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## 2001 Rally Looms

In a few short weeks the sound of a hundred engines will echo over the Nike Site runway. Our 2001 Scale Rally will be upon us.

Few realize the amount of work that goes into executing an event like this. It all begins the previous year as volunteers opt for a number of key positions.

Paper work has to get in many months before the actual event. Planning goes on year round.

But, how about all of those

flyers who come back year after year to display their planes and their flying.

They too, prepare early, selecting a favorite aircraft to model, then nursing it into the air so that on the day of our rally, it can be put through its paces for the delight of our spectators.

All of these flyers must be alerted to the precise date of our event and this occurs with a mass mailing in May.

In addition to the flyers, the manufacturers must also be contacted



Awaiting air time at last years rally

and yet another mailing triggers the flow of goodies that are a hallmark of our event.

Though a few are tasked (volunteer) with the leadership role, it takes the efforts of all of our members to make the event a success.

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First and foremost, we belong to a "fun" club. Everybody joins the Flying Knights because they want to have fun and learn how to fly and build model airplanes.

Our rally must remain always a "fun" thing and even though it sometimes takes a little work to create fun, the ultimate goal must never be lost sight of.

Our rally must be "fun" for us as hosts and for our "participants" and especially for our spectators.

Even "fun" things need a little support now and then. So when everybody jumps in to help with all the little things, any burden is eliminated and great things happen.

Such is our "rally", the sum total of the many small efforts contributed by all of our members in the spirit of fun.

So get ready, our 2001 rally will soon be upon us.

Let's all help and let's all enjoy it.

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## Annual Fun Fly-Grand Slam

Fifteen flyers and their families took advantage of a beautiful WNY day to attend our 2001 Fun-fly and family picnic at the North Collins Field on the tenth of June.

Our new shelter was up and running adding a great touch to the club field.

A little confusion on the Pizza, (the establishment didn't open until 4pm), but they opened early and the goodies arrived at 3:30 to feed a gaggle of hungry eagles. Bob Waldraf and his wife brought a "hot" chip dip that created a minor frenzy.

Along with the many fine desserts brought out by all the wives, Frank Shattuck and his wife sported a strawberry and

whipped cream delight that required cooling but everybody loved.

Although it was somewhat breezy at first, the wind calmed down during the day. A couple of beginners took advantage of the ideal conditions to learn some flight basics.

In fact it was so nice that Gerry Piscatello and Chuck Shummer broke out their electric gliders.

One long standing tradition was broken however.

Tom Filipiak **did not** crash and observers noted that he even had a smile on his face at the end of a most successful day.

## **Gil Boelke**

The Knights are saddened by the loss of Gil Boelke who passed away this spring.

Gil was a member for many years and was known for his innovative mods to his aircraft.

We were all amazed when he mounted a color tv camera on his model and demo'ed it at one of our meetings.

Gil founded GLB Inc. , an electronics company manufacturing radio transceivers for data transmission. He recently sold the operation to a Canadian Firm.

## **Knight makes Eagle**



In February, one of our members, Darron Domon achieved the highest award in Scouting, Eagle Scout.

Darron is the son of Don Domon, who is also a member of the Flying Knights.

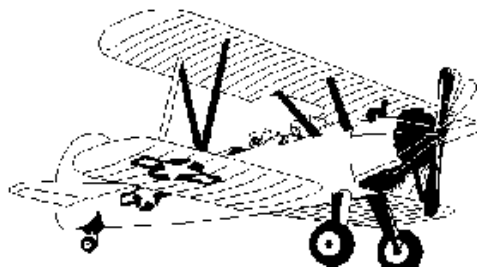
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## **Planus Gigantus**

On July 7-8, 2001 the S.T.A.R.S. will present their annual rally.

See super size 1/3 scale aircraft at the Stars rally in Olean, NY

## **24th Annual STARS Scale Rally**



We were saddened to learn that Bob Reid of Ohio, a past participant of our Scale Rallies, passed away in 1994. His wife, Marty informed us that the following articles are for sale.

Experimental (Blue-own design with Cox .049 engine) ----- \$  
75.00

Green (own design with -no engine or radio) -----  
60.00

Yellow/blue - d.g.p. (own design with K&B 40 engine) -----  
140.00

Mini Mambo - green/yellow (with Cox .040 engine) -----  
80.00

Blue/red/natural (own design with Enya .15 engine) ----- 78.00

Small blue (own design with .049 engine) -----  
75.00

Red #10 (own design - no engine or radio) -----  
75.00

Antic - blue (with 4 stroke engine) (in corner) -----  
400.00

Futaba - Conquest - FM FP-4NBF -4 channel transmitter,  
receiver & servos (50.920 MHz) -----  
75.00

Futaba - Attack-4 - AM FP-4NBL -4 channel transmitter  
(72.310 MHz) -----  
45.00

If anyone wishes to purchase these items please contact Mary Reid at 1-330-448-4572.

or  
Write to:  
Martha M. Reid  
368 Sunset Dr.  
Brookfield, OH 44403

She also has 5/6 boxes of old radios, pulse receivers, servos and miscellaneous parts that she is interested in selling.

# SAGA OF THE SHELTER

Contributed by Ron Wojik

By now many of you have seen our new shelter at North Collins. It is a great addition that will enhance our use of the field for many years to come.

As a member of the shelter committee, it was a real pleasure to work side by side with all of our great members who came out to help.

You did a GREAT JOB !

I want to give my personal thanks to the other committee members, Bob Waldraf, Chuck Schummer, Greg Achtyl, who committed themselves to time and

labor, that made this project a success.

Also, I request any member who has not met or talked with our new member, Greg Achtyl to do so. He is a great young man (dresses funny) and a tremendous worker, who was out there from start to finish.

Members of this club should commit themselves to insure that Greg becomes a great pilot. (His parents must be proud.)

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Some members of the Shelter Crew take a needed break.

## OBSERVATIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION

**Ron Wojic**

**Sat 5/19/01 10:15 am**

The anticipation was finally met with the digging of (8) 12 inch post holes, 4 feet deep. This was a challenge since we only had a 36 inch auger.

The team of Bob Waldraff, Jim Pravel, Dave Igel, Chuck Schummer and Greg Aclityl made short work, creating (8) holes, 36 inches deep.

So it was decided that I go 57 miles round trip to get an extension. When I returned, Dave and Greg had dug (5) holes, 4 feet deep, just to keep busy.



**Arrival of poles**

That convinced me, we have dedicated members. Excitement started early Saturday Morning as volunteers waited

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### A FEW FACTS ON THE SHELTER

#### Supports for Roof

(8) Telephone poles set 4 feet in ground for a 12 foot wide X 36 foot long base.

(21) Trusses 4/12 pitch



**Waiting for the trusses**

completion. 31 hours.

15 feet wide x 40 feet long.  
It is off-set from center to give approximately 4 feet overhang on flying field side for shaded viewing.

**Approximate time of construction**  
from staking out location to

#### Items for future completion

- 1) Build (4) 12 foot benches, (2) to face field and (2) to face inwards.
- 2) Add crushed stone under shelter.

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Excitement started early Saturday Morning as volunteers waited for the delivery truck to drop off material.

**WEATHER WAS SURE COOPERATING!!**



It was great to see everyone working together. As I helped to assign jobs, there was Bob Waldruff right behind me to make sure my instructions were correct.

What a wise choice for “field engineer.”

I assigned a team consisting of Bob Rogers, Jim Pravel, Hugh Spears and Vince Rasp to add a support to roof trusses.

Made template for accuracy. It worked most of the time. Good thing the trusses came to a point. It helped the team of Tom

Filipiak, Bob, Chuck, Greg install them right. Point goes UP guys.

21 trusses were installed in 1 hour, 15 minutes.

**THAT’S TEAM WORK!!**

Many thanks to Lucy (Bob’s black lab). She greeted everyone who passed through the gate, AHOOOO!!

I reassigned the team of Bob, Jim, Hugh, Vince, Stu Brierley came on board. No sense breaking them up, did a great job on the trusses.



**Adding the finishing touches**

## Nancy Horni

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Herb Horni's wife, Nancy, on June 19, 2001.

Nancy taught in the Orchard Park School System for many years.

Herb is a member of the Flying Knights and is noted for his rendition of the National and Canadian Anthems opening our Scale Rallies.

## 10 th Annual Fall R/C Auction

Sept. 29, 2001

Trinity Lutheran School Gym  
146 Reserve Rd., West Seneca, N.Y.

Auctioneer - Tom Filipiak  
Raffles and Door Prizes  
Admission \$3.00  
Women & Children under 12

FREE

## Guide for Channel Use

These are the distributions of odd & even channels that are currently in use by members of the Flying Knights.

Data was collected by Ron Wojc and Les Hanks

