THE KNIGHT FLYER

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Clubs merge for 2017 Mall Show

This year it was decided to combine the Knight's mall show with that of the RC-aircrafters.

The two clubs actually fly different types of aircraft.

As a result, the variety of planes was extended in several dimensions.

The Knights favor many of the newer scale electrics while many Aircrafters tend toward large home built 3-D models. Model builders occupy both clubs.

Our show takes place in March. Springtime is when the models are in their best shape, usually just completed and ready for the coming season.

The show featured many examples of aircraft spanning the history of flight.

Planes from the age of the classics and including military types from world war's one and two were displayed around the tables and suspended above.

Planes line tables at mall.

An outstanding model of a Cessna Citation business jet using two electric ducted fan engines was a great example of the expertise of the model builders.

A large number of planes were of the acrobatic type and will soon be performing their routines at the model airfields of Western New York.

There was also an example of the new drones that have become so popular.

Example of wide variety of planes.

Some of the other unusual aircraft were the bumble bee with its very short wings and several flying wing types, including one set up for vertical take-off with rotating engines.

One feature of the mall show is the simulator set-up. Anyone interested in what happens behind the transmitter sticks is welcome to give it a try.

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FPV Comes to Meeting

FPV seems to be the new sector of interest for many RC enthusiasts.

A corner of the vast Agri-center venue is dedicated to this activity.

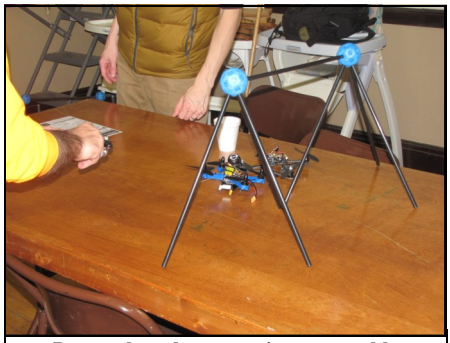
One end of the building was set up with the customary tunnels and obstacles to form a flight path/track for the participants.

The tiny hovercraft, consisting basically of a camera and transmitter zip and flit about the track.

FPV course at agricenter

With their goggles mounted on their foreheads, the pilots carefully guide their mini-drones through the maze, often competing with others as they race en-mass through the complex.

Approximately a half dozen Knights presented our club members with a close up demonstration of this new dimension of our hobby at our meeting of February 24th.



Drone obstacle on meeting room table

At the conclusion of the meeting, a course was set up through the hall. It wound around the chairs and into the kitchen.

It was an informative and entertaining presentation.

Video was transmitted to our projector, which had been set up to display the "goggle video" of the flying drone onto the wall so that everyone could see what the pilot sees,

The FPV system, consisting of the camera and transmitter can also be set up on a normal model aircraft and flown using the FPV goggles. Some members are already trying this out.

Flight Simulator is Mall Show hit.

A feature of our Mall show is the club flight simulator.

Here a young visitor is flying the simulated aircraft exactly as if he were at the flying field. His first time ever.

Simulator software has improved to such an extent that it behaves almost like the real thing.

The simulator boasts over a hundred existing models, including helicopters), and displays the flight characteristics of all of them.

If the model will do it, the simulator will too.

Super Bowl Crash n Bash

In spite of this being the warmest winter in several decades, Super bowl Sunday developed a wind chill of 20 degrees.

Brutal.

The heat from the new stove was a welcome addition to the environment of the shelter.

Cheery glow of the new stove.

The cold took its toll on the number of flyers that ventured out.

Around noon there were only 12 1/2 people gathered in the shelter.

However, the food was already on the fire and a large pot of chili simmered on the stove.

Brose bros head for mortal combat

The cold seemed to squash anyone's thoughts of flying, but there were signs of an upcoming combat mission in the works.

Sure enough, Andy and brother Mike gathered up their planes and headed out to the frozen runway for a sibling rivalry challenge.

The two planes dove viciously at each other in a deadly areal dance, but managed to repeatedly miss each other.

Amazingly, both landed safely, to fly and fight again another day

Hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage with all the trimmings took the chill out of the air.

Bleak Environment of Flying Field

There were a number of dishes brought to pass and everyone seemed to find a comfortable spot in the shelter to settle down and enjoy their food in good company.

Super bowl 2017 was cold.

Who knows, next year, like many outings in the past may bring a much more hospitable flying day.

No matter, however, everyone who attended, seemed to enjoy that camaraderie that brings a warmth all its own.

Attention! All new members

Summer Flight Lessons

Bill Hauth plans to be at the Emerling field on Wednesday evenings, (weather permitting) during the summer months. This is a great opportunity for all beginners to learn to fly . The club trainer is available for any one who would like to get hands on flying experience. Have your new model checked out.

Summer Activities Through June

Weak signal's
63rd Annual R/C Show
2017 Toledo Show
April 7th, 8th and 9th,
Toledo, Ohio

Chief's
Float Fly
Honeoye Lake
Sat-Sun
June 17-18

Jolamtra Airport
Fun Fly

June 10-11, 2017
Jolamtra Landing Area
Bath, NY

RCCR
Fun Fly 2017
Ray Edmunds Memorial
Sat/Sun Jun 24-25
Northampton Pk,
Brockport, NY

Knight's Club Picnic
Sunday May 21, 2017
NC Field

Knights Club Picnic
Sunday June 11th
(Field to be Determined).

S.E.M.A.C.
Jet-Together
Sat-Sun June 17-18
Perry, NY

Clean-up Dates to be Determined

North Collins Field is scheduled for early May.
Starts at at 10 A.M. , flying follows.
Bring along a shovel or a rake.
Emerling Field cleanup will also be scheduled.

Annual Chinese Auction

This year the Chinese auction kind of snuck up on the folks.

It seemed to be about half the size that it usually commands.

Of course, the meeting attendance itself was also down.

Whatever the reason, lot's of stuff was available for the auction.

Bill Hauth & Bob Waldraff pick winners

Another trend, one that seems to be common throughout the hobby was the type of stuff. With the hobby swinging in favor of electric planes, a lot of gas paraphernalia seems to be showing up in the marketplace for pretty cheap prices.

Tables of goodies on display

Seems to be true of the big auctions as well as our little one.

Everything seemed to go well.

The purpose of the Chinese auction is to raise funds for improvements at our club fields.

Often, some repair or addition is required that is a budget buster.

The fund may also help subsidize a new piece of equipment.

In spite of the low turnout this year, the event was a success.

We did indeed raise a few bucks to help out with our field expenses and there was plenty of stuff to be exchanged.

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Another feature of the show is the projection of many of the RC related video DVDs that the club keeps in its club library. These are played throughout the show.

Visitors to the mall are encouraged to vote for the plane that they believe would be the 'best of show'. This is a beauty contest and of course, beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

The mall show is a venue for modelers to show the public what our hobby is all about.

If someone has an interest in aviation, the show gives them a lot of information to proceed to the next level. Perhaps, even to join a club.

The show also gives the residents of Hamburg the opportunity to see what members of the community do in their leisure time.

In achieving these goals, the 2017 Mall show was a huge success.

KNIGHT'S SWAP SHEET

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

2nd Q 2017

Schedule
Fri. 4/7, 4/28, 5/19, 6/9, 6/30
St. James Church 7:30 PM
New members 6:30

Board Meeting
Tue. 4/4, 4/25, 5/16, 6/6, 6/27

Major Tom's Landing Zone
7:30 PM

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