



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Oct – Nov - Dec

2017

Slow Start—Great Finish

Things looked pretty grim upon arrival at the Nike Base field on Saturday morning.

Our 2017 Air Show was to start in about half an hour, but not a single plane was parked on the flight line.

The wind was fairly strong and the sun had yet to make an appearance.

Of course a large number of pilots had arrived over night, judging from the number of mobile homes parked in the lot. The field itself was nicely dressed.

The town had cut and trimmed the grass and a large group of Knights had come out on Friday evening to install the sound, arrange the tables and trim the grass.

Spectators slowly arrived over the course of the morning and though lighter than previous rallies everyone seemed to enjoy the show



Spectators Enjoy the Show



Enter, stage left...

It was pretty bleak, so it was decided to skip the opening ceremony and simply let anyone who wanted to fly, go right on out to the field and do their thing.

Missing also were the famous candy drops, although the food tent business was steady throughout the day.

Thanks to all of our volunteers, everything went very smoothly.

Each pilot received a ticket for their flight and a number of drawings were held at the end of the day to reward them for their performance.

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Flying was hesitant at first, but as the morning moved along, fliers stepped up and throughout the day, there was very little dead air.



Kitchen crew toiled for two days.

The Pilot's dinner on Saturday evening was outstanding.

All of the "dishes to pass" offered plenty of variety and all of the Knights joined the out of town pilots for a great dinner.



Knight's man the Information Booth

Although some sporadic rain was in the forecast, it held off for the remainder of the evening.

Sunday looked like it would be a repeat of Saturday.

It started very slow with only a couple of planes on the apron.

Then all of a sudden around noon, planes seemed to appear almost from nowhere.

Four or five planes in the air at a time and a backlog of eager pilots waiting for their turn at the flight line.



Line-up for Pilot's Supper

Slowly, calm was restored and the pace became more orderly.

All afternoon the flight stations were busy. The spectators had plenty of activity to enjoy.

Many of the pilots were local and joined with our visitors from out of town.

Everyone seemed to know each other. It was a great get together and many friendships were made and renewed.

Indoor Flying

There will be **no** indoor flying at the Hamburg Agri-center this winter.

The Agri-center raised its rate to \$400 for the evening. Our average group was about 30 members, who paid \$10 for the evening.

Simple math shows that this is unsustainable.

Currently, flying is expected to take place at ECC South. The format should be similar to last year.

Members will be informed when the details are released.

Cooler Days Usher in September

This September Sunday was a spectacular day both for flying and for a picnic.



An impressive Flight Line

The weather had been rather dismal during the previous week, but Sunday was sunny with a mild breeze.

A dozen Knights and their wives stopped in at the North Collins field for the picnic and you could already hear the planes in the air as you approached the field.

The flight line was a busy place all afternoon and even into the evening.



The dog days of summer?

As mentioned in another article, it had been decided to award Jerome Bryant and Bob Waldruff, dinner gift cards for all their hard work on the new shelter roof.

These two guys had spent both of the entire days perched on top of the roof securing the new covering in place.



Presentation made to Jerome Bryant



A relaxing moment

The presentation was made by club president George Fox and treasurer Ray Barron.

At 4 Pm, Ray and Greg fired up the grill.

With a nice selection of dishes brought in to pass everyone settled down to enjoy dinner.

After a summer of mediocre weather, September ended with a streak of beautiful flying weather.

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August Picnic

It was a beautiful day for a picnic. Lot's of sunshine, an easy breeze and a temperature in the low eighty's. What more could any one want?

Well, a few more participants would be nice. Turnout was on the low side.

The likely reason was probably the Erie County Fair which was enjoying it's last day.



Soaking in the Sun



Awesome Lineup

There are many activities throughout the summer season that get our attention.

Our summer family picnics are just one of these venues. They provide an opportunity for our club members to



Moment of relaxation

get together with their families to enjoy the hobby.

A picnic is scheduled during each one of the summer months.

At least once during the summer season most members can beat the weather and the call of competing activities, to get together and enjoy an afternoon of flying and picnic fare with their families..



Sometimes, it takes three to land one.

About a dozen showed up to participate in this super day of flying.

Everyone enjoyed the dishes provided while Bob Waldraf and Jerome Bryant cooked up the hot dogs.

Shelter Upgrades

Two work parties were held to replace the roof on our shelter at North Collins.

It had been a number of years and the weather had taken a toll on it.

The great snow of Sno'vember, 2014 had been especially bad when seven feet of snow had come to rest on the roof.

That was followed by a freeze which lifted the posts in an awkward pattern.



Teamwork!

A number of volunteers set out to replace the roof. Most of the effort took place on top of the roof itself.

Bob Waldraf and Jerome Bryant spent most of the day, perched on the rooftop putting all the pieces in place.

They had a lot of help as others fed the material up to them. It was a cooperative effort and all those who came out to help are to be commended.



The Finished Product at NC

The new roof looks great and should last for quite some time.

Nike Base

Improvements took place at the Nike Base Field as well.

The town had decided to put concrete under all of their shelters, which included the two at the Nike field.

The timing seemed awkward as the work took place only four days before our Airshow.

It all worked out well and the new concrete floors look and perform great.

They will be very much appreciated this winter when various events such as the RC Aircrafter's Turkey Fly or Crash N Bash take place.



New concrete floor at Nike Field.

Picnic in the Hills

After the fiasco of the June picnic with it's cancellations and windy conditions, the picnic at Ray's Field was great.

Of course Ray always serves barbecued chicken at his picnic which by itself is well worth the trip up into the hills.

The weather was great for flying and everyone who brought a plane was able to get a flight or two.



Flight Line in the Hills



Enjoying the Chicken Dinner

About 4:30 the troops walked across the street to Ray's back yard, where he had a large tent.

The tent was left from his family picnic the previous day, but along with the tall trees in his yard, it provided a beautiful shady spot for dinner.

With the dishes brought in to pass, and the barbequed chicken everyone enjoyed the event.

2017 Raffle Winner



2017 raffle prize

This year's raffle prize was a complete FPV drone.

FPV stands for "First Person View". It is flown using the included goggles.

What you see, is what the drone sees.

The club decided on the drone due to the immense popularity of

these new devices.

Dawson Hofschneider of Tona-wanda, NY assisted club VP Bill Hauth by drawing the winning ticket.

The prize was won by John Niedermeyer of Cheektowaga.



Dawson Hofschneider draws a winner

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party Dec. 15, 2017



Pizza and Wings-Don't miss it!
Following meeting and elections.

ANNUAL TURKEY FLY

*Hosted by RCAircrafters
Saturday Nov. 25th.*

*Nike Base Field Starts at 11 AM.
Bring a dish to pass. Knight's invited.
Plenty of flying..... Plenty of Turkey*



Raffles & door prizes
Admission \$5.00
Woman/ kids under 12-free

Refreshments available
10% commission-\$10 max
10% buy back- \$5.00 max

Annual R/C Auction Saturday, October 21nd



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.

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Schedule
Fri. 10/6, 10/27
11/17, 12/15

St. James Church 7:30 PM
New members 6:30

Board Meeting
Tue. 10/3, 10/24
11/14, 12/12

Major Tom's
Hamburg 7:30 PM

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