



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Oct – Nov - Dec

2018

Sept Picnic Sports New Menu

The summer of 2018 seems to have been fraught with obstacles to flying.

Besides the requisite graduation parties and family reunions most of the remaining days were fraught with wind or dismal conditions.

The result was, of course, a major reduction in the number of good flying days.

The same held true for our monthly picnics, which suffered cancellations and postponements due to rain.



Gerry sets out the Pizza

As we approached our September rain date, hurricane Florence struck the Carolina's with several feet of rain and appeared to be heading up the coast toward Buffalo.

The hurricane, now a tropical storm, stalled after making land fall and was delayed for several days.

Because of the southern storm delay, the weekend turned out to be perfect for our picnic.

Final Flyer

The Knight Flyer in its current form will no longer be published. The newsletter has been published for about 22 years.

Your current editor is about to step down.

Anyone, who would like to take the job is welcome to run for the position in December when club officers are nominated and elected.

Any newsletter, if any, would be totally the creation of a new editor.

The original newsletter was only a simple sheet of paper noting activities of interest to club members.

The club editor's job does not include producing a newsletter.

The editor's task is simply to send out meeting and event notices. This job originally involved sending out a meeting notice post card to all of the members.

With the advent of the computer, the task became one of maintaining a computer list, (club roster).

Cards are only mailed to those without computers.

Currently, there are only seven members who receive cards by mail. All others receive an email notice.

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3D Modeling

When we hear of 3D Flying, we think of some guy flying a giant size model with oversize elevators and ailerons.

But, we would be wrong. This new trend doesn't take place on the field.

Instead the new 3D activity takes place in your office or shop.



P-38 constructed on a 3-D printer

Modelers have always liked to design, build and fly their own planes.

Over the years many tools were employed in this pursuit.

One calls to mind the drafting table and tee square. Kind of old school.

The latest tools are the computer and the 3D printer.

These amazing devices have dropped in price to the point where they are easily affordable although on the high end.

Recently, the 3D printer was demonstrated to the members and we saw at a recent meeting, the results of an entire plane constructed using a printer.

We thought the printer was used to form small replaceable parts about an inch or two in size, but that image got

away when we saw an entire plane with a 6 foot wing span, entirely constructed of parts generated by a 3D printer.

The plane is divided up into approximately 3, 4 or even 6 inch sections and each section is generated by the printer.

Even the wing is treated the same way. Many smaller sections are then assembled into the full size plane.

One of the nice features is that if a part of the plane is damaged during a flight, a new part is easily generated and replaced.

The future is bright for those who like to design planes from scratch, and now the tools are available to make it possible.



Bill Hauth's 3-D printer

Currently, Indoor 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.

Flying High in Little Valley

One of the best summer picnics comes about in July.

It begins with a long drive up into the hills of Little Valley.

Most of us live in and around the Eden-Hamburg region, about 732 feet above sea level.



Pilots ready planes on flight line

Ray's Field lies at an altitude of about 1600 ft., some 860 ear popping feet higher than the towns aside Lake Erie.

The field is bordered by a corn field and has a beautiful view of the hills beyond. About a half dozen knight's had set up canopies along side of the field and were actively enjoying an afternoon of flying.



Getting Down to Business

About a half dozen more were actively engaged in an afternoon of observing.

Around 4:30 PM everyone migrated to Ray's yard across the road where a tent was set up.

Large trees provided plenty of shade.

The smell of delicious chicken rose from the barbeque pit.



Barbequed Chicken ready to go

Everything was ready. "Dishes to pass" were on the table.

Everyone filled their plates and settled down for a great picnic dinner.



Conversation and Chicken

Afterwards some returned to the flying field to continue their flying activity while others left, looking forward to next year's picnic.



Taking Advantage of the Shade

The 2008 Rally

This years rally was changed significantly from our rallies of the past.

For the last few years there has been a trend to simplify the rallies.

Long ago, rallies were simple things with just a bunch of guys going out to the Nike field, (which itself was a much simpler grass field).



Military Trainer rolled to the Flight Line

Over the years, these simple gatherings morphed into a formally structured scale event, which drew quite a large following from our area and beyond.



Spectators Crowd Flight Line

During those glory days, the club hosted flyers from all over western New York, Canada, Pennsylvania and Ohio.



Graceful Flight of a Classic,

But, as with all things, time took it's toll. People grew older, some moved away, things changed.

The trend also occurred within the club as well.

The first change was to reduce the formality of the event. The emphasis on "Scale" was dropped and the event became just a Fly-in.



An afternoon of relaxation

This year pretty much all of the formality was dropped.

Parking cars at the gate and charging for entry was eliminated.

One staple that was retained was the picnic dinner for all of our out of town and local guests.

However, the club decided not to run the food stand during the day.

The Knight Flyer

This is a huge job and doesn't provide a significant benefit for the amount of work involved.

The task was offered to the Boy Scout troop #591, of Lake View.

This troop has experience in running a food stand and really appreciated the offer to do ours.

One aspect of our former rallies that was missed was the commentary over the loudspeakers. Spectators and pilots did not know what was going on during the flight times.

This is one thing that everyone seemed to agree, should be part of any future rally.



Getting ready for a flight



The line forms for the pilot's dinner

They did very well, and were able to raise a significant amount of money for their troop activities.

Overall, the rally was quite successful.

There were airplanes in the air throughout the day.

The pilot's dinner was also a feature that went very well. All of the guest pilots eagerly look forward to this part of the day, and they were not disappointed.



Enjoying a summer afternoon



Knight's and guests enjoy dinner.

The level of spectators, though less than in former years was still significant.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the event.

The scaled down rally of 2018 was quite successful and with one or two of the features re-incorporated into the format, the club should be able to look forward to great rally for next year.

Auction cancelled

There will be no Fall auction this year.

When we approached the fire hall where the auction has been held for the last several years, we were told that, that venue was not available for our use.

The directive had come from the mayor of Hamburg, Tom Moses.

Many of our members live in the Hamburg area.

One might say that if the fire hall which we support with our taxes, is not available to us, perhaps the favor of rejection should be returned to the mayor at the ballot box.

Obituary



We are saddened to announce the death of Bill Eberhardt.

Bill was a member of the Flying Knight's from the beginning.

He was an excellent pilot and taught many of our members how to fly throughout the early days of the club.

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At least a dozen Knights and their wives took advantage of the beautiful weather to attend.

After a nice afternoon of flying, he arrived with the pizza, hot and ready to go.

Gerry Piscatello ventured into new territory by presenting pizza and wings for the picnic dinner.

From all accounts, change in the menu seemed to go over very well.



Watching planes while waiting dinner



George and Betty Fox enjoy picnic

Everyone seemed to enjoy the change, which was supplemented with dishes to pass, i. e . salads and desserts.

After the excellent dinner, everyone returned to the business of flying for the rest of the evening.

The new picnic menu was very successful and to be sure, it will repeat itself in future picnics.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party



Dec. 14, 2018

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

**The Great Chili
Fly
October 7th**

**Noon to Dusk
Dinner at 4 PM**



Flying and Feeding

4rd Q 2018

Schedule
Fri. 10/5, 10/26
11/16, 12/14

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

Board Meeting
Tue. 10/2, 10/23
11/13, 12/11

Major Tom's
Hamburg 7:30 PM

Officers

President: George Fox
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