



THE KNIGHT FLYER



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Mall Show Scores Again



Assembling the Cessna

Our annual mall show is a big hit with all age groups.

Young and old tried their hand at our simulator

Older folks who tried it gave up after a couple of minutes.

Kids were more determined and spent more time even if they continued to crash.

A number of people enjoyed watching the DVD videos of Top Gun and other RC planes in flight.

Out of 32 superb airplanes in the show, the spectators picked the LT 40 (Sara Chamberlain) with 21 votes. The second most popular selection was the B-25 (John Newman) with 19 votes.

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CHINESE AUCTION - 2006

Our Chinese auction was very low key this year.

With a moderate attendance on hand, there was definitely a measure of excitement in the air.

As we all know, this is the opportunity to unload all those old, unneeded items that clutter everyone's workshop. It's also the time when the eagle eyed modeler can spot that one glittering gem that he always needed or needs right now for that new project. Some unusual tool or component that has until this moment proved elusive.

Something he simply cannot do without.

There is always some hesitation in putting your tickets into certain of the items, on the outside chance that you might just win it.

Of course, should you actually win that item, there is always next year when you can put it back on the auction block.

The proceeds of the Chinese auction are used to help pay for projects at the North collins site.



Eager customers que up to buy tickets

Flying Proficiency Program

Can you fly your airplanes as well as you build them? Has your flying ability remained about the same as when you got into R/C?

When you go out to the flying field, do you fly with some purpose in mind or do you just punch holes in the sky?

If you fall into one or more of the preceding categories, you've missed half the fun, pleasure and feeling of achievement that the sport and hobby of radio control has to offer.

The feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment that comes with learning to make your airplane do everything that it is capable of doing at your command, and knowing that you are its master in the air as well as on the ground, just can't be equaled.

Yet, how many R/C fliers put the same dedication, effort and attention to detail in learning to fly their airplanes as they do into building them?

This "Flying Proficiency Program" is designed to enable you to do just that.

This program is strictly voluntary and consists of four flying proficiency levels that members can aspire to. The basic purpose of the program is as follows:

1- to provide an interesting and challenging flying achievement program that will encourage individual club members to improve their overall flying ability.

2- to develop a core of competent fliers to assist new members regarding all aspects of the sport that pertains to powered flight.

3- to minimize safety hazards and accidents by encouraging all club members to develop better and more proficient flying habits.

4- to make radio control flying a more meaningful and satisfying experience for all club members.

There are four flying proficiency levels.

Level 4 -Basic. Level 3 -Intermediate. Level two-Intermediate advanced. And finally, Level 1 -Senior advanced.

After successful examination at each level, beginning at Level 4, basic control, a candidate will receive the appropriate badge. In addition, the current flying proficiency level attained by each club member will be recorded on the club membership list.

Guidelines for executing Pilot Proficiency Program

1. Judges - Pilots designated as instructors by the membership.
2. Two judges shall preside at each examination.
3. Each judge will work from an evaluation form for a specified level.
4. Proficiency level forms will consist of pilot ID, date, information on model used, evaluation steps of level qualifying for, judges recommendation and signatures of contestant and judges participating.
5. A committee consisting of one officer and one instructor shall be responsible for conducting each test and shall also present the pilot to the membership to receive his proficiency level award from the club president.
6. Each would-be contestant shall notify proficiency program officer or committee instructor that he wishes to try for his 1, 2, 3 or 4 level.
7. Each would-be contestant will be allowed only one chance to qualify at any single judging. Malfunctioning model or sudden inclement weather conditions shall present the only situations for starting over at any one judging.

The Knight Flyer

Penny Gliders Invade Mall

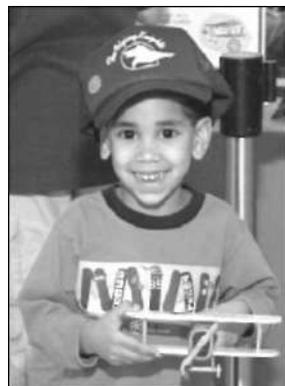
Lot's of little flyers took to the air in the McKinley Mall during our show.

This program introduces young children to the world of flight, by providing a hands on flying experience.

Nearly 200 penny gliders were constructed by our club members.



Alex Eastman



Brian Parnitzke

Each day, model bi-planes and Flying Knight's hats are awarded to two of the participants through a drawing. Saturday's winners are shown above. The wooden planes are built and donated by Hugh Spears. Photos by George Fox.

Wing & Rotor Fun Fly

May 22nd—11am

Reservoir Park

Free for spectators and pilots

Ray Edmunds Memorial

Air Show & Fun Fly

June 25-26 RCCR

Northampton Park Model Flying
Field, Brockport NY

Scale and non-Scale models under
55 lbs. Free picnic supper Sat. for
participants.

Summer Schedule Starts

Our first outdoor meeting will
be held on Friday May 19th.



**First Summer
Picnic of '06**
June 11th,
alt June 18th.

North Collins Work Party

Each year when the warm weather beckons the flying bug within, we start to think seriously about the flying fields.

How wet is it? How's the grass?

Well, flying fields just like everything else need some care and feeding.

With this in mind, a work party has been scheduled for Saturday, April 29th at our North Collins site.

Trimming, raking and maybe a little shoveling are the order of the day. With a good member turnout the field can be quickly put in tip-top shape for the season.

In case of rain or sloppy conditions the field tune-up will be held the following week.

Our new 2006 Raffle Plane

Shown at left is the new P-40 Warhawk, constructed by Jim Pravel. It will be displayed at the mall show. This beautiful warbird will be raffled at the close of our Rally in August.

Flight Instructors for the 2005 Season

Mark Chamberlain Stu Brierly Les Hanks
Tom Filipiak Jerry Piscitello Bill Eberhart
Bill Scaglione Frank Shattuck Bob Waldraff

Check roster for contact information

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In third place, both the Cessna (Orv chatwood) and the Sopwith Pup (Bob Soboleski) tied, with 15 votes each.

This is a popularity contest. The outcome depends upon which plane the public likes best.

Matt Blaszak , one of our teen members, demonstrated a flying ring.

It was unique, in that the control directions did not change as it rotated.



Spectators scope out display

Several of our experienced pilots tried it without much success, but Matt made it look easy.

Orv brought an electric powered blimp which also looked easy to maneuver, but provided quite a challenge. Photo courtesy of George Fox.

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The Flying Proficiency Challenge

LEVEL 4 -..... Basic Control.

1. Take off or hand launch unassisted.
2. Fly straight and level, maintaining altitude parallel to the flight line.
3. Execute right and left hand 90 degree turns maintaining altitude.
4. Execute a flat horizontal figure 8 parallel to the flight line.
5. Land on runway under power.

LEVEL 3-.....-Intermediate control

1. Take off or hand launch unassisted.
2. Execute two consecutive inside loops.
3. Execute left and right hand 180 degree level turns.
4. Simulate both a left hand and right hand 180 degree landing pattern. Landing not necessary.
5. Execute one roll.
6. Execute a landing from a rectangular landing pattern.

LEVEL 2-----Intermediate - advanced.

1. Taxi aircraft to runway, stop at a 90 degree angle to runway, proceed to runway and take off.
2. Execute a 360 degree right or left hand pattern. Last leg will be flown over runway.
3. Execute the following maneuvers immediately after completion of item #2 and in the order shown. Two consecutive horizontal rolls, square loop, Cuban eight, flat eight, straight and level inverted flight.
4. Execute a rectangular landing pattern and land.

LEVEL 1-----Senior - advanced.

1. Taxi aircraft to runway, stop at a 90 degree angle to runway, proceed to runway and take off.
2. Execute a procedure turn.
3. Execute the following maneuvers immediately after completion of item 2 and in the order shown, -three consecutive horizontal rolls, one outside loop, double Immelmann, Cuban eight, hammerhead turn, straight and level inverted flight, including a 360 degree turn, at least a one turn spin recovering in direction of entry, four point roll, snap roll, touch and go.
4. Land.

Sample examination sheet.

FLYING PROFICIENCY PROGRAM - LEVEL 4 BASIC CONTROL

1. Take off or hand launch unassisted.
2. Fly straight and level and maintain altitude parallel to the flight line.
3. Execute right and left hand 90 degree turns maintaining altitude.
4. Execute a flat horizontal Figure 8 parallel to the flight line.
5. Land on runway under power.

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AIRPLANE _____ DATE _____

TYPE _____ WING SPAN _____ ENGINE _____

SATISFACTORY _____ UNSATISFACTORY _____

JUDGES _____ PILOT _____

COMMENTS: RECOMMENDATIONS _____

2nd Q 2006 Schedule

Fri. 4/7, 4/28 St. James
New Flier Class: @ 6:30 pm

Members: @7:30 pm

Fri. 5/19, 6/9, 6/30

Nike Field

Members 7:30 pm

Tues. 4/4, 4/25, 5/16,

6/6, 6/27

Board 7:00 pm

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