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# Thermal Journal

Dedicated to the never-ending battle against the law of gravity

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## Annual Meeting Announcement

Yet another flying season has come to an end. As I finish up this issue of the TJ, there is only the contest in Wawayanda scheduled for later in October left on my calendar. I will not be attending that meet but Bob Clemens and Jim DeTar are considering making the trip. If anyone else is interested in attending, contact one of them; its always more fun to go when you know you will have a friend to fly with. The meets in Wawayanda tend to have a good variety of events so there is a good chance there may be something to interest almost anybody.

With end of outdoor flying season come building season and the annual meeting of the WNYFFS. Since everyone is usually able to psych themselves up for building, President Brad has asked me to rouse the troops for the annual meeting. He would be most pleased if everybody made a serious effort to attend this year's get together.

We are following the same plan as last year, that is, we're eating early. That allows members to drive during daylight hours. The planning meeting will occur after the dinner and this will allow those members who do not wish to get involved in the planning to do as they please. The doors will be open at 11:00 and a really nice buffet will be served at 12:00 with the planning meeting beginning at about 1:30. We will have tables available for those who want to bring new models or sell or swap model stuff.

Our host will again be:  
Terry Hills Country Club  
5122 Clinton Street Rd. (Route 33)  
Batavia New York 14020  
585-343-0642

## Menu:

House salad w/rolls, specialty salad, potato, fresh vegetables, Chicken French and Shaved Prime Rib, Penne pasta marinara, brownies and cookies with coffee and tea

Price: \$17.00 per person -includes tax and tip

Everyone attending must contact Brad by November 9. It is essential that you let Brad know you are coming so he can make reservations for the correct number. Don't leave Brad in a tight spot; let him know you are coming.

Here are Brad's phone number and email address:

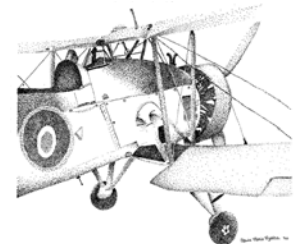
585-765-9363  
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Since you are planning on coming anyway, call NOW! Don't delay, phone lines may get busy! Directions can be found elsewhere in this issue.

*See you there, Mark C. Rzdca*

## Dates to keep in mind:

WNYFFS annual business meeting reservations are due by November 9.  
WNYFFS annual business meeting will be held on November 17.



## EMPIRE STATE FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Geneseo, NY August 17, 18, 19 2007

### RESULTS OF COMPETITION

#### Friday, August 17

##### **A/B Classic Gas**

Brad Bane	600
Jean Paillet	360

##### **Classic Towline**

Vic Nippert	295
Jim Moseley	287
Les Sayer	222
Brad Bane	120

##### **.020 Replica**

Brad Bane	345
Simon Blake	304
Roy Smith	294

##### **O.T. Rubber**

Mark Rzdca	360
Mike Burns	352
Jim Moseley	287
Vic Nippert	272
Jim Anderson	256
John Caldwell	183

##### **Moffett**

Les Sayer	494
Roy Smith	329
Jim Moseley	299

##### **B/C Nos. Gas**

Brad Bane	356
Bob Geyer	240



Here is the final round of Sunday's FAC WWII mass launch event. The lone allied flyer in Mike Burn's Hellcat could not deal with two Tony's. Jim DeTar took first place with his Tony.

#### Saturday August 18

##### **1/4 A Nos. Gas**

Brad Bane	214
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##### **1/2A-D Gas**

Ruth Bane	360
Jean Paillet	355
Joe Mollendorf	322

##### **Mulvihill**

Jim Moseley	360
Les Sayer	348
Jim Anderson	87
Jack Barker	54

##### **A Nos. Gas**

Bob Geyer	337
Brad Bane	240
Simon Blake	220

##### **Nos. Rubber/Wakefield**

Les Sayer	322
Roy Smith	120

##### **1/2A Classic Gas**

Joe Mollendorf	360
Jean Paillet	344
Roy Smith	200
Simon Blake	120

##### **FAC Golden Age Scale**

Bob Clemens	230
Mark Rzdca	222
Jim DeTar	202
Vic Nippert	120

Here is command central for the ESSFC with Mike and Betty Burns keeping company with CD Lyle Whitford and second in command Priscilla Whitford. Big thanks to Lyle and Priscilla along with all the rest of the support team for putting on a terrific meet.



## EMPIRE STATE FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Geneseo, NY August 17, 18, 19 2007  
RESULTS OF COMPETITION (continued)

Saturday, August 18 (continued)

### FAC Rubber Scale

Vic Nippert (Spruce Goose)	169.75
Jim DeTar (Great Lakes)	135.5
Bob Clemens (Porterfield)	134.75
Jim DeTar (Moth Minor)	133.5

### FAC 2 Bit Rubber

Mark Rzdca (Moth)	321
Jim DeTar (King Hairy)	315
Vic Nippert (King Hairy)	314

### FAC Embryo Endurance

Mike Burns	324
Jim DeTar	303
Vic Nippert	263
Jack Barker	223
Mark Rzdca	140
Vet Thomas	132
Bob Clemens	66

Sunday, August 19

### Cat. Glider (S/O)

John Caldwell	205
Vic Nippert	156
Bob Clemens	133
Les Sayer	86
Mark Rzdca	63
Bob Geyer	56

### C/D Classic Gas

Brad Bane	480
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### P-30 (S/O)

Mark Rzdca	345
Bob Clemens	339
Les Sayer	321
Jim Moseley	301
Roy Smith	235

### 1/2A Nos. Gas

Joe Mollendorf	360
Brad Bane	171

### Diesel Fun Fly

Jim Moseley	339 Qualifier	(No Fly-off)
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### O.T. Gas

Jack Barker	39
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### P-30(J)

Brian Pacelli	207
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### Cat Glider(J)

Brian Pacelli	98
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Here is Simon Blake launching his A Nostalgia gas ship on Saturday. Simon just joined the WNYFFS this summer and hails from Toronto. Welcome to the Society Simon.

### FAC WW-II Mass Launch

Jim DeTar	- 1st
Vic Nippert	- 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Mike Burns	- 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mark Rzdca	- 4 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Barker	- 5 <sup>th</sup>

### FAC No - Cal

Jim DeTar (Fairy Baracuda)	381
Vic Nippert (Piper Cub)	274
Walt Kornrich	232
Jack Barker (Lavachin LA-5)	111

### FAC Dime Scale

Jim DeTar (Arado)	283
Jim DeTar (PT-19)	266
Mike Burns (Bat Monoplane)	247
Bob Clemens (Curtiss Falcon)	225
Walt Kornrich (Pitcarin Mailwing)	214
Mark Rzdca (Great Lakes)	193

### FAC Electric OT Gas Replica

Mark Rzdca (Zipper)	360
Bob Clemens (Zipper)	334
Vic Nippert (Simplex)	317
Vic Nippert (Strato-Streak)	276

## EMPIRE STATE FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Geneseo, NY August 17, 18, 19 2007  
RESULTS OF COMPETITION (continued)

### America's Cup Results

<b>F1A</b>	<b>Seven Rounds flown - First round 180 , Remaining six 120</b>		
	Miles Johnson	180, 150, 129, 150, 150, 150, 150	Total 1059
	Andrew Barron	01, 150, 105, 106, 150, 150, 45	Total 707
	Tim Barron	180, 150, 150, 150, 150, 150, 150	Total 1080
<b>F1B</b>	<b>Five Rounds flown - First round 180 , Remaining four 120</b>		
	John Clapp	180, 88, 120, 120, 120	Total 628
	Aram Schlosburg	147, 120, 103, 120, 120	Total 610
<b>F1C</b>	<b>Five Rounds flown - First round 180, Remaining four 120</b>		
	Rostislav Pecherskiy	26, 23, 46, 52, 91 .	Total 238
<b>F1G</b>	<b>Five Rounds flown @ 120.</b>		
	John Clapp	120, 105, 120, 120, 120	Total 585
<b>F1H</b>	<b>Five rounds flown @ 120</b>		
	Jean Paillet	62, 84, 96, 30, 93	Total 365
<b>F1J</b>	<b>Five rounds flown @ 120</b>		
	Jean Paillet	120, 89, 107, 109, 111.	Total 536
	Brian Pacelli	120, 120, 107, 104, 120	Total 571
	Joe Mollendorf	120, 120, 120, 103, 82	Total 545
<b>F1P</b>	<b>Seven rounds flown @ 120</b>		
	Brian Pacelli	0,72, 120, 85, 120, 120, 120	Total 637

#### CD's Comments:

First I would like to thank those who provided assistance at the contest; John Clapp and his wife Sally for watching over the FAI events; Priscilla for watching over me at the registration and recording table; Jim, Mark, Jack and Bob who helped me to understand the FAC rules; even though we have done this before. Brad and Jim Anderson on the radio calling the times in when the flight line was forced to move because the wind changed (as it always does in Geneseo). Then there were the participants, who maintained a pleasant attitude even when things didn't go just right; like the "Senator" that went five miles to find a tree to climb, or the T-Bird that nestled into the tree in Geneseo village. The weather was cooperative (I guess). The wind went from light drift from the south on Friday morning to a pretty steady 9 - 11mph breeze from the NW on Saturday morning. But wait, if you don't like what you have the breeze diminished to light gusts Saturday afternoon. Turned out quite good for the rest of that day. Sunday we were back to southerly breezes for the most part which were light at times. The 50/50 raffle was won by Mark Rzadca who donated a substantial portion back to WNYFFS. Thank You Mark!

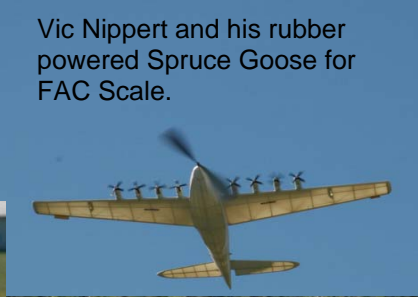
The Saturday night dinner at the Yard of Ale was enjoyed by thirty hungry people and the dinner seemed to me to be the best that they had offered. (Or perhaps I was extra hungry). We had some words from the CD and some words of wisdom from our President Brad Bane. Jim Anderson also reminded us that the "Great Grape Gathering" is coming up September 21, 22, and 23 at the Geneseo airport. Mark your calendars.

That is all from this side of the desk, THANK-YOU to all who participated and made this a successful event!

*Lyle*

*Scenes from the  
Great Grape Gathering  
in Geneseo NY, September.*

Sponsored by SAM 86, Flying Aces Club and WNYFFS.



Vic Nippert and his rubber powered Spruce Goose for FAC Scale.



Gerry Crawmer and his electric Viking for FAC Old Time Gas Replica  
Rzadca



John Clapp winds up his Korda for the Large Cabin event.



Rzadca



Clemens photo.



Rod Mogle photos



*The Great Grape Gathering  
"Ladies of the Field" were cordially  
invited to Afternoon Tea Friday  
afternoon under the Bane awning.  
  
A good time was had by all!*



# Directions to WNYFFS Annual meeting:



Directions to Terry Hills: From Rochester: Take 490 to 33. Terry Hills will be on the south side of the road near Batavia city limits.

From thruway: Take exit 48-Batavia go south on rt. 98 to Main St. (route 5) turn left (east) go through downtown and take route 33 on east side of city (a left turn at a light near a small plaza) Terry Hills will be one mile on the right.

From anywhere else: call 585-765-9363 or e-mail me at [windwhip47@aol.com](mailto:windwhip47@aol.com) OK you'll find it! Brad

**One on One**

If you want to talk to a free flighter directly, the names listed here are people in the area who can offer advice on getting started or have a suggestion for a first kit or tips about what to ask for at the hobby store.

**Auburn**

Brooks Goodnow  
22 Lakehurst Drive  
Auburn, NY 13201  
315-252-9170  
tiqer33@thumpernet.com

**Canandaigua**

Jack Barker  
2067 Route 65  
Bloomfield, NY 14469  
585-624-2844

**Buffalo**

Brad Bane  
60 Lake Ave.  
Lyndonville, NY 14098  
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**Rochester**

Bob Clemens  
95 Shoreway Drive  
Rochester, NY 14612  
585-392-3346  
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**Brockport**

Vet Thomas  
970 Clarkson-Parma Road  
Hilton, NY 13021  
585-392-5164  
vthomas1@rochester.rr.com

To Join the WNYFFS complete this form (or a facsimile) and send it along with a check for \$10 (annual dues) payable to:



Ruth Bane, Treasurer, WNYFFS  
60 Lake Avenue  
Lyndonville, NY 14098

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
AMA/ MAAC # \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider membership in AMA/MAAC. While not required for membership in WNYFFS, AMA/MAAC provides supplemental liability insurance covering model flying activities and is required at most WNYFFS flying activities.

**Contest CD's**

Brooks Goodnow  
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John Carls  
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Bradford, PA 16701  
814-362-7789

Lyle Whitford  
9003 Lake Rd, PO Box 72  
Barker, NY 14012  
716-795-3831

**Application for Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Family membership, please list all names.)  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Membership entitles you to free admission to our air show and to the museum, a 10% discount in the HAG store, *Hangar Tales* for a year, a window sticker for your car, and membership card (which must be presented to obtain the perks). See Founders' Forum for club details.

Membership Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Top Gun Club \$500  
\_\_\_\_\_ C-47 Club \$250  
\_\_\_\_\_ Family (parents & children under 18) \$75  
\_\_\_\_\_ Regular (18-59) \$35  
\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Citizen (60 & up) \$30  
\_\_\_\_\_ Junior (17 and under) \$15

**NEW FEES & CLASSES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2005**



All payments must be in US funds.

Mail this application (or a photocopy) with your check to:  
1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum, PO Box 185, Geneseo, NY 14454-0185

**Background on the WNYFFS**

The Western NY Free Flight Society began in the late 1960's with a few modelers. Today the Society now numbers nearly 100 members in 9 states and Canada. For over 30 years the club has hosted the Empire State Free Flight Championships in late summer, as well as a "fun fly", each spring, both are held in Geneseo, NY. Powered by rubber, gas, diesel, electric, CO<sub>2</sub>, compressed air or that old standby- muscle, these events exact the best from the planes and presents the fascinating challenge of outdoor free flight to the folks attending. There is no "off season" in free flight. Once a year, the Empire State Indoor Championships are hosted in conjunction with the Flying Aces Club.



### Local Modeler makes it BIG!

Long time WNYFFS member Vet Thomas completed a long term project to produce a 1:1 scale replica of the Curtiss Pusher. The photos included here were taken during final assembly in the Greater Rochester Airport Terminal in April, 2007. Unfortunately, this magnificent example of Vets Craftsmanship can only be viewed by those passing through security for boarding. In the photo below, we see Vet trying (while security was momentarily absent) one last time to get the OX-5 to turn over before raising the ship for display. When the engine failed to start we instead took turns pushing Vet around the concourse while he made raspberries to simulate the engine sound. Kidding aside, this is a terrific accomplishment; anyone who does get a chance to enter the secure part of the airport should be sure to check out Vet's handiwork. Congratulations Vet on a job very well done!



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