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WNYFFS May 2017 Update

Confusing TJ Updates

In the last update it was announced that there would be no update for April. That was before Simon Blake pointed out that there should certainly be some sort of reminder that the Spring Opener practice sessions are scheduled for May. Thanks Simon. In addition, your editor will be otherwise occupied through much of May so it is unlikely that there would be any additional content to share even if the release of the May update actually occurred during the month of May. So there you are then.

Club Picnic Reminder

Yet another reason to send out a quick reminder at this point is that our club picnic is fast approaching. It is scheduled for April 29 with a rain date of May 13. Let Brad or Ruth know you are coming so they can let you know if the event is cancelled or postponed. It also helps them to have a head count; they are providing the food after all. Our location remains the same, Gaines Valley Aviation, 2501 Gaines Waterport Road, Albion, NY 14411. Phone them at 585-765-9363 or send an email to windwhip47@aol.com

Spring Opener

As per Simon's suggestion, we would me most ill advised to ignore the opportunity to get in some practice or trim flying before the contest season is upon us. We are most fortunate to have access to a great site like the National Warplane Museum. While you are there, consider stopping in to the museum office to say hello to Donna or whoever else is attending to official business. Although not required, consider becoming a member of the museum. If you're already a member, make a small donation and tell them how much you enjoy flying at the National Warplane Museum. Without the museum, we don't have a contest field. Here are a few pictures from last year's Spring Opener. First up shows, from left to right, Bob Clemens, Dave Pishnery, Bob Gosse, Lyle Whitford and Simon Blake. Next up is your editor with his then brand new 020 replica Zipper. Finally we have Jim DeTar giving a mighty heave to his E20 Kiwi. E20 is shaping up to be a very popular event and as a simple power source for simple scale models.

As always, all attendees at the Spring Opener (or rain date or any other events at the National Warplane Museum) require AMA or MAAC proof of membership.

National Warplane Museum

While on the subject of the museum, everyone should be aware by now that the usual date for the Greatest Show on Turf is a bit later in July than normal. This year's extravaganza is scheduled for July 14 (arrival day), 15 & 16. Mark your calendars.

In case you're wondering what to do after the airshow while you wait for the FAC Non-Nats to start, have we got a deal for you! For the last several years your editor has helped out on the cleanup crew following the airshow. It is not very glamorous but I enjoy working on the field when it is so quiet after the hubbub is done. The day(s) can be



long and the work can be strenuous, especially if it is warm, so it is not for everyone. Nevertheless, it is satisfying to see the field cleaned up and made ready for Free Flight. If you are interested in helping out, send an email to the editor. Typically, clean up takes one or two days but as has been said so many times, "many hands make light the work".

Family Flying Update

Looks like March's *Family Flying Update* will take the prize for our most commented about content! Not to worry, we have a second candidate for recruitment into the Free Flight Family. Leah Francesca's grandfather provided a completely assembled Peck ROG for her first birthday. At such a tender age, she as yet lacks the delicate touch of her two year old cousin. Despite that, enthusiasm abounds. Since the birthday and initial test flights, the model has been completely repaired and is ready to continue the never ending struggle with gravity. We have great hopes for Leah's future in model aviation.



Science Exploration Days at Saint John Fisher College

Not sure if anyone has contacted Bob Clemens regarding this event. If not, you still have time. Dates for this event: May 18th (public show, 7-9 pm) and 19th (school kids, 9-2, followed by lunch). If you are interested in joining in, contact Bob at rclemens2@rochester.rr.com

That's all for now.

Due to a large number of family obligations, you editor will not be able to attend either the club picnic or Spring Opener events. Consider taking a few pictures and forwarding with your comments. You just might gain the fame you've always desired.

Build light, build straight and fly often,
Mark C. Rzdca, Editor, Western New York Free Flight Society
Thermal Journal

Outdoor Free Flight Dates at NWM Flying for 2017:

Spring Opener:	May 6 & 7
Spring Opener Rain Date:	May 20 & 21
FAC Outdoor Nationals:	July 19 ~ 22
Empire State Free Flight Championships:	August 11, 12 & 13
Pirate Challenge:	August 25, 26 & 27
Great Grape Gathering:	September 8, 9 & 10

Note: As of this issue, the \$20 prize offered to the first person to identify a typo in the current TJ update is no longer being offered. Instead, the sharp eyed reader will be given a chance to be guest editor for a future issue of the Update! Start reviewing your *ELEMENTS of Grammar* now. Ed.