You don't have to fly that airplane anymore.



## New Rules for Nike Site

**New morning start times.**  
**Electric planes ..... 8 am.**  
**Gas powered planes .....9 am.**  
**Flying is prohibited after 5 pm on all weekdays during soccer season.**  
**Soccer season runs from Mid-May to the end of July.**  
**Flying is permitted on Saturday and Sunday.**  
**The field will be closed to flying during soccer events.**

## A great Line Up of Summer Modeling Fun

<p><b>July 21-22</b>  <b>Chief's Air Show</b>                  Gehan Rd.                  Canandaigua, NY</p>	<p><b>Jul 7- 8</b>  <b>STARS Scale Rally</b>                  Catt. Co. Olean A/P                  Olean, NY                  No pilot fee                  Sat night, park flyers</p>
<p><b>Jul 14-15</b>  <b>RAMs</b>  <b>Model Airplane Show</b>                  Macedon Field                  Macedon Ctr. Rd.                  Free Parking &amp; admission</p>	<p><b>Jul 28-29</b>  <b>Sky Rovers Air Show</b>                  Ford Field                  McBurney Rd.                  Phelps, NY</p>
<p><b>Aug 18-19</b>  <b>R.C.C.R.</b>  <b>Great Electric Fly</b>                  Bolling Field. Brockport, NY</p>	<p><b>Aug.4-5</b>                  Don't Forget  <b>The Flying Knights</b>  <b>Scale Rally</b>                  Hamburg Airpark,                  Lake View, Rd.</p>
<p><b>Sep 1-2,</b>  <b>Sky Rovers</b>  <b>Scale War Bird Rally</b>                  Phelps, NY</p>	<p><b>Sep 8-9</b>  <b>Flying Dutchman Scale Rally</b>                  Kitchener, Ont. Canada                  Fri. night, corn roast. (9/7)                  Waterloo Rod&amp; Gun Club.                  Www.kwfllyingdutchmen.com</p>

## OUR CLUB PICNICS

Scheduled Date	Rain Date
July 8th	July 15th
August 12th	August 19th
Sept. 9th	Sept 16th

**GENESEO AIR SHOW**  
**THE GREATEST SHOW ON TURF**  
**July 14- 15, 2007**

Geneseo Airport  
Route 63  
Geneseo, NY

**Thunder of Niagara**  
**Niagara Falls Air show**  
 With the Thunderbirds

August 11th & 12th

**Flight Instruction**

The following members will provide **regular** flight instruction. Use your **roster** to contact them for training arrangements by phone or email.

**Mark Chamberlain    Stu Brierley**  
**Frank Shattuck      John Newman**

The following members are available for instruction at the flying field. They will be very happy to help you anytime that they are at the field. Please don't call them.

**Tom Filipiak      Bill Scaglione**  
**Jim Devlin        Jerry Piscatello**

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No soccer games are played during the day or on weekends. Only one major weekend event is scheduled this summer.

The Flying field is used year round, casual in winter and heavily during summer.

The soccer players use the field for two and a half months.

If the area is restricted to soccer, this facility would sit idle for 9 1/2 months.

This represents a 21% utilization of this recreational facility.

It seems incongruous that a public facility built and maintained with public money to serve all the people, must sit idle 80 % of the year to satisfy a select group.

The flyers are of all ages. Many are senior citizens.

The town seeks to provide activities for seniors., yet, here it would shut down a facility that many seniors currently utilize.

A recent addition to the soccer complex

is a food stand.

The revenue generated by this operation may also be a factor.

The topic was a hot issue at our club meeting of May 25th.

A letter from Marty Deneke of the Hamburg Recreation Department to the RC Aircrafters, acknowledged all of the effort and cooperation put forth by the clubs over the years in developing and policing activities at the present field.

A committee was formed to partner with the RC Aircrafters and work proactively with Marty and the Town of Hamburg in the location of a new field.

Bill Hauth will head up the team.

Our Scale Rally should not be in jeopardy this year, but if a resolution to this problem is not found and implemented immediately, next year's rally may be up in the air, - literally.

As many know, Bob Rodgers has an elaborate outdoor train setup in his back yard.



If you would like to see Bob's layout, email him at (Bobn101@verizon.net) or phone 662-5995 for a time to visit.

You can get information on upcoming outdoor open houses in our area by emailing grtebo@verizon.net.

And, they will be at the Hamburg Fair in the Grange bldg. in August.

### Annual Fall R/C Auction September 29, 2007

First Presbyterian Church of West Seneca  
2085 Union Road, West Seneca, N.Y.

Doors Open 10 AM Auction Starts at noon.

Auctioneer -Bill Hauth

Raffles and Door Prizes

Admission \$ 4.00

Women and Children under 12 FREE

Refreshments Available.

## Safety Reminder

AMA insurance regulations prohibit any flying while people are within or adjacent to the flight patterns. At the NC field, this includes farm workers cutting or bailing hay.

**Common sense should always prevail.**



### A REMINDER FOR ALL FLYING KNIGHT'S CLUB MEMBERS AS THE FLYING SEASON APPROACHES

LATE LAST SUMMER, THE CLUB MANDATED TO CHANGE THE FLIGHT PATTERN BACK TO THE "FIGURE 8" CONFIGURATION AT THE NORTH COLLINS FIELD. THIS IS ABSOLUTLY NECESSARY TO PREVENT FURTHER PROBLEMS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS ON SHIRLY ROAD.

**WE NEED EVERYONE'S COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.**

# KNIGHT'S SWAP SHEET

## INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE

**WORLD MODELS---**"INTRUDER 90"  
**PATTERN ARF---PRECISION MANUVERS  
AND SPORT FLYING ---NO BAD FLYING  
HABITS. 60 FLIGHTS, NO MISHAPS**

Equipped with:

JR622 6- ch computer radio

OS.91 4 cycle engine

Complete ready to fly -----\$350.00

Plane with engine / servos ---\$275.00

Plane and engine only -----\$195.00

**WORLD MODELS---**"RAMBLER"-  
**SPORT FLYER ARF---**

Beautiful red, white and blue.

Still in almost brand new condition  
includes the OS 71, 4-cycle engine.

Great flyer---Prices include the installed  
retract landing gear and retract servo.

Plane -----as described-----\$225.00

Plane-- with rest of servos-----\$298.00



**Call  
Jerry Piscitello  
649-7947**



Wing span ----63", Wing area----690 sq in  
Length w/spinner--58", Weight inc engine---7.5 lbs.

Wing span ---63", Wing area ---670 Sq in  
Overall length---52", .Weight -- 7.0 lbs.

## Miss America

**60 size P-51 Mustang, (plane only)**

**\$200**

**Call Chuck Schummer – 675-1531**



### **Radios:**

Futaba 4 ch.

Futaba 6 ch

Buddy box w cord

### **Engines:**

Fox 50 engine,

several flights.

### **Planes:**

Stafford Ercoupe kit

Goldberg J-3, nose damage

Pica WACO (partly built)

**Hobbico 60 w K&B 61**

**Equipped flight box, Misc stuff**

**Call Don Pfohl, (former member) at 667-7396**

**Completed Models-  
Ready for engine and radio.**

**Engines - Planes  
Many new in box.**

**Call Elmer Gross  
at 896-1183**

**Knights-Take 20%  
off asking prices!**

**Disclaimer:** This feature is presented as a service to the members of our club. All transactions are between the buyer and the seller only. Neither the Knights, its officers nor any entities will be held accountable for any dispute. Do not call Knights or Editor to execute sales.

## 3rd Q 2007

### Schedule

Fri. 7/6, 7/27, 8/17  
Nike Field 7:30

Fri. 9/7, 9/28  
St. James Church 7:30  
New members 6:30

Board Meeting  
Wed. 7/4, 7/25, 8/15,  
9/5, 9/26  
7:30 pm

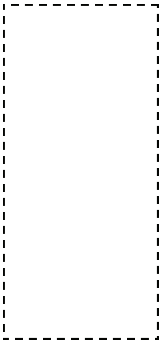
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## Officers

President: George Gard  
Vice Pres: Mark Chamberlain  
Secretary: Gail Scaglione  
Treasurer: George Fox

## Board

Jim Pravel Bob Rodgers  
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