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June 2019 WNYFFS Thermal Journal Update

Change in date for Empire Stat Free Flight Championships

Our ESFFC had to be canceled due to excess water on the field. Every effort was made to get the word out so as to avoid any disappointed flyers showing up at the field. Thanks especially to Roy Smith and Brad and Ruth Bane. Brad and Ruth even made a special trip to the field on what should have been the first day of the contest in case anybody missed the word. Thankfully, nobody showed up!

As the Contest Director, Ruth Ann put off cancelling as long as possible. Rescheduling a meet in the midst of the season is not as easy as one might think. Thankfully Ruth was able to secure a new date. We will be flying on July 5, 6 and 7. Obviously, our meet starts shortly after the July 4 holiday. It is also just before the National Warplane Museum Airshow as well. That means we are in luck regarding the grass; it will almost certainly have been cut in anticipation of the Airshow. Without doubt the weather will be great so make every effort to attend.

An updated flyer for the ESFFC is included here. It now includes more particulars for the Faux FAC Power Simple Scale event. Thanks to Ruth Ann for all her effort to reschedule the ESFFC. We are also most grateful to our host, the National Warplane Museum. Consider expressing your appreciation next time you are at the field; join or renew your membership. You might also consider volunteering. The airshow cleanup team is a great place to start.

WW I at the ESFFC

While it is unfortunate that the ESFFC had to be moved, your editor took advantage of the delay to put flying wires on his SE5A. With the addition of this Kanone Fodder, we will be better positioned to fill out the ranks for our WWI Mass Launch event. Now, if only good weather for some trimming would materialize.



020 Replica at the ESFFC

In addition to working on the SE5A, your editor was able to procure a new gasket for his 020 replica Zipper. That may make it easier to get in the required official flights. In previous years, the fuel was always leaking out as the engine was started. That made it frustrating to complete the flights since many attempts were foiled when the engine quit before everything was set to go. Many parts, such as the tank gaskets are available on the web through the Cox store on eBay. Unfortunately, the spring starters for the TD were not listed. Components meant for the Pee Wee do not work. If anyone has such a starter spring for the TD for a reasonable price, let the editor know.



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

ESSFC	July 5, 6, 7
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

That is all for now. Our July update should include results from the ESFFC.
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