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Submissions the Thermal Journal in the form of letters to the editor, articles or photos (including excessive caption information) are always welcome. Use the editor's address provided above. All photos in this issue are from the editor. CD comments for the ESFFC were provided by Lyle and are much appreciated.

The Editor's Ramble:

What do you do at a meet when the wind gusts to 5 miles per hour, temps are in the 90's and the humidity is likewise elevated? You fly, a lot. And take breaks with plenty of fluids. What you don't do is take pictures. Or so it would seem with this year's ESFFC meet. Even though the "comfort index" was darn near unbearable, the flying was great. I do not ever recall such outstanding flying conditions at Geneseo. If you missed this year's ESFFC, you missed one for the record books. Unfortunately, the record books will have to record the meet sans photographs since there do not seem to be any pictures available. Read Lyle's CD report and check out the scores but this was a meet that you should have experienced first hand. Enough said except for a great big thank you to Lyle and Priscilla Whitford for running an excellent meet.

Now for something completely different; the Hobo meet was a blow out with winds gusting to mach 3. Other than that, temperatures were nice and the sky was pretty and most important for a spring meet, the grass was perfect. Little flying, lots of talking. Que sera. Despite the uncooperative weather, we still owe Bob Rambo BIG thanks for restarting this WNYFFS tradition. Thanks Bob. See you next year.

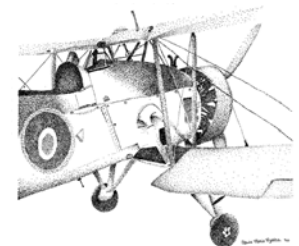
There is no need to point out that every red-blooded reader of this newsletter should already be a member of the HAG Museum. What better way is there for us to support the facility that enables us to practice the hobby we hold so near and dear? For those who are not yet members, join now. Member or not, the HAG has put the call out for additional support to restore the museum's flagship C-47. Apparently this ship needs some TLC and the museum can use all the help it can get. If you haven't already received and responded to the special solicitation, call the museum; they are sure to be grateful.

Till the next time, Mark C. Rzdca

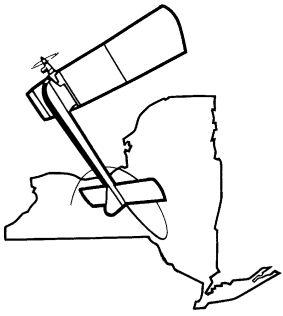
Dates to keep in mind:

SAM 86 & WNYFFS Great Grape Gathering, Sept 18, 19 & 20 in Geneseo

The annual meeting is coming up soon. Stay tuned for details. Be sure and check the website for updates.



WNYFFS website: <http://www.amadistrictii.org/wnyffs/index.html>



The Western New York Free Flight Society 40th Annual



Empire State Free Flight

Championships Results

2009 EMPIRE STATE FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS - CD's Comments

Friday dawned bright and sunny w/gentle wind drift from the SW. Occasional changes in direction kept the flyers on their toes but were temporary in nature with no strong or prolonged gusts to cause concern. 14 competitors signed in this day to get us off to a good start.

Saturday we looked forward to FAI and FAC flyers to fill the skies along with the AMA/ NFFS and SAM events. The forecast is for SW winds (light and variable). The forecast was accurate until about 2 PM when the breeze shifted to the NNE. This required that the flyers alter their launch area to the NE portion of the field (to avoid farm buildings, crops, Aircraft hangar and the C-47's parked near the hangar). Flight times were reported by radio to the control point.

Saturday night dinner at the Yard of Ale was attended by 30 hungry modelers and friends/wives. All seemed to enjoy their dinner and gave the restaurant a round of applause.

Sunday awoke with SSW wind drift. THIRD day in a row, not at all like this site; but all were pleased. The heat continued and fluid intake was a requirement and all exhibited good judgment in this area, resting in the shade of canopies between flights.

All flyers and friends seemed to enjoy the three day event. There were new people to meet, mostly wives and girlfriends of flyers we have met before. Disappointment in that we had no "Junior" participation in the AMA events offered. I think that this is the third year in a row w/no "Juniors" or "Seniors". Some of us joked about changing the definition of age classes since many of the flyers are "Maturing Adults". Perhaps the age groups should be "YOUTH up to 19" "ADULT up to 50" "SENIOR 51+".

I owe a giant Thank-You to the Trophy committee; Brad and Ruth Ann Bane and Joe and Heather Mollendorf for the Excellent trophies. I would also like to thank Asst. CD Bob Rambo for his able assistance. Thank-you also to Mark Rzacda for his willingness to file the report to "Flying Aces" and to the FAC flyers who patiently tried to help me understand those rules. John and Sally Clapp also a big Thank-You for managing the FAI events. Last but not least, Thank-you Priscilla for putting up with me for three hot and humid days.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 14

A-B Classic Gas

Simon Blake	120, 120, 120, 120, 112	Total: 592
Brad Bane	120, 120, 120, 113	Total: 473
Jean Paillet	120, 120, 120, 94	Total: 454

Moffett

Vic Nippert	120, 120, 120, 180, 203	Total: 743
Jim Moseley	120, 120, 120, 180	Total: 540

B-C Nostalgia Gas

Brad Bane	120, 120, 120	Total: 360
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Old Time Rubber

Jim Moseley	120, 120, 120,	Total: 360
Mark Rzacda	120, 104, 120	Total: 344
Vic Nippert	95, 111, 90	Total: 296
Bob Clemens	120, 32, 95	Total: 247

.020 Replica

Simon Blake	51, 120, 120	Total: 291
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Classic Towline

Bob Sifleet	120, 180, 240, 99	Total: 639
Vic Nippert	58, 84, 175	Total: 317
Jean Paillet	84, 48, 60	Total: 192
Brad Bane	79, 58	Total: 137

Events with NO Fliers

SATURDAY

A Nos. Gas
½ A Classic Gas (J)
½ A AMA Power (J)
Nos. Rubber / Wakefield
F1C
F1P (J/S)

SUNDAY

C-D Classic Gas
P-30 (J)
Cat. Glider (J)
Diesel Flyoff
FAC WW-II Mass Launch



SATURDAY AUGUST 15

1/4A Nos. Gas

Brad Bane 78 Total: 78

1/2 A Classic Gas (S/O)

Joe Mollendorf 120, 107, 120 Total: 347
 Jean Paillet 97, 104, 106 Total: 307
 Simon Blake 78, 81, 120 Total: 279
 Roy Smith 71, 77, 85 Total: 233
 Don Myers 42, 47, 29 Total: 118

1/2 A - D Gas (S/O)

Ruth Bane 120, 120, 120, 25 Total: 385
 Dave Raunsaville 120, 120, 120 Total: 360
 Joe Mollendorf 116, 120, 120, Total: 356
 Jean Paillet 120 72, 120 Total: 312

Mulvihill

Jim Moseley 120 Total: 120

FAC Rubber Scale

Jim DeTar [Great Lakes Trainer]	Flight: 82.5	Scale: 69	Total: 151.5
Vic Nippert [BV - 141]	Flight: 71.5	Scale: 67	Total: 138.5
Bob Clemens [Douglas Y10-43]	Flight: 70.5	Scale: 56.5	Total: 127
Jack Barker [Folkerts SK2 Toots]	Flight: 47	Scale: 54	Total: 101

F1A

Timothy Barron 180, 150, 150, 150, 150, 150, 150	Total: 1080
Andrew Barron 171, 150, 101, 150, 150, 150, 150	Total: 1022
Bob Sifleet 138, 84, 108, 150, 150, 150, 150	Total: 930
Michalle Barron 75, 60, 150, 140, 56, 150, 0	Total: 631

F1B

Aram Schlosberg 180, 150, 150, 150, 150, 150, 150	Total: 1080
Jerry McGlashan 174, 123, 150, 150, 150, 150, 119	Total: 1016
John Clapp 180, 77, 150, 150, 150, 150, 150	Total: 1007

F1P (O)

Dave Rounsaville 174, 150, 150, 150, 150, 150, 150 Total: 1074

FAC Embryo Endurance

Vic Nippert 295 plus 9 bonus	Total: 304
Mark Rzdca 283 plus 9 bonus	Total: 292
Vet Thomas 222 plus 9 bonus	Total: 231
Jim DeTar 200 plus 9 bonus	Total: 209
Vince Sadwick 186 plus 8 bonus	Total: 194
Jack Barker 57 plus 9 bonus	Total: 66

FAC Golden Age Scale

Bob Clemens [Farman 400]	Total: 358
Vic Nippert [ME-35B]	Total: 249
Jim DeTar [Interstate Cadet]	Total: 78

FAC Two Bit Rubber

Jim DeTar [King Harry]	Total: 323
Mark Rzdca [FA Moth]	Total: 321
Vic Nippert [FA Moth]	Total: 287
Vic Nippert [King Harry]	Total: 240
Bob Clemens [Ranger]	Total: 238
50, 150, 150, 150	Total: 1074



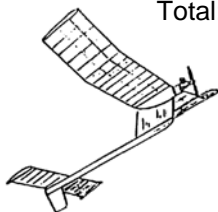
SUNDAY AUGUST 16

1/2 A Nos. Gas

Brad Bane 120, 120, 120, 120, 120	Total: 600
Joe Mollendorf 120, 120, 120, 82	Total: 442
Simon Blake 91, 86, 117	Total: 294

Old Time Gas

Simon Blake 39, 32, 60	Total: 131
Jack Barker 34	Total: 34



P-30 (S/O)

Mark Rzdca 120, 120, 120	Total: 360
Jim Moseley 92, 90, 120	Total: 302
Vince Sadwick 57, 116, 120	Total: 293
Roy Smith 120	Total: 120
Bob Clemens 30	Total: 30

Cat. Glider (S/O)

Vic Nippert 67, 109, 65	Total: 2:
Bob Clemens 49, 120, 71	Total: 2:
John Caldwell 52, 59, 102	Total: 2:
Don Myers 36, 35, 28	Total: 9:
Bob Sifleet 27, 33, 24	Total: 8:

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SUNDAY AUGUST 16, CONTINUED

FAC No – Cal

Vic Nippert 55, 160, 150 Total: 365

FAC Dime Scale

Jim DeTar	[Beech Staggerwing]	Flight: 209 plus Bonus 15
Walt Kornrich	[Glouster Gennet]	Flight 174 plus Bonus 15
Jack Barker	[Beech Staggerwing]	Flight 72 plus Bonus 15
Jim DeTar*	[PT – 19]	Flight 180 plus Bonus 10

*an individual competitor may only place once per FAC rules

FAC OT Gas Replica Flight score based on deviation from target time, lowest total deviation wins. Target times for this meet were 100 seconds, 60 seconds and 30 seconds.

Mark Rzacca	4, 8, 5	Total: 17
Vic Nippert	7, 29, 5	Total: 41
Bob Clemens	9, 90, 60	Total: 159

F1G

John Clapp 95, 120, 120, 120, 120 Total: 575

F1H

Bob Sifleet	113, 102, 89, 120, 91	Total: 515
Jean Paillet	52, 77, 49, 87, 50	Total: 315

F1J (O)

Dave Rounsaville	120, 120, 120, 120, 120	Total: 600
Jean Paillet	120, 105, 75, 57, 120	Total: 477

FLYING ACES

2009 Non-Nats, July 16-18

Here is a smattering of photos taken at the FAC meet in Geneseo this summer. Clockwise from top left we have Ed Pelatowski with his Folkerts SK-2, winner of the Bee Line Unlimited Rubber (BLUR) race event held on Friday evening. Next is Gerry Crawmer flying his Phantom Flash off the official contest table. In the next picture we see Rick Isaacson about to make a twilight launch of his large rubber stick model. Below Rick is a mass launch for the Thompson race plane event. Last we see FAC's CINC, Ross Mayo, cheering on Tom Hallman's Bleriot XII in the Slow, Low Or Wet (SLOW) event. This event was flown this year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Bleriot's crossing of the English Channel. Rich Weber was the SLOW winner flying a Latham Monobloc.



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.

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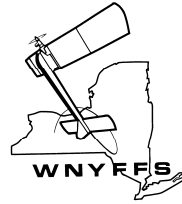
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To Join the WNYFFS complete this form (or a facsimile) and send it along with a check for \$10 (annual dues) payable to:



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.

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Application for Membership

Name _____ Phone _____
(For Family membership, please list all names.)
Address _____ e-Mail _____
City _____ State _____ Country _____ 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: _____ Life (up to 59) \$600
_____ Life (60 & up) \$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:
LIFE
MEMBERSHIP**



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, CO₂, 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 outdoor season ends, the WNYFFS sponsors several indoor flying opportunities in the Rochester area.



Scenes from the HOB0 meet

Jack Barker draws a crowd as he prepares to fly his American Ace. Sadly, this year's Hobo meet was rather a blow out. Temperatures were fine and (as can be seen in the photo) the grass was perfect. High winds resulted in very few flights and practically no official flights. Casual conversation was the highlight of the meet but even the great bull sessions and hangar flying was not enough to bring the flyers out for the second day. Sunday's flying was cancelled due to predictions of similar weather conditions.

Below we see a few of the stalwart flyers. Vince Sadwick winds up for a test of the motor for his 56" Lanzo Stick. Vince has set it up with a motor consisting of 10 loops of 3/16" by 42".

Last we have Jim DeTar flying his interstate cadet. Proof you can't keep a good man down.



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