

GREAT GRAPE GATHERING 2018

A COLLABORATION OF ROY SMITH & JERRY LITSCHI

Because of a family emergency in the UK, Roy Smith, who usually acts as manager for the GGG, was unable to attend. Management this year was taken over at the last minute by a team including Jim Moseley, Jerry Litschi, Ruth Ann and Brad Bane, and others. Lyle Whitford was the CD and dealt with all of the AMA paperwork, etc., as well as any on-field questions.

FRIDAY THE 7TH

A bit of a rough start for the replacement management team. Lyle Whitford was a big help making sure all the bases were covered. Unfortunately there was a Northeast wind requiring the flights through the narrow stretch behind the Hangar. Maxes were reduced to 90 seconds in order to keep the models on the field as much as possible.



P-30 was a hotly contested event, due to the reduced max. Vic Nippert took first place with 10 maxes. With Tom Juell and Bob Clemens tied for Second place with 8. When I informed Bob Clemens of the tie, Bob said he didn't want to do a fly-off, if Tom agreed, he would take whichever place had white wine as the prize. Therefore Tom Juell was 2nd and Bob Clemens 3rd.



The wind held the Northeast direction all day, and stayed rather lighter than forecast.



SATURDAY THE 8TH

The day dawned cloudy and cold. The same northeast wind only this day it matched the forecast speed.

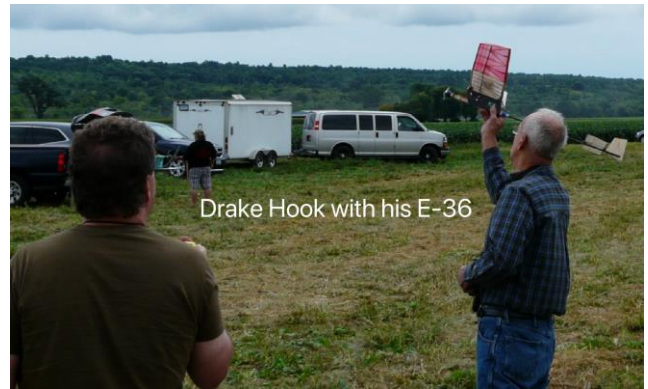
A little added fun in that the dairy farmer was harvesting the grass from the field we fly on.



The flyers of the “High Performance Power” models decided to sit the day out. The Vic Smeed event went on as planned since they are slower flyers. Three stout souls flew: Campbell Blair, Jim Smith, and Robert Blair.



A first I believe for the GGG, we had two E-36 flyers from the Brooklyn Skyscrapers join us. Drake Hook and Yuda Avla.



The FAC scale models and the HL/CL and Bungee gliders seemed to do well. Due to the wind though, even with a 90 second max the retrievals were long and they were unable to fly all their events. That being the case all unflown events was carried over to Sunday. We again had an unofficial Ebenezer event this year. Since there was a prize for best looking model, A concours was held at Heather’s BBQ after flying. On display were 12 models in all, including a Flying fish and a Bumblebee?



The event seemed to be well received with everyone casting a vote. Campbell Blair took “Best of Show’ with his Albatross.



We also presented this year's Great Grape Angel to Teena Nippert, a most deserving woman besides being a tremendous help to Vic.



2018 Great Grape Angel-Teena Nippert

SUNDAY THE 9TH

A more favorable East wind was forecast for Sunday but I could not move the flight line as far East as I had hoped. Trying to beat the rain that was called for on Monday, a crew showed up to harvest the potatoes to the east of us.



Potato harvesting on Sunday

The wind varied from North to East throughout the day. Finally settling into a Northeast wind late in the day. At least the wind was flyable, with the power flyers competing in 1/2A Classic Gas. It was a duel between Brad Bane and Joe Mollendorf, flying identical models and running neck and neck until Brad's model hit a couple of hard bumps from the turbulence and D/T'd early.



Robert Blair and Senator

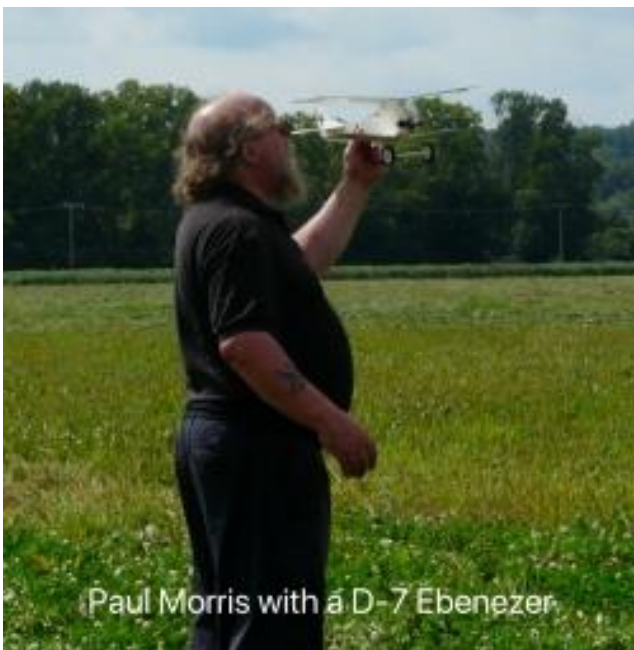
SAM small rubber stick was the hot event, which turned onto a gunfight between Dave Acton and Dave Pishnery. Dave Acton took the win with 8 maxes when Dave Pishnery's 7th flight hit a boomer thermal. The model was last seen still

climbing as it passed over the Genesee River into the west.



Jim w/ Thomas-Morse Scout

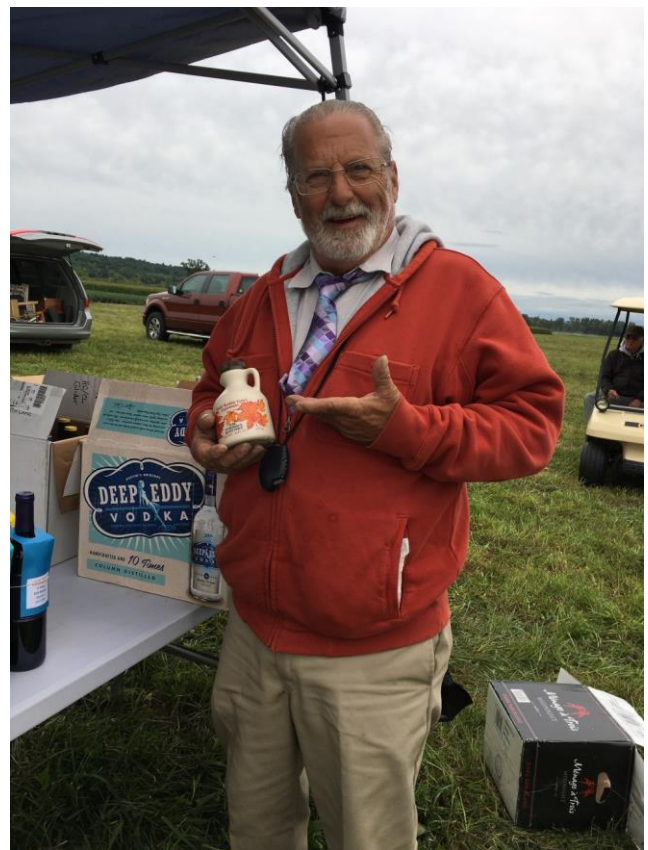
Sunday was flight day for the Ebenezers. Total of three flights would determine the winner. Jim Smith won with his Thomas-Morse Scout.



Paul Morris with a D-7 Ebenezer

A big thank you to Lyle Whitford for making sure we crossed all the “T’s” and dotted the “I’s” and handling the paperwork for the AMA. Heather Mollendorf did another great job with the Saturday repast in Swanson Hall, part of the NWM complex. Thank you for a job well done Heather. Two door prizes were awarded – each being a coffee mug emblazoned with the crests of the WNYFFS and SAM 86, and carrying the GGG 2018 insignia – making them rarities – the only two that exist in the world! Winners were Dom Algeri and Jim Smith. Swanson Hall is made available to us for the BBQ dinner by the National Wartime Museum, for which we are very grateful.

For everyone who came to join us for the weekend. I truly cannot express my feelings of joy. When I stop for a minute to look over the flight line, it makes all the effort that goes into running a contest totally worth it.



Jerry Litschi with his prize for SAM Large Fuselage. The box on the table behind him doesn’t reflect the nature of the prizes – nothing stronger than wine is awarded.



BRAD BANE WON THE BOB GORDON TROPHY - POWER



DAVE ACTON WON THE DON REED MEMORIAL TROPHY - GOLLYWOCK

THE JOHN MAGEE MEMORIAL TROPHY WENT TO MARK RZADCA (NO PICTURE)

THE MAAC CAN-AM FREE FLIGHT TROPHY – OVERALL CHAMPION, ESFFC AND GGG COMBINED - WAS WON BY DAVE PISHNERY (NO PICTURE). JOE MOLLENDORF AND DAVE TIED

ON POINTS BUT DAVE FLEW MORE EVENTS, BREAKING THE TIE.

JIM DETAR SCORED THE JACK MCGILLIVRAY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – RUBBER (NO PICTURE AVAILABLE)

A NOTE FROM ROY SMITH.

I am very sorry to have missed this year's GGG. It has been my 'baby' now for 10 years. Sally and I had a trip to the UK planned for after the GGG but Sally's sister was taken ill so Sally went over earlier, in late August. I stayed at home, intending to manage the GGG as usual before heading across the pond. Unexpectedly, Sally's sister got rapidly worse and asked after me, so I headed over as well, on September 3rd, leaving the GGG in many capable hands. From the report above I am pleased to hear that the event went well and that the participants had a good time. I am particularly glad to see the MAAC Can-Am Trophy so hotly contested for. Dave P tells me that next year he is going to be redoubling his efforts in order to make it three in a row – let's see if we can prevent that from happening folks. (Note: the trophy is stainless steel, so no polishing!)

It is most unfortunate that for both the ESFFC and the GGG the wind was so predominantly from the N or NE, a direction that is quite unfavourable for us because of loss of some space in the NE corner of the field some years ago. This wind direction has not been a common one, historically, so let's hope that it does not occur frequently in the future. E or W winds give us a 2-minute field, as always, unless they are blowing very hard. South winds mean we might land in the new crop area, but still with 2-minute maxes – not good but we can live with it, but we can't launch from that crop area. Even so, for power events we can compensate with shorter engine runs, but it isn't quite that easy for the rubber models, especially those at the higher performance end. A big thank you to the team who took on this task at the last minute (less than a week before the contest was to take place) I am most grateful to you all.

SAM, NFFS, AND AMA RESULTS

P-30

Vic Nippert	10 x 90	900
Tom Juell	9 x 90	810
Bob Clemens	8 x 90	720
Dave Pishnery	90 90 90 80	350
Lynn Miller	90 90 87	267
Jim DeTar	90 90 66	246
Dominic Algieri	90 90	180
Bob Gosse	58 47 65	171
Mark Rzacda	64 90	154
Dave Acton	90	90

C NOSTALGIA GAS

Brad Bane	90 90	180
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A/B CLASSIC GAS

Joe Mollendorf	90 90 90	270
Ruth Ann Bane	90 90	180

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Mark Rzacda	90 90 69	249
Brad Bane	44 53 45	142
Robert Blair	52 38	90

SENATOR

Robert Blair	79 66 70	215
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E-36

Yuda Avla	32 56 60	148
Drake Hooke	23 29 60	112

VIC SMEED

Campbell Blair	43 55 53	151
Robert Blair	36 33 27	96
Jim Smith	34 20 24	78

36" BUNGEE GLIDER

Vic Nippert	54 60 60	174
Jim Smith	90 28	118
Dave Pishnery	21 29 17	67
Howard Koverman	18 21 16	55

SAM SMALL RUBBER STICK

Dave Acton	8 x 90	720
Dave Pishnery	7 x 90	630
Dominic Algieri	51 83 90	224

CLOUD TRAMP

Vic Nippert	263
Jerry Crawmer	209
Lynn Miller	196
Bob Clemens	153

1/2A CLASSIC GAS

Joe Mollendorf	90 90 90 90 90	450
Brad Bane	90 90 90 90 65	425

E-20

Jim DeTar	90 58 90	238
Mark Rzacda	54 59 67	180
Joe Mollendorf	35 42 48	125
Ruth Ann Bane	30 23	53

A NOSTALGIA GAS

Jim Smith	90	90
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SAM SMALL RUBBER FUSELAGE

Howard Koverman	77 85 90	252
Matt King	90 63 85	238
Dominic Algieri	57 66 81	204
Robert Gosse	45 64 86	195
Mark Rzacda	53 90	143

MULVIHILL/ UNLIMITED RUBBER

Tom Juell	3 x 90	270
Dave Pishnery	90 90 82	262

NOSTALGIA RUBBER

Bob Clemens	64 90 86	240
Howard Koverman	75 53 60	138

HL/CL GLIDER

Joe Mollendorf	170
Vic Nippert	156
Dave Pishnery	155
Jim Smith	119
Lynn Miller	111
Jerry Crawmer	92

UNLIMITED TOWLINE

Brad Bane	90	90
Dave Pishnery	24 22	46

SAM LARGE RUBBER FUSELAGE

Gerry Litschi	38 56	94
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FLYING ACES CLUB RESULTS

NO-CAL SCALE

Jim De Tar	83 92 242	417
Vic Nippert	88 91 82	261
Bob Clemens	100 57 83	240
Mark Rzdca	88 97 50	235
Jerry Crawmer	107 47 44	198

WWI COMBAT

Matt King	1
Jim De Tar	2
Campbell Blair	3

SIMPLIFIED SCALE

Matt King	90 85 90	265
Jim De Tar	66 72 76	214
Mark Rzdca	25 51 66	142
Howard Koverman	34 31 37	102

GOLDEN AGE SCALE

Jim De Tar	90 78 86	254
Vic Nippert	48 78 80	206
Matt King	62 65 66	193
Mark Rzdca	38 54 58	150
Howard Koverman	54 53 32	139

WWII COMBAT

Mark Rzdca	1
Matt King	2
Vic Nippert	3
Jim DeTar	4
Robert Blair	5

EMBRYO ENDURANCE

Jim De Tar	90 90 90	270
Mark Rzdca	86 90 90	266
Jerry Crawmer	90 90 81	261
Lynn Miller	66 90 90	246
Vic Nippert	60 62 57	179
Howard Koverman	54 51 64	169

DIME SCALE

Jim De Tar	78 79 84	+11	252
Vic Nippert	49 55 53	+15	172
Howard Koverman	58 48 53	+4	163
Mark Rzdca	45 45 30	+1	121
Bob Clemens	no flights	+15	15

HALF WAKEFIELD

Jim De Tar	90 90 63	243
Jerry Crawmer	73 85 73	231
Lynn Miller	62 72 62	196
Campbell Blair	56 48 54	158

COMBINED RACE PLANES COMBAT

Matt King	1
Mark Rzdca	2
Jerry Crawmer	3

2 BIT +1 OLD TIME RUBBER

Mark Rzdca	88 75 90	253
Jim De Tar	76 76 90	242
Dominic Algieri	77 68 75	220
Howard Koverman	85 66 50	201
Matt King	54 56 73	183

TROPHY RESULTS

DON REID MEMORIAL TROPHY

Dave Acton	720
Dave Pishnery	630
Dominic Algieri	224

JOHN MAGEE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Mark Rzdca	
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JIM ANDERSON TROPHY

Dave Pishnery	1242
Tom Juell	1080
Bob Clemens	960
Vic Nippert	900
Dave Acton	810
Dominic Algieri	608
Howard Koverman	390
Robert Gosse	366
Mark Rzdca	297
Lynn Miller	267
Matt King	238
Robert Blair	215
Jerry Litschi	94

BOB GORDON TROPHY

Brad Bane	747
Joe Mollendorf	720
Mark Rzdca	249
Ruth Ann Bane	180
Robert Blair	90
Jim Smith	90

JACK MCGILLIVRAY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jim DeTar	37
Mark Rzdca	21
Matt King	19
Vic Nippert	15
Howard Koverman	8
Jerry Crawmer	7
Bob Clemens	4
Dominic Algieri	3
Campbell Blair	2
Robert Blair	1

CAN-AM TROPHY

Dave Pishnery	27
Joe Mollendorf	27
Vic Nippert	24
Brad Bane	10
Howard Koverman	9
Lynn Miller	8
Robert Blair	5

Note: The points for the Can-Am Trophy are only awarded to those who have qualified by flying at both the ESFFC and the GGG and in more than one of the three categories – rubber, power, or glider.