



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Apr – May - Jun

2018

Annual Chinese Auction

For many years the Knight's have held a Chinese auction, usually on the first meeting in February.

The original purpose for this event was to collect a little pile of money to fund repairs to our flying fields.

Many times it is in high demand and the ticket cup fills up, rapidly.

In the opposite direction, we always seem to have certain items for which we will never have a use.

We needed them once, but having solved our problem we'll will never need that item again.

This is the perfect place to get rid of it, as it may well find a much desired future home.

One never knows what unusual item will pop up at the Chinese auction, hence there is always an interest in perusing the tables.

This auction was no different in that respect.



Eager bidders study auction items.

Over the years our flying fields have improved due to a combination of volunteer work and small funding events like the Chinese auction.

Large funding events like the scale rally and the Fall Auction contribute proportionately larger amounts to the ever continuing struggle to either maintain the fields we have or add new features.

Today, new events such as drone racing and new off the shelf models have replaced the old "man in the basement" modeler.

Yet, there is a never ending need to possess certain tools and parts that often are hard to come by.

Sometimes we just never seem to order that special item, then suddenly it appears on the auction table.



Picking the eagerly anticipated winner.

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Tiny Whoops

During the winter months, the weather prohibits outdoor flying at our fields for most of us, so we are confined to indoor meetings until the new season arrives. There is often very little to do at the meetings.



Control center of Racing Track

Once the future summer activities and our flying field plans are discussed, there are not too many things to keep members beyond the business end of the meetings.

In the past, post meeting gatherings at a local pub, (restaurant) have been tried.

Then there are the RC presentations where new or different aspects of the hobby have been given, sometimes by our own members and other times by guests from another club or even the AMA.

At two of our recent meetings this season, we have enjoyed seeing how enjoyable indoor events centered on the use of drones can be.

Using new technology centered on the ability to transmit in both directions, the participants compete on a structured course.

The small size of the flying drones adapts easily to an indoor space. More than a dozen drones can occupy the

course at the same time, but practically speaking, four are generally used.

Each contestant uses a set of goggles for a first person view of the drone path.

A computer tracks the drones and displays the results, which can be projected on a screen.

In the meeting of March 16th a half dozen loops were set up on tables and members were able to fly the drones around the course.

This is another new variation on the many ways that people are able to engage in the hobby of flying models.

With the advances in electronics over the years, the equipment has become highly sophisticated and at the same time relatively inexpensive.



The Race Course

One can go almost anywhere his or her imagination takes them. With a modest investment, one can rack up many hours of enjoyment.

Many thanks to Bill Hauth for making the arrangements to introduce the club to this interesting new dimension to our hobby.



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Super Bowl Sunday

Each year the RCAircrafters gather out at the Nike Base field for a variety of picnics.

In the winter, these gatherings can take place in some of the worst conditions that Buffalo Weather Machine can come up with.



A Desolate Nike Airefield

There have been times when one couldn't see the end of the runway.

This year, however, turned out to be quite nice.

No precipitation and no killer winds.



A little conversation, flying and lunch.

It was a dull, dreary winter day, but certainly OK for flying and of course ideal for huddling in the warmth of the shelter.

The shelter had been enclosed with tarps and several strategically placed stoves heated the interior. One stove even sported a simmering pot of Chile.

During the summer, the town had installed new features at its recreation



Heaters provide warmth.

sites in all of the town parks.

One that made perhaps the most significant improvement for us, was the new concrete floor and apron extending from the front of the shelter.

This simple extension eliminated the muddy quagmire that invariably surrounded the entrance to the shelter in former years.

The odor of hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs soon filled the shelter.

After lunch the hardy fliers took to the air with a mix of sport flying and the signature activity of the day, combat flying.



Cooking up dinner

Summer Activities

Weak signal's
64th Annual R/C Show
2018 Toledo Show
April 6th, 7th and 8th,
Toledo, Ohio

Jolamtra Airport Fun Fly

**June 9-10th, 2018
10-5 PM
Breakfast both days
Bath, NY**

**RCCR
Fun Fly 2018
27th annual
Ray Edmunds
Memorial
Sat/Sun Jun 29-30
Northampton Pk,
Brockport, NY**

**Knight's Club Picnic
Sunday May 20th
2018
NC Field**

**Knights Club
Picnic
Sunday June 10th
(Field to be Determined).**



Clean-up Dates to be Determined
North Collins Field is scheduled for early May.
Starts at 10 A.M. , flying follows.
Bring along a shovel or a rake.
Emerling Field clean-up will also be scheduled.

It's Baaack...

Last year the FAA suspended the requirement to use the FAA number on your plane if it weighs over .55 lbs, (8 Oz.).

This action turned out to be only temporary and in December of 2017 the requirement was reinstated.

If you had already registered it is not necessary to re-register. The number you obtained then is also good now.

You don't need a number for each plane. The number is for each individual person.

However, you must place the number inside each model that exceeds the weight requirement.

The number doesn't need to be visible, but it should be accessible.

If you had requested a refund of your fee and your number was removed from the FAA database, you will have to re-register.

However, if you didn't do anything, the original number is good to

go.

Anyone who flies a model weighing more than 8 oz., that can freely navigate in the air and uses a remote control device (e.g. RC transmitter) is required to register.

This includes drones, traditional fixed wing model aircraft, model helicopters, and other remote controlled model aircraft.

As an A.M.A. member and following the A.M.A. safety code you are permitted to fly above 400 feet, regardless of any restriction due to the FAA rules.

Of course, we are still required as A.M.A. members to display our AMA number on all of our models.

According to the FAA, failure to register an unmanned aircraft may result in regulatory and criminal sanctions.

If you need to obtain the FAA number you can go to their website, <https://registermyuas.faa.gov>. You can also call 877/396-4636.

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

without risking your new model or if you plane is not ready yet.

You can also have your new model checked out for proper balance.

Connect up with Bill to get on his last minute cancellation information loop.

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 2018

Schedule

Fri. 4/6, 4/27,
5/18, 6/8, 6/29
St. James Church 7:30 PM
New members 6:30

Board Meeting

Tue. 4/3, 4/24,
5/15, 6/5, 6/26

Major Tom's Landing Zone
7:30 PM

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