



THE KNIGHT FLYER



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Scale Rally celebrates 25 yrs

The rally of 2006 was one of the best to come along in a while.

We may not have broken any records, but with the superb weather, a generous gaggle of flyers and a steady crowd of spectators, it was a fine rally indeed.

As usual, we compete with the Cornfest in Eden. This year, the Lake View Community Days event also took place during the rally.

The first planes were then into the air. The sky was a perfect blue with a few white clouds.

For most of the day, there were 4 to 5 planes in the air at any given time.



International event

That may not be a bad thing. One never knows if that adds or subtracts from the spectators.

Herb Horni gave awesome renditions of the Canadian and American anthems to start the event off.



Come one, come all!

Toward noon, the smell of hot dogs and hamburgers drifted about as Stu Brierley and his crew fired up the grills.



Planes in the pit area

Sara, Gail, Trina, Nick and others connected the customers to their food.

So many people worked to make this rally a great success that it is difficult to single them out.

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Everyone is to be congratulated. From the guys on the flight line to the those managing the parking lot, from those handling the impound area to those stationed at the various event booths, everyone stepped up and contributed their share.



Static display



Pilot's dinner line

On Saturday, around noon, open flying was suspended for a brief time while several special aircraft and performances could take place.

As has been the custom for several years, Dave Lander of Hornell, NY brought his lawnmower out to trim the field for this display.



Flying lawnmower

The kids and their moms and dads let out a surprised shout when the lawnmower took off and flew through the air in a most un-lawnmower like manner.

John Battershell put on a great demonstration of aerobatics flying. For the first time at our air show, two turbine jets put in an appearance.

Jerry Piscatello and Orv Chatwood, capped the demos with a parachute drop.

The real surprise was that the parachute was a para-foil, which came down under its own radio controlled descent.

The pilots dinner is always a top attraction at our rally, and this year was no exception.

Sunday is usually more relaxed than the hectic pace seen on Saturdays.

A few of our traveling pilots leave after the pilots dinner and begin the long trip home.

Beginning in the quiet dawn with the anthems of our two countries, the pace picks up.

Noon finds our food tent in full swing. Throughout the afternoon, 4 to 5 planes are in the air at all times.

Blessed with good weather, the pilots took full advantage of every moment.



Crowded flight line

Because the Sunday session ends early at 3pm, there is no time for the spectator walk-about.

At the end of the the day, the

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Hamburg Airport hosts Pancake Breakfast

On August 19th, Hamburg Airport threw its first pancake breakfast fly-in.

The knights were asked to set up a static display in the hanger.



An inviting menu.

Our static display consisted of about 20 models arrayed into two groups.

Despite the gloomy forecast, the event was very successful.

The Civil Air Patrol prepared and served the breakfast, which consisted of scrambled eggs, sausage and pancakes.

They did a great job and the proceeds went to support their organization



Static display

There was plenty of room to sit down in hanger number two, and enjoy it all.

Rides were given in the ultra-light parafoil and many took advantage of that.

Our VP, Mark Chamberlain flew his four place Cherokee in from Dunkirk and spent the morning giving flights to many of the interested onlookers.



Uh-oh...

At least 30 people took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a flight around the Lake View area.



Cleared for take-off

The event proved to be so successful that there is little doubt that it will be held again next year.



It's in there somewhere, Orv.

And, I'm sure that many of those who enjoyed it this year, will be back again.

July picnic

Another beautiful day. Could the June picnic be topped?

Well, July came close. The weather was hot but the winds were light.

A good number of Knights took advantage of the ideal conditions to come out to the second picnic of the season.



Crowded flight line

Even the reclusive Kevin McCormack showed up with daughter, eager to take flying lessons from her expert dad.



Now, a **little up**. Easy.



Our new shed



Old timers



Shady vantage point

Several of our new members couldn't pass this opportunity up.

No one had volunteered to do the cooking duty, so George Fox stepped up to the plate, (no pun intended) and turned out a magnificent rack of hot dogs.



Here's to a good flight

As is often the case, we rely on a core group of active members to take on the tasks involved with these events.

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August Picnic

After the superb weather that we had for our Rally, one had to figure that we would have to "pay the piper".

You guessed it. Our August picnic day looked like a gloomy one indeed.

Rain and wind were the order of the day. Not enough to revert to the rain date, but enough to put the "iffy" label on the regular date.



Stormy weather

But, a number of our stalwart members braved the dismal forecast and arrived at the field content to sample the dinner even if flying was curtailed.

After all, Mark and Debbie were doing the cooking, and that would be worth the trip.



Where did they go?

As it turned out, about a dozen flyers challenged the elements over the course of the soggy afternoon.

Even your editor not known for showing up in bad weather, got in a flight with his red and silver T-28.

George Gard and George Fox were certainly not intimidated and Mark took his Cherokee, (the model) for a spin.



Rain, rain, go away.

The most activity during the afternoon however, appeared to be the constant game of hide and seek, as the flyers ran with their planes to the shelter, only to whisk them back out to the flight line when the rain stopped.

A pleasant surprise was the appearance of Les Hanks with his plane for the first time since his surgery.



Les fires up

The crowd was small, but the picnic was very enjoyable for all who came.

Some folks seemed to feel that there was a chill in the air and came equipped with jackets.

Others were defiant, that this was still high summer.

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One area where we have 100% participation, is the "dishes to pass". There were so many appetizing dishes that it was difficult to choose between them.

The best strategy seemed to be to take small amounts of everything.

A point to consider for the future might be slightly larger plates.

This was the first opportunity for all of the members to see the new shed that was purchased and erected on the flying site.

This was truly a picnic to remember.

Two new members solo



Photo G.Fox

Gerry Piscatello congratulates
Chuck Caruana

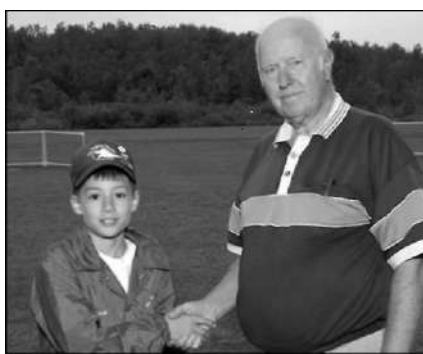


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Jim Devlin congratulates
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Continued from p-2, Rally pilots gather for the drawing of the traditional radio. Our RC plane is raffled off at this time.

This year we were very fortunate to have a donation from Hobby Corp of America of a Great Planes Flight Simulator. Bob Rodgers was the lucky winner.

This was also our 25th year for the Scale Rally. Specially designed tee shirts and patches were sold to mark the event.

Every pilot guest was given a patch when he checked in, as a memento of our 25th year.

The Scale Rally came to a close. Every Knight should feel good about our 2006 rally. From the weather to the comradery, things could hardly have been better.



July 5, 2006

Sadly, we mourn the loss of Don Naber.

Don was a founding member of the Flying Knights.

He will be missed by all.

**Jamestown Flying Aces
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**Following the meeting of
December 15th**

Elections before the party.



New Members

The Flying Knights would like to welcome the following new members who joined our club over the summer.

**Ray Barron
Dan Cook**

**Ron Graham
Harold Hauser**

**Robert Molnar
William Sutton**