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December 2018 WNYFFS Thermal Journal Update

Here is the latest from the Western New York Free Flight Society.

Annual Meeting

Our 2018 Annual Meeting appears to have come off without a hitch. Without a secretary as well. Your editor/secretary was called away on family business and thus was unable to attend. Club Treasurer Ruth Anne Bane was able to perform the appropriate secretarial chores as evidenced by the meeting minutes included with this update. Thanks Ruth Ann.

Planning Meeting

As announced at the Annual Meeting this year's Planning Meeting will be held on January 5, 2019. Let Brad or Ruth know you are coming by December 31. That way they will have a head count and they can let you know if the meeting must be changed due to bad weather. If you don't let them know by the thirty first, let them know on the first; it's a great way to start the year. The phone number is 585-765-9363 or send an email to windwhip47@aol.com.

Plan on arriving around noon. As usual, we enjoy lunch with the entrée and most everything else provided by the Banes. Feel free to bring something such as salad, desert or a drink to share. Let one of the Banes know what you are bringing so we don't end up with 6 three bean salads.

A tentative date for the ESFFC is announced in the Annual Meeting minutes. That date in June, which is a big change from our usual time in August. This is likely to be a topic for discussion. Having the ESFFC earlier in the season provides at least two benefits beyond avoiding schedule conflicts with the AMA Nationals in Muncie and the FAC Nationals in Geneseo. (Those conflicts were the major impetus for the change.) First, we even out the flying at Geneseo. August was always so packed with flying that it was difficult to fit in family activities or even repair damage between contests. Second, an earlier ESFFC allows for competition flying before the FAC or AMA Nationals. For your editor, it will be nice to head into the FAC Nationals having had the chance to actually fly whatever new models were built for the season. Feelings are likely similar for those who plan to head to the AMA Nationals in Muncie. In addition, avoiding the conflict with the AMA contest in Muncie makes it easier to participate in all three events.

Vet's Jimmie Allen Model

Vet Thomas sent along a couple of pictures of his latest restoration project; his Jimmie Allen Parasol. Vet says it is overweight at 50 grams w/o rubber. Maybe so. Looks great so it should fly great. Very nice Vet, thanks for the photos.

Model for sale

Don Steeb is looking to sell a powered model he built years ago and never got past a few short test flights.



The model in question is a 1970s era "Orbiteer," a Sal Taibi design that was kitted back then. It is the long-wing version of this 1/2 A ship. It's in impeccable condition, and mounts a scarcely-used Tee Dee .049 motor. It comes equipped with both a Texas Timer for engine cutoff and a Badge viscous timer for DT. Plan and instructions are included. In short, it's ready to fly. Don is asking \$250 firm.

Everyone knows that Don is an immaculate builder and outstanding flyer. Even with just a few test flights in this model probably flies better than one of mine after a season of tuning. We'll try to get some pictures of the Orbiteer in the next update.

Thanks for the heads up Bob.

One more item from Bob

Bob Clemens collected up some of his nicest looking models to show off at the Greece Public Library. It is a great way to get some free publicity for our hobby. Bob provided contact information but so far, no takers. Very cool idea anyway. Bob's display ran through November but the picture captures the idea very nicely. Thanks again Bob.

WNYFFS Indoor Flying 2018 ~ 2019

Our indoor season is off to a great start. There are still plenty of sessions open but only one left this year.

Mary Beth Beshures is a hardworking coach for the Science Olympiad's aviation event, among others. She teaches middle school in Webster. For this year's middle school aviation competition, the contestants will be flying Elastic Launch Glider. We had some fun working on a number of the models Mary Beth brought to trim out at the last two sessions. She is looking to come up with simple gliders to allow her team members to build and learn on an easier model before proceeding to a competition grade glider. If you have a simple model which follows the basic parameters (more or less) of the PDF diagram included feel free to bring it along to show Mary Beth. The more the merrier.

Here are the remaining dates for this year's indoor flying:

December: 12/15/18;
January: 1/12/19 and 1/26/19;
February: 2/9/19 and 2/23/19;
March: 3/9/19 and 3/23/19

Once again, flying time is from 2PM to 5PM. Contact Jim for more information or to be added to his list for specific (last minute) indoor updates: jrdetar@yahoo.com

Speaking of the Science Olympiad

The Senior High Science Olympiad tournament will be February 2nd, 2019 at The College of Brockport, State University of New York. We can always use the help. If you able to help out (it usually lasts all morning till about 1PM.) send an email to me and I'll send the information to the event coordinator. It's always a good time. Thanks in advance.

Regarding November update

There wasn't one.

That is all for now.

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