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## WNYFFS April Update

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April update for Western New York Free Flight Society

Greetings,

Our indoor season is officially over as is our participation in Science Olympiad competition for 2016. Last month we had a nice get together at Brad and Ruth's to put the remaining touches on the Club's loaner E-20 models. At least there was a get together and a good deal talking about E-20 was done. Joe Mollendorf and Roy Smith each brought completed models and your editor showed off Jim Detar's nearly complete handy work. Jim had built an EAP 20 based on plans from the Willamette Modelers. Before installing motor, timer, DT, etc., Jim selected a more competitive looking model and has already completed that model for his use in competition. That left the EAP 20 available as a Club loner. Roy drew up and built his Dixe20 and it looks very competitive indeed. Joe worked from the BMJR kit to produce a Kiwi E-20 which looks very sharp with its wings covered using silvered mylar. Joe's Kiwi will likely be available for loaner use as well. Brad and Ruth shifted from their plans to Kiwi model and put together a modified EAP 20.

With the change in direction for the Banes, the Kiwi models they purchased will be offered for use by some of the Science Olympiad competitors we worked with this winter. Your editor will try to put one together as a loaner model for the club as well. Watch for an article by Roy in an upcoming issue of Free Flight on our efforts to offer the free flight experience to potential enthusiasts. Thanks to the change in the BOM, interested non builders will be able to compete with airframes built specifically to provide a free flight experience.



The usual suspects in the Bane Hobby Area discussing E-20. From the left, Joe Mollendorf, Brad Bane behind Joe, Roy Smith, Lyle Whitford and Jack Barker

## Club Picnic

Next on tap is the first ever club picnic. In Ruth's own words, here is your personal invitation:

DATE: April 30 weather permitting, Rain Date May 21

TIME: start 10:00 AM ending ???

Bring any small hand launch, indoor, catapult launch, very light rubber power, and E-20 models.

Menu: Brad and I will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, pasta salad, and baked beans. We will get the beer, pop, water, tea, and coffee. Our airplane friends and guest can bring anything that will supplement our menu ( sides, drinks, desserts, etc.).

RSVP to our e-mail [windwhip47@aol.com](mailto:windwhip47@aol.com) or phone 716-474-3456.

Directions from Rochester: take art 104 west to the hamlet of Gaines turn right onto rt. 279 and the airport will be on the east(right) side of the road, about 1 mile north on 279. From Buffalo: take rt. 104 east to the hamlet of Gaines, take a left onto rt. 279 north and the airport will be on the east (right) side of the road.

Gaines Valley Aviation

2501 Gaines Waterport Road.

Albion, NY 14411

We will make a call about 48 hours before our picnic if a go or a move to the rain date of May 21.

Hope to see everyone there

Thermals

Brad and Ruth Ann=

Well that seems to cover pretty much everything an invitation should cover. Remember, if you miss this inaugural event, you'll never get another chance.

### **Science Exploration Days**

Last up on our reminder list is the 45th Annual Science Exploration Days at Saint John Fisher College. This year's Science Exploration Days will be held Thursday evening May 12, 7-9 PM and Friday May 13, 2016, 9 AM-1 PM. During the Thursday evening time slot, the event is open to families and individuals, pretty much anyone interested in attending. Friday's daytime hours are for the student program during which a number of school groups tour the exhibition tables. This is a fun event where we display our models and even do a bit of flying (of VERY light rubber models) for the crowd. All the exhibitors also get a very nice lunch following the closing on Friday. Bob Clemens has been the contact for us with the hosts for many years. He is great at sharing the enthusiasm of rubber powered free flight with the youngsters. There are always a good number of students keen on helping launch our models.

If you want to join in, let Bob know which days you will be present. Bob's email is [rclemens2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rclemens2@rochester.rr.com) and his phone number is: [585-730-5713](tel:585-730-5713).



Jim DeTar's Fiat G.46

## Closing

I have received several nice notes from a number of modelers telling me of their current projects. Among them, Bob Clemens is making good progress on his Majestyk for P-30 competition. Jim DeTar has completed several projects already such as two E-20 models but he also sent out photos of his Fiat G-46 (a.k.a. *The Italian Job*) for FAC Low Wing Military Trainer. Dave Pishnery has a veritable laundry list of projects under way. Included in Dave's intentions is an electric scale model of a biplane, specific model remains TBD. My time has been spent on an O20 replica for SAM competition and a Cessna C-34 for FAC Golden Age. About half the repairs I intended have been seriously started, none completed. Nevertheless, when I hear about an electric scale model I am drawn into the storage room to review options for an E-20 powered scale model. Sort of like a Powered Dime scale. This could be the ticket to make some of those 16 inch Guillows kits flyable without excessive redesign. Maybe one more model can be squeezed in before the Spring Opener. This year we're sure to have some better weather for trimming, trust me. Either way, I'll see you there on May 7 & 8. Regardless of the weather, the rain date is the following weekend, May 14 & 15.

Keep building till you can go fly, then repair.

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