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WNYFFS March Update

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March update for WNYFFS

Build session for E-20 models

As mentioned in the newsletter, a build session had been booked to wrap up the club E-20 models, if required. Well, looks like the wrap up will be needed. This get together will be a very informal affair. Lack of a kit should not keep anyone from joining in. Two BMJR kits for the Kiwi are on hand for anyone wishing to lend a hand with building. At least one of the kits has been started. Power plants will be provided, or you can bring any bits and pieces you have on hand. One way or another they will be provided. Jim DeTar has donated a completed air frame for an EMP-20 without power plant. We'll be working on that one as well.

Anyone interested can stop by at the Banes to participate in the way they see fit. Spouses are welcome as well. So far Roy & Sally Smith intend to attend (weather permitting) along with Joe & Heather Mollendorf and Lyle & Priscilla Whitford. You can arrive just about any time on March 26; mid-morning till late in the afternoon should work. Of course it is unlikely work will continue too late into the evening. Building activity will likely degenerate into talking about building and eventually into how much better we used to build. From experience, talk about how we used to build (and fly) will likely go on for quite a while. Hopefully, some construction will actually take place; it will be nice to have loaner models on hand.

Rest assured the Banes will have something good to eat on hand. Their address is provided below. Here is the phone number to let them know you are coming: [\(585\)765-9363](tel:5857659363) while the email is windwhip47@aol.com.

60 Lake Ave.

Lyndonville, NY 14098

One last note regarding E-20 models. Jim DeTar has a small gear puller suitable for pulling the pinion gear from the motors purchased from the Willamette Modelers. The Willamette Modelers charge a dollar to pull the gear. If you forget to ask for that service, Jim can help you out.

Wrap up for indoor flying

Saturday, March 19 will be the last indoor flying session at Pieters. Jim DeTar provides a few closing remarks regarding this season's activity:

The indoor season was a success. Great participation and we could use a larger site, but our arrangement with the Pieters Family Life Center is very sustainable. We want to continue to provide a venue for anyone interested to check out the joy of Free Flight (always capitalized) in a comfortable environment. This is a great activity for the time of year, and particularly beneficial to our more senior members who may not be quite as able to pursue outdoor Free Flight flying. We also provide help to anyone getting started or re-entering the hobby. Students are welcome free of charge and we are especially interested in helping students with Science Olympiad events such as Elastic Launch Glider and Wright Stuff rubber powered airplane events.

As Jim indicates, these sessions have worked out very well. Attendance seems to have gone up a bit this season. As Jim also mentioned we are especially happy to work with any students participating in the aviation components of the Science Olympiad.

Once again, Penfield's team put in a lot of time at Pieters this year. Their efforts paid off; each of the three teams medaled at the competition held last Saturday at Saint John Fisher College. Indoor regular Carl VanVoorhis also works with the Calkins Road School teams in Pittsford. Two of their teams medaled including taking first place!

Congratulations to all the competitors and coaches. It was a pleasure to work with all the teams and we look forward to seeing them back next year.

While on the topic of Science Olympiad, several of us had a very nice time running the Elastic Launch Glider event at Saint John Fisher College. Bob Clemens, Jim DeTar, Ken Scott, Carl VanVoorhis, yours truly and my wife Mary Jo all provided for enough workers so everybody was able to enjoy an easy relaxing time together. Saint John Fisher also provided student helpers as well. Thanks to our SJC helpers, Morgan and Morgan. (It was very considerate of the school to provide helpers with the same name; makes it easier for an aging population.)

Some Science Olympiad events started as early as 8AM but Elastic Launch Glider was not scheduled to begin official flights until 11. That gave anyone who cared a chance to fly indoor with a 30 or 40 foot ceiling. Your editor was able to fuss with his Vartanian HLG and actually see the transition work the way it is supposed to. Flight times were not that long but it sure looked nice.

Regarding ESFFC contest announcement

At the end of February, Roy Smith sent out the contest flyers for all of the National Warplane Museum Series contests. It turns out that Roy had never been provided updated copies for some of the contests. In addition, there has been a change regarding the ESSFC. For the 36" bungee launch event the ESSFC will now use the same rules as the GGG. Specifically, fly off flights will increase by 30 seconds for each fly off flight, rather than the 60 seconds originally stated for the ESFFC.

Roy recently sent out an updated NWM Series announcement. These are correct as of March 15. In addition, up to date announcements are available on the web site, wnyffs.org

Our spring picnic is still on track for April 30 with a rain date scheduled for May 21. Do let Brad or Ruth know you are coming so they can get back to you in the event of cancellation.

That is about it for this time,

Mark C. Rzacca, WNYFFS secretary and Thermal Journal editor.