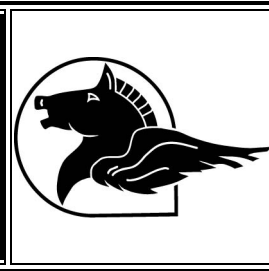


# THE KNIGHT FLYER



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## Mail Madness 2004

Once again the flying Knights pulled off a successful static display at the McKinley Mall.

Thursday night, the planes started arriving at the rear door to the mall, ready to be taken in at the moment of closing.

Thirty four planes were artfully arranged on the tables, for the public to view on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

World War 2 planes like the P-38 Lightning and the P-51 Mustang were clustered together under camouflage netting, while songs of the era played in the background. Even the Buffalo born and bred P-39 Airacobra was represented.

In between these mighty steeds, carving a space all its own was a modern F-16 Fighting Falcon jet fighter.

At the other end of the tables, quarter scale World War One Biplanes dominated the space. Almost any kind of plane you could think of seemed to be there. As always, a number of airplanes from the classic days of aviation were displayed.

The Club television continually played tapes of different aspects of the hobby. One tape in particular showed the dark side by portraying crash after crash of once beautiful models.

Of course, the club simulator was centrally located and was the scene of many a young and future pilot trying his hand at flying and landing the virtual P-51. A few of the club members were also trying their hand at landing the P-51 with out bouncing off the virtual ground.

On both Saturday and Sunday afternoon, for about 3 hours, there was

quite a frenzy as young children gathered around the table to get one of the egg-carton models being rapidly mass produced by several of the knights.

This year 175 penny gliders were constructed. Each of the little tykes placed his/her name into a jar for a drawing for a wooden model airplane.

It takes the cooperation of the entire club to carry out a project like the mall show.

With the dedication of our members, success was guaranteed.



Young aviator launches penny glider.

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## Penny Plane Winners

One of the more rewarding features of our mall show is the penny glider event.

On Saturday and Sunday afternoon, a table is set up and the egg cartons are broken out.

For several hours, knights volunteer to cut out and put together penny gliders.

These are given away to young girls and boys who wander by our display with their parents.

They are encouraged to fly them and assistance is given to help them to accomplish this.

Our volunteers constructed 175 penny gliders for the eager kids.

This year each prospective pilot was encouraged to place their name into a jar for a drawing of a wooden airplane.

A drawing was held on Saturday and on Sunday.



**Philip's family shows off new plane.**

There were 393 names entered in the jar.

Saturday's winner was Philip Harris of McKinley Parkway, Buffalo.

On Sunday, Jeffrey Day of College St., Hamburg took the honors.

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## Early Summer Activities in our area

### Down the road

May 22-23  
CHIEFS Canandaigua  
Honeoye Float Fly  
Sandy Bottom Park  
West Lake Rd.  
Honeoye, NY  
9-5 pm  
No landing fees



Knights outdoor  
meetings Start on May  
21  
7:30 Fly till dusk!

### RCCR Ray Edmunds Memorial Air show & Fun Fly.

Northampton Park,  
Sat. 5 pm picnic for pilots  
at Ski Lodge (Hubbell Rd)  
June 19th (Saturday)

### RCCR Slow Survivable Combat Meet

Hasman field in Rochester  
5252 Ridge Road West  
Reg. at 9am & Combat at 10 am. 5-7  
rounds depending on the number of  
dogfighters.

Check out any RC club in the country.  
Visit: [www.towerhobbies/rcwairclub.html](http://www.towerhobbies/rcwairclub.html)  
Or even in the World.  
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## Mall "Popularity Contest" Results

Last year the club started a beauty contest with our static display at the mall.

Visitors are asked to judge our planes.

It has little to do with expert craftsmanship, technical ability or flying capability.

It is simply what impression our visitors have of the planes they see.

This year visitor's picked from 34 planes.

The contest went over well. Here are this year's results.

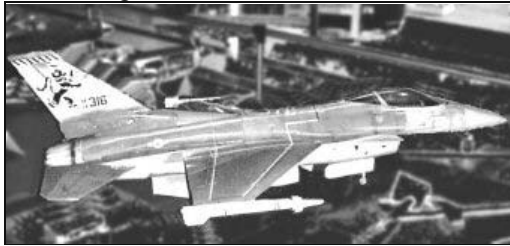


**Tom, Steve, Hugh and Orv.**

First prize \$25 went to Bob Rodgers for his quarter scale Sopwith Pup shown on the right.

Last year this plane appeared unfinished in its bone suit. It was a joint project of Hugh Spears and Bob.

Our visitors thought that it was the best of show in its final finish. Congratulations go to Bob and Hugh.



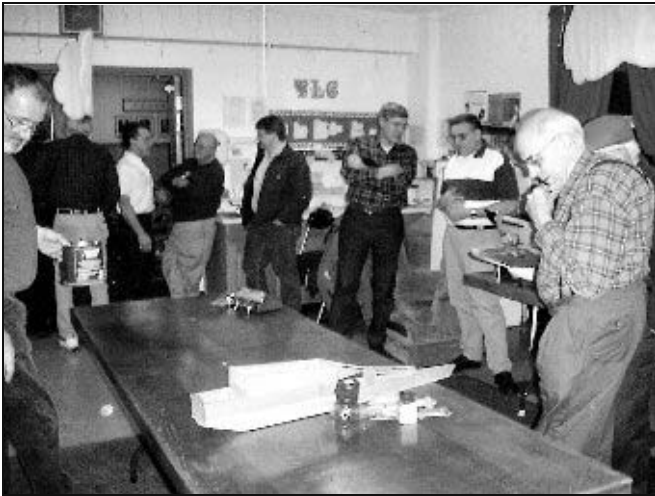
This sleek F-16 Flying Falcon, shown left, was built and flown by Steve Turner.

It is one of our countries premier fighters. Steve took the second place prize of \$15 for this outstanding example of scale modeling. Congratulations, Steve.

Our Third place ended in a tie between Tom Filipiac's superb WW2 P-38 Lightning and Orv Chatwood's WW1 Sopwith Pup, both shown below. They each took a \$10 prize. Congratulations to Tom and Orv.



# Chinese Auction



**Pondering a critical need**

Every year, the knights host a Chinese auction in February. The auction always sparks a lot of interest.

One of the points that makes the Chinese auction such a fond part of our club, is the so-called recycling effect.

This strange phenomenon seems to occur because many of the items come back year after year.

So successful is this event that, people have been known to sell the very stuff that they bought only a year ago.

Someone once cruelly referred to our auction as a revolving door junkbox.

However if you were to poll our members, the table so that others can partake of the joy of you would find that this event ranks pretty close ownership. to the top of the list in popularity.

It seems that some stuff is just so popular a single ticket, so the unlucky owner was forced that the winners wish to share their agony and to take them back home again. bring the items back to

**Club Fun-Fly  
June 6th**

**North Collins Field Starts 12 noon.  
Dinner at 4 pm (dish to pass), Club supplies hot dogs, soda,  
condiments, plates and silverware.**

## Model's View of Nike Site

Often we might wonder in our imagination, what our airplane might see while it cruises above the Nike Site airstrip.

Paul Elwell and Rick Bishop of the RC Aircrafters did more than just think about it.

They flew over the Nike Site and snapped this picture.

Several shots were taken and you can view them in color on our website at:

[www.theflyingknights.com](http://www.theflyingknights.com)

