

THE KNIGHT FLYER



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Big Cars, Small Planes clash at Mall

Bears and gophers hibernate during the long dark NY winters. Robins, geese and other flying creatures fly to a warmer climate.

Not so, the RC modeler!

The members of our club have been busy from the moment of that last fall flight.

and SUV's of every stripe, but a splendid display was setup between the food court and Kaufman's entrance.

Early the next morning, as mall walkers arrived bright-eyed and bushy tailed, the the Knights also manned their posts.

New airplanes were spawned in dark basements while the snow and wind howled outside.

This is the season when all the new airplanes come to life.

The trim sparkles, the engines gleam and nary a rip or tear can be seen.

There seems to be a need to show every one the results of your handiwork and what better venue to display



Setup on Thursday evening

these gems, than the spring mall show.

It all began on Thursday at the close of mall business. The Knights gathered at the entrance and at the stroke of nine, brought their planes in.

Of course, they had to share their mall space with the likes of PT Cruisers, Beetles

Somehow, traffic seemed lighter than it used to be at the mall, but a steady stream of visitors paraded past the shiny airplanes, chatted with the guys, watched our videos and played on our Flight Simulator.

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New students-New Program

The Knights have long been known as an organization having the interests of the newest members as a paramount objective.

Several new innovations are being introduced to the club this season.

In days past, new students usually disappeared along with our training committee, usually missing a major portion of the meeting. (which may not have been a bad thing).

This year, new members are encouraged to come to the meeting about one hour early.

Our new member committee will be available for consultation. Even some of our regulars will appear from time to time. Seasoned advice from old hands is invaluable.

A special feature of this early training session is the use of our club simulator.

Using the latest RealFlight G2 system, students can get a real



Flight Simulator at Mall Show

appreciation for the response of a model in all conditions of flight.

One of the traumatic introductions facing all new fliers is the situation of an approaching aircraft. Everyone knows that the oncoming aircraft turns left when you give it right, but the first time that you encounter this reversal while flying your \$300 aircraft/system, it can be exciting.

The simulator accurately reproduces

Saturday and Sunday afternoon, the delta dart program was in full swing, with young folk learning the basics of aerodynamics at

the feet of Hugh Spears, Bob Rogers and others.



A Bevy of Beauties

It was amazing to watch egg cartons morph into flying objects before the very eyes of the young subjects.

Of course all good things must come to

an end. The wind was howling and the snow was flying in the bitter cold of Sunday afternoon as the club members arrived to retrieve their planes.

Over all the show was a great success, and now the Knights will take all of these great looking planes and head for the flying field. Many of them will not survive the summer, but you can be sure that when the nights grow long again and the autumn winds start to howl, the Flying Knights will retreat to their basements and begin the building cycle all over again, crafting a new crop of planes for next years mall show.

this effect, along with every other possible aerodynamic situation.

The real benefit is that when you finally get to fly your model at the field, you will be somewhat familiar with the situations that inevitably occur. It could mean the difference between a graceful transition to soloing and the prospect of a long boring season cuddling the wreckage of your first and perhaps last model.

2002 Roster for The Flying Knights of Hamburg

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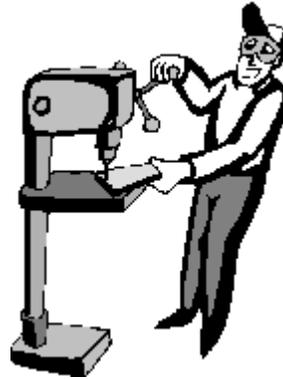
This roster is prepared so that you will have all of
the member information near at hand.

Please post it prominently

Construction Instruction

How many times have you
encountered a problem when
constructing a Kit. If you are just
beginning to build this can be
extremely frustrating.

The following members have made
time available to assist anyone who
needs help in the building process.
New members are encouraged to take
advantage of this resource.
Call our construction crew with your
questions.



Floyd Brown	662-5646
Bill Eberhardt	627-3486
Elmer Gross	896-1183
Les Hanks	549-3593
Herb Horni	674-9163
James Pravel	675-5938
Vince Rasp	674-2882
Bob Rogers	662-5995
Hugh Spears	822-6868
Ron Wojcik	662-4043

Please use the resources highlighted on the back of our 2002 roster.

Many members have volunteered to provide their time and talents.

**Call the numbers provided to make arrangements for "construction assistance"
and scheduling "training flights".**

Flight Instructors

Name	Phone	City	Type	Field	Days / Times
Stu Brierly	649-5896	Hamburg	P	NC	W Eve, Sun. PM
Don Chudyk	674-6728	W. Seneca	P	NC/Nike	M-T-W PM
Jim Devlin (SR)	627-7221	Lakeview	P	Nike	Wed AM
Tom Filipiak	627-9181	Hamburg	P	Nike	F Eve (Picnics, NC)
Les Hanks (R)	549-3593	Angola	P	NC/Nike	Call for availability
John Newman (R)	824-5744	Buffalo	P/H	Nike	T-Th -F, Sat, Sun
Ron Partacz	674-6240	W. Seneca	P		by prior arrangement
Vince Rasp	674-2882	W. Seneca	P	NC	Mon, Tues, Wed
Hugh Spears (R)	822-6868	Lackawanna	P	NC	Anytime AM-PM

Instruction Guidelines

- * All flying is governed by weather---all aircraft will be Pre-Flight checked---All system batteries must be charged.
- * Place transmitter on rack when not in use. Use frequency pins at all times.
- * All students must have current AMA card.
- * AMA number/sticker must be in aircraft. Frequency flag must be on transmitter
- * It is highly recommended that your channel number be displayed on the tail of your aircraft.
- * Have instructor initial flight log at end of lesson.

General Club Flying times:

Knights fly as a club at North Collins field on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

Club flying at the Nike Site every Friday evening.

All students should take Flight Log form to the field when flying.

The Flying Knight's Web Site

Our Web Site, maintained by Stu Brierly contains a wealth of information about our club. If you would like to know more about the history of the Flying Knights, you'll find it here.

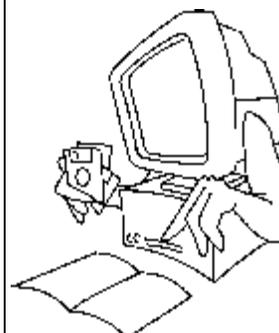
You will find links to all of the other area clubs here. There is a link to the AMA, where you can have direct contact to the Mother of all Modeling Sites.

Past copies of our club newsletter are available for your perusal. See a complete list of all of our books and videos.

You can also view pictures of our events past and present. There is also a great deal of information about modeling and flying.

You can reach our site by typing in the following address:

www.members.tripod.com/flyingknights/



Make it a favorite !

Auto Pilot for the Orientation Impaired

If you have ever been inadvertently upside down and unable to figure out what to do before the looming disaster, rest easy. Help is on the way.

A very simple (and not too expensive) type of auto-pilot was demonstrated by Orv Chatwood at a recent meeting.

This clever device simply sensed the difference between the light sky and the dark ground.

It easily locates the "horizon" and deftly puts the airplane (or helicopter) right side up.



Orv demos "Arse Over Tea Kettle" gadget

It can be switched on or off so that the only time you are upside down is when you really mean to be.

Club Survey

From the 43 survey*s sent out, 22 were returned. As a result, the membership favors keeping the Summer Friday meetings on the field at the Nike Base. Furthermore, the membership favors continuing the 50/50 raffle and the rollover giveaway.

Also, a larger prize raffle will be given away at the last summer field meeting (September 27th) for all those participating throughout the summer.

Participating members will receive one (1) ticket for attending each summer meeting. Also, one (1) extra ticket to each member who brings his plane and makes a flight. If a pilot takes up a student on a buddy box, both the pilot and student will get one (1) extra ticket.

The give away prize still needs to be determined. These recommendations were presented and approved by the membership at the March 22nd meeting.

North Collins 'FUN-FLY' Schedule is set!

At the March 22nd meeting, the officers of the club announced they would sponsor three (3) FUN-FLY sessions this summer. All sessions will be held on Sunday. They are scheduled for June 23rd (rain date June 30th), July 14th (rain date July 21st) and September 8th (rain date September 15th). FUN-FLY hours will be from 12 noon till ??.

The club will provide the hot dogs, rolls, condiments, ice, cups, paper plates and plastic utensils. Members planning to attend are asked to bring their own beverage and a dish to pass around.

To ensure everyone*s safety, the North Collins flying rules will be in effect and our Safety Marshals will be in control.

This schedule was presented to the membership, and approved at our March 22nd meeting.

