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September 2019 WNYFFS Thermal Journal Update

Annual Meeting

October; hard to know just where September went. Put away the outdoor gear. Now it is time to fly indoors and build for next year's outdoor season. Keeping our normal cycle, we will hold our Annual Meeting in November. This time we planned ahead so there wouldn't be a conflict with indoor flying.

This year's meeting will be similar to years past. To wit, we will meet at Terry Hill Country Club in Batavia. In an amazing display of stable prices, the cost per person will remain \$17. Keep in mind the meeting offers an ideal time to pay up your annual dues.

Meeting date is November 9, 2019. The doors will be open at 11:00 AM; lunch will be served at 12:00 with the planning meeting beginning at about 1:30. Bring your latest creation; there will be room to display your recent models or related works of interest.

Terry Hills Country Club
5122 Clinton Street Rd. (Route 33)
Batavia, New York 14020

Naturally, the Banes will require a head count before the event. Send them an email at windwhip47@aol.com to let them know you are coming. Reply by November 3. Of course it is easier if you just do it now.

Indoor Flying

Speaking of indoor flying, here are the dates for this year's indoor season:

WNYFFS Indoor Flying 2019 ~ 2020

November: 11/16/19
December: 12/7/19 & 12/21/19
January: 1/11/20 & 1/25/20
February: 2/8/20 & 2/22/20
March: 3/14/20 & 3/28/20

Once again, flying time will be from 2PM to 5PM at Pieters Life Family Center in Henrietta. Contact Jim DeTar for more information or to be added to his list for specific (last minute) indoor updates: jrdetar@yahoo.com

Great Grape Gathering

No doubt everyone has already read Roy's very fine write-up on the Great Grape Gathering. You probably thought you heard all the tales of woe with regard to lost models. Well here is another one with a bit of a positive ending; at least the model was located. From the last update, everyone will certainly recall the excellent photo of Matt launching his Power Scale Hurricane at the Pirate Challenge. Matt once again flew his Hurricane at the GGG, this time in Faux FAC Simple Power Scale. As at the Pirate Challenge, Matt's Hurricane decided it knew better where to go, this time heading into a large Maple Tree beyond the farm house south of the National Warplane Museum.

Even though the approximate location was known, it was difficult to locate the model's final resting place. That was due to the model fuselage and wings parting company and remaining very high up. Both parts were hanging vertically and blending well with the foliage. (Camouflaged models will do that.) Our first photo shows the fuselage, 50 or more feet up in the tree. Next photo is of the wing, likewise hung up but a bit higher. A fair amount of study (third photo) made it clear; there was no reasonable way to recover the model so it was very reluctantly left hanging.

Matt was able to contact Louise Wadsworth and found out that a day or two later the fuselage made its way to the ground. A day later again, the wing followed suit. Hopefully Matt has reconnected with his model as he had hoped to fly it at West FAC this October.



Just so we don't leave Matt hanging in a tale of woe, we have one more photo. This shows Matt with his EKW, an unusual subject for FAC WW II Combat, but a most successful one. So far Matt's EKW has gone 2 for 2 in WW II Combat efforts. Way to go Matt! A kit for this model was given to each participant at the Outdoor Champs (hosted by the Detroit Cloudbusters) in 2018. Guess this editor will pull out the kit and see if the Swiss have come up with a top shelf WW II combat model. By gosh, it does look good!

Parting Shots

For our closing photos, we will change from the Matt King Network over to the Rob Blair channel. Here is an image of Rob starting his very nice Thomas Morse Scout. Pretty sure this came from the Guillows kit and is motivated by a diesel power plant. Do not know the model Rob is launching in the last photo, but he looks to be having a good time. Great job Rob.



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Faux FAC Simple Power Scale. This event has raised some interest in flying power scale beyond the participants in the National Warplane Museum Free Flight Series. We have already seen the need to make changes as several fliers have succeeded in flying max flights. If you have any interest in such an event, consider how you would like to reduce likelihood of ties for first place.

Using a motor run limit was rejected by several (mostly internal combustion powered) flyers. Adding in bonus points for more difficult airframe configurations is a possibility. If you have a suggestion for the event, send it to the editor. If you have a strong preference, write it on the back side of a \$20 bill and send it to the editor.



Farewell

Word from Dave Pishnery that his flying buddy Howard Koverman passed away on September 7. Howard came to several of our meets over the years. He was a quiet man and did not call attention to himself but he was a good friend and an enthusiastic flyer. (As well as an accomplished artist by profession.) He will be missed. Our sympathy to Dave, who lost a good wingman, and Howard's wife Renee his children and grandchildren and the rest of his family and friends.

That is all for now. See you at the Annual Meeting!
 Mark C. Rzacca, editor
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<u>WNYFFS Dates of Interest for 2019</u>	
WNYFFS Annual Meeting	November 9
Indoor Flying	November 16
Indoor Flying	December 7
Indoor Flying	December 21