

# The National Warplane Museum

## Free Flight Series 2015

The Western NY Free Flight Society and SAM 86 have again teamed up to enhance your free flight flying opportunities. We are pleased to announce a series of free flight events in 2015. Come out and join in the fun.

**The Venue.** The National Warplane Museum, in Geneseo, NY has a grass airfield in the Genesee River valley, just west of the State University (SUNY) campus. The landing strip is on the North side of the field, the buildings are in the Southwest corner, and the taxiway goes around the Western perimeter, leaving the rest of the area a flat, unobstructed, field. Beyond the perimeter of the field there are crops in most directions, with some trees on the Eastern perimeter. The NWM is a small but vibrant museum; it is definitely worth a look and don't forget the National Warplane Museum's Airshow, the *Greatest Show on Turf* in July. Consider taking out an annual membership if you haven't already – it will help to keep this great flying field available to free flight model aviation enthusiasts – and you get free admission to the airshow! There is one change at the field that we must make you aware of – winter wheat has been planted in the NE quadrant of the field, reducing the area that is now crop-free. By the time of the two sanctioned events we anticipate that this crop will have been harvested.

**May 16-17. The Spring Opener.** This is the first opportunity of the season to come out and fly at the National Warplane Museum field. A great trimming opportunity for all those with projects just completed in the winter building season. For those contest minded flyers, a number of FAC events will be flown as well as a combined Nostalgia Gas and a combined Classic Gas. Details of events to be flown are provided in the Thermal Journal of the Western New York Free Flight Society (WNYFFS). Send an email to [wnyffs@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wnyffs@rochester.rr.com) for details or if you wish to be added to the email list. Details of the two sanctioned meets (ESFFC and GGG) will also be posted in the contest listings at [freeflight.org](http://freeflight.org)

**May 30 – May 31.** Rain date for the Spring Opener – and another trimming opportunity. There will be similar events to the Spring Opener – even if there isn't rain on that occasion.

**August 14, 15, & 16. The Empire State Free Flight Championships (ESFFC).** A wide range of events – FAC, SAM, AMA, NFFS – Glider, Rubber, Power. This is an AMA sanctioned meet, see the attached Schedule for details. 26 non-FAC and 19 FAC events. Results reported for National Cup points and FAC results will be reported to FAC GHQ.

**August 28, 29, & 30. The Pirate Challenge.** A slate of FAC events will be flown as well as combined Nostalgia Gas and combined Classic Gas and this also provides another trimming opportunity/Fun Fly for everyone. As always, FAC results will be reported to FAC GHQ. Details of events to be flown will be provided in the Thermal Journal of the Western New York Free Flight Society (WNYFFS). Send an email to [wnyffs@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wnyffs@rochester.rr.com) for details or if you wish to be added to the email list.

**September 11, 12, & 13. The Great Grape Gathering (GGG).** A wide range of events – FAC, SAM, AMA, NFFS – Glider, Rubber, Power. Prizes of wine or maple syrup. 27 non-FAC and 13 FAC events. Four perpetual trophies – Rubber, Power, Gollywock, and FAC. This is also an AMA sanctioned meet, see the attached Schedule for details. Results reported for National Cup points and FAC results will be reported to FAC GHQ.

At the two sanctioned meets we have changed one of the power events. The 1/2A NFFS One-Design event has been replaced by 1/2A Old Favourites. Any power model may be flown as long as it is using a nostalgia legal 1/2A engine or the Cox TD 049/051. All fixed surfaces, no composite structures except for the motor mount. NFFS nostalgia rules for engine runs and maxes. This will allow any design that the flier is fond of, but keep it within the bounds of a semi-nostalgia event by limiting the engine type and outlawing CF structures. We are hoping that this will encourage some people to resurrect old models that no longer have a suitable event to fly in - without ruling out anyone who flew the One-Design event in the past.

### **Overall Champion – The MAAC Can-Am Free Flight Trophy.**

A Grand Champion award will be presented at the conclusion of the GGG. Points will be awarded on the basis of placings in all events flown by a contestant in both the ESFFC and the GGG. The winner must have posted at least one score at both of those contests. In other words, a flyer that flies at *only* the ESFFC or the GGG will not be eligible for the Grand Champion Award regardless of the number of points earned. To qualify for the award a flier must also have flown (but not necessarily placed) in at least two of the three categories – Glider, Rubber, and Power.