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

Science Olympiad News

The Senior High Science Olympiad tournament was held on February 2nd, 2019 at SUNY Brockport. Jim DeTar, Ken Scott and your editor were provided much appreciated support by Anthony Britt and Anne Marie. Anthony is a member of the Science Olympiad Enthusiasts group from Cornell and Anne Marie is a student volunteer from SUNY Brockport. Congratulations to all the contestants.

Our next Science Olympiad event is for the Middle Schoolers. They will be contesting with Elastic Launch Gliders at Saint John Fisher College on March 3, 2019. Any help is always appreciated. Let the editor know if you can participate; knowledge of stop watch operation is about all you need but I will send the rules and specifics on the event time. Send an email to wnyffs@rochester.rr.com

Pirate Challenge

This update includes the first release of the contest announcement for the Pirate Challenge. There is a distinct possibility that an event or two may be added. Sunday's event list is a bit light. Each year the FAC always runs some "special" events at the Nationals or Non-Nationals. Those events have not yet been announced so we are keeping our options open for including one or more of those "specials".

If it is decided not to include any of those choices, we will likely include a Low Wing Military Trainer event. If you have a Modern LWMT, it can be flown in the Modern Military event IF and ONLY IF LWMT is not added to the event list. Note that in any case, both Modern Military and LWMT (should it be included) will be flown as mass launch events.

Sharp eyed readers will note that we have included THREE events for juniors. Details will be worked out later with an eye to maximum fun. We may do Sky Bunny mass launch or Sky Bunny ROT. Maybe both. We intend to provide merchandise prizes for all junior competitors. If you are bringing youthful participants, let us know so sufficient prize stuff is available. If you would like to clean out your stack formerly precious kits, this could be just the opportunity. Send the editor an email with a list of what you are interested in contributing. Rest assured, based on our previous experience, your contributions WILL be appreciated.

Finally, since this is a mostly FAC event, we do follow the Builder of the Model rule. That being (truly) said, we do wish to encourage participation of the youngest possible competitors. Your editor hopes to encourage two of his three year old grandkids. They really have too little attention span (not sure where they inherited that!) and very limited fine motor skills. They will be doing well to help decorate and launch their own ships. In other words, BOM should keep in mind the capabilities of the competitor. Nobody should be excluded just because they did not harvest their own balsa tree.

WNYFFS Indoor Flying 2018 ~ 2019

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

February: 2/23/19;

March: 3/9/19 and 3/23/19

Jim is sponsoring a No Cal contest for all the indoor participants. For various reasons, the event has been postponed several times. It is now scheduled for the next session on February 23, 2019. So there is sufficient time to get in on the fun and possibly win a real prize.



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: [REDACTED]



Vet's No Cal

Vet Thomas has once again come through with photos of one of his latest building efforts. Coincidentally, it is a No Cal of the Bristol Scout. Vet's model is based on plans from a recent FAC newsletter. With that creation set free from the building board, we can all look forward to seeing Vet at the next indoor session. Maybe we will work up an event just for biplane No Cals one of these days.

Western New York Free Flight Society Dates of Interest for 2019:

Junior High Science Olympiad (at Saint John Fisher)	March 3
Spring Opener (a.k.a., Hobo meet):	May 4 & 5
Spring Opener Rain Date	May 18 & 19
ESSFC	May 31, June 1 & 2
Greatest Show on Turf!	July 12 - 14
FAC Non Nationals	July 17~20
AMA Nationals (in Muncie)	August 5 through 9
Pirate Challenge	August 23, 24 & 25
GGG	September 6, 7 & 8

The End

Be sure and review the dates listed above. The big change is switching the ESFFC from August to the end of May/June. This was done to avoid conflict with the AMA Nationals.

That is all for now.



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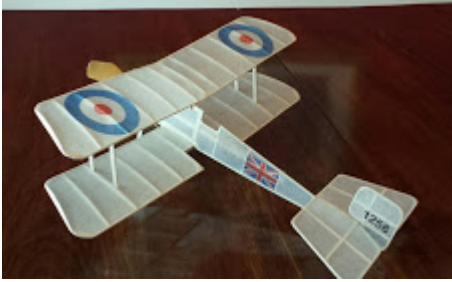


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