4th Q 2009

Schedule
Friday
10/16, 11/6, 12/11
St. James Church 7:30
New members 6:30

Board Meeting
10/14, 11/4, 12/9
7:30 pm
George's Place

Officers

President:	**George Fox**
Vice Pres:	**Ron Wojcik**
Secretary:	**Gail Scaglione**
Treasurer:	**Ray Barren**

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Chuck Schummer Bob Rodgers
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Oct—Nov—Dec **2009**
Editor **Jim Devlin**

Fabulous Final Picnic

Things were looking good. Quite a few pilots had arrived and in spite of a nagging breeze were putting in their flights. The wind was coming directly down the field so the direction was ideal.

Around 3 pm, some clouds rolled in.

A few sprinkles lasting about 10 minutes did little to dampen the spirit and the planes were again in the air.

Several of the 1/4 scale models were quite impressive. Each year more electric planes are in the mix.

Dinner was prepared promptly at 4 pm by Bob Waldraff and crew.

Plenty of dishes brought by the members augmented the hot dogs and hamburgers supplied by the club.



Bob Soboleski's WWI fighter takes off

The weather had greatly improved and flying was resumed.

It was a great time and despite the cow dung laced evening breeze, probably the best picnic of the year.

More pictures of our summer picnics for July and August are displayed on the page 6.



Time out for dinner

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Hamburg Fly-In

On May 30th, the Hamburg Airport on Lake View Rd, hosted their annual Fly In Pancake Breakfast. this year the weather was on the cool side but winds were mild.

Last year the high crosswind cancelled the airplane rides.

An excellent breakfast was prepared and served by the Civil Air Patrol of Hamburg.

The Flying Knight's Club was invited to present a static display of a variety of models.

This year, airplane rides were linked to the Young Pilot's program, a program that encourages young people to take an interest in flying.

Quite a few boys and girls had the experience of flying for the first time.

The open house at the airport is an annual event and the pancake breakfast alone is a good reason not to miss it.

Enjoy it with your family or just hang out with your fellow club members.



Civil Air Patrol serves breakfast.



Christmas Party

December 11th

St. James Church

Meeting 7:30 **Party follows**

Pizza—Pop—- Desserts

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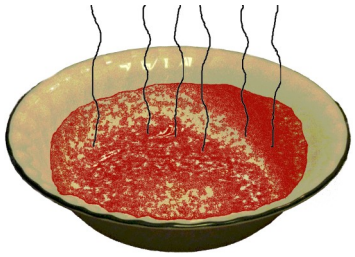
In the June picnic article, Chuck Caruana's helper for the task of cooking was incorrectly named. It was Nathan. We apologize for the error.

Don't miss this one!

The Famous Chilly Fly

October 11 (rain date, 18 th)

North Collins Field -Dinner 4PM



Chuck Caruana is cooking up a large pot of his famous chili.
Enough for all!
Ray Barren is cooking some hot dogs.
If you're a chili chef, bring some of your creation, too.

Bring your own beverage and snacks.
We are furnishing disposable bowls, spoons and forks.
If you want larger utensils bring your own.

Average Temp….. 42 to 63 Deg.

Re-new Your Membership by Mail

Membership dues **must** be received before **Jan. 8, 2010** or you will be dropped from the roster. Extension by request only. (Call 699-4716).
Please use the form below to renew your membership by mail.
Remember, flying privileges at the Nike Site and the North Collins fields are restricted to club members only!
Return form along with your **payment** and a **copy** of your **2009 AMA card** to Ray Barren, 7330 Kent Road, Little Valley, NY 14775. or in person at our regular meeting. Please make sure that your email address is current, legible and correct.

2010 Dues Renewal Form

Please print legibly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ A.M.A. # _____

Email: **(If you have one.)**: _____



First Solo Flights

One of the high points for a new member is that first flight, that you do all on your own.

We have had several new members make their first solo this summer and we congratulate them all.

Our latest club member to reach this milestone is Nathan Chordas-Ewell.

KNIGHT'S SWAP SHEET

If you have something for sale, or you are looking for something special, put your request in "The Swap Sheet". Free to all club members.

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.

Summer of '09

July picnic: A fair crowd showed up for the second summer picnic in July. The weather was in the lower 60's with some wind.

That didn't keep any one from flying. Even Gerry Piscitello flew his backward canard putting it through several excellent flights.

Chuck Caruana flew his scale Mustang.

The dinner was cooked up by Jim and Shawn Ehrig.

It was topped off my many fine dishes supplied by the members.



Jim & Shawn Erhig prepare dinner



July Flight Line

August picnic: Great weather, poor crowd.

Our August picnic opened with a very beautiful break in the weather. Such days were hard to come by this year.

In spite of the weather, the number of attendees was below normal.

Quite possibly, the Erie County Fair had something to do with it.

Those who came, enjoyed great flying.

The dinner was excellent with the cooking being done by Nathan and Chuck.

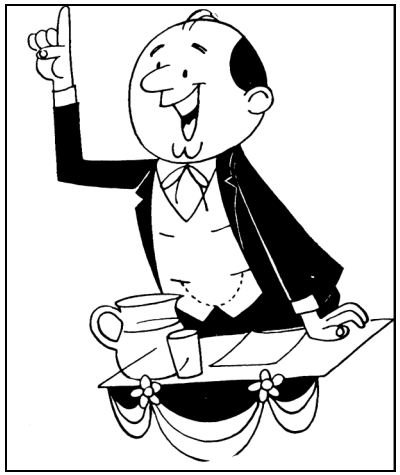


Nathan mans the grill



Getting ready for flight

2009 Elections



As it is every year, the venue for the elections is our famous Christmas Party.

For the last several years, the mad dash to fill these offices has run like greased pizza.

All of the offices are up for nominations. All nominations must, of course, be acknowledged by December 11 th.

George would like to have all of the slots filled by the Nov. 6 th meeting, so that the election can take place promptly, with a single Secretarial ballot.

Any member may be nominated to any office. One of the perks for office holders is the dispensation of their annual dues for the year in which they complete their term.

The offices are president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. There are four board positions.

The tasks of each position are called out in our club constitution.

Every member should have a copy of this document.

Most of the incumbents are running again, but nominations are encouraged.

One office definitely open will be that of secretary. Two board positions will probably be open as well.

Batavia R/C SWAP MEET

Nov 7th 2009
9AM-3PM
St. Anthony's Parish Community Center, 114 Liberty St. Batavia, NY 14020.

The doors open at 8 AM for set up.

$3.00 Admission Fee (Women & Children under 16 yrs. FREE)
$5.00 per Table
Food available. For more details visit us at :www.bataviarc.org or contact
Joe Palmer (585) 343-0061.

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Scale Rally 2009

The colors were dazzling. More than a hundred scale models sat on the apron in front of the flight line. They represented examples from the past and present. They represented many hours of work.

Cool WW1 biplanes sat amid Bombers, jets and sleek acrobatic models. Each was a replica of an actual airplane.



Ultimate biplane, field center.



Crowded Flight Line

It was a great relief.

A successful rally depends upon the weather, especially for the first day. Rain has wiped out some prior rallies.

Most of the profits for the rally are generated on that crucial first day.

At 10 AM the anthems of Canada and the States, sung by member, Herb Horni, signaled the beginning of the 38th scale rally

The summer of 2009 Played out in a most dismal fashion.

The month of July achieved the distinction of being the coldest on record.

It seemed that rain came nearly every other day. The ground never dried out.

When the forecast for August 1st finally appeared, one could hardly believe it.

Bright sunshine and calm winds.



An International Event



Dave Kobie and the raffle prize

Large numbers of spectators stopped by to watch the performance.

The flying continued right up until the Pilot's Dinner at 5 PM.

The pilot's raffle took place with the $100 prize awarded to the first drawing.

The dinner itself was splendid. There was a great variety of dishes, brought in by the members and their wives.

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No time was wasted as flying got under way. For most of the morning at least four planes were in the air at any given moment.

During the noon hour several specialty flights took place.

One featured a jet aircraft while another took us into the past with a four engined B-17, Flying Fortress of WWII fame.

Flying continued through out the afternoon .



Cooking up the Pilot's Dinner



Announcers try to unscramble flights

Sunday morning did not bode well for the 2009 Rally.

A grey and dismal dawn greeted both workers and fliers.

Hot coffee in the food tent helped to ease the gloom.

The clouds cleared for a short while and some of the flyers ventured into the air.

However, as noon approached the clouds moved back in. The ensuing drizzle grounded the few remaining flyers and at 1:30 pm the rest of the rally was cancelled.