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## WNYFFS November 2016 update

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WNYFFS November Update

Greetings,

### **Annual Meeting (last time!)**

Club president Brad Bane will be calling in the reservations for the meeting on Wednesday. If you haven't already let him know you are attending here's the number: [585-765-9363](tel:585-765-9363)

### **Maker's Faire**

Leading off this month is a new opportunity to promote model aviation at the Maker's Faire in Rochester. Bob Clemens has been in contact with the organizers and arranged for a table at the Faire. There are a number of websites and Maker's Fair related activities posted for Rochester; Bob has arranged for our participation at the Rochester Mini Maker's Faire on November 19, from 9AM to 5PM at the Rochester Convention Center. (<http://rochester.makerfaire.com/>) The idea is to show models in various stages of building and possibly offer demonstration flights along with static displays. There should be no cost to the club.

Here how the web page defines Maker Faire: *Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue to for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments, projects. We call it the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth — a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness.* Sounds like a real good fit for our hobby and attendance at these gatherings can be pretty impressive. There should be way more people than one would expect meet at a mall show and they will be oriented to hands-on activities more than those doing the Mall Crawl!

Bob will be coordinating this activity. Give him a call at [\(585\) 730-5713](tel:585-730-5713) or [\(585\) 729-3221](tel:585-729-3221) or send an email [rclemens2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rclemens2@rochester.rr.com)

Another effort to gain more exposure for Free Flight modeling, Ken Scott has put together a slideshow describing our indoor Free Flight activity. Ken's presentation was put together specifically for his RC club. As such, familiarity with aviation terms and conventions is presumed. Ken shared the presentation with his RC club in October. It was well received and some of the members were impressed with the difference between flying RC and indoor Free Flight. Come to think of it, we have all become used to the paltry selection of Free Flight kits at the hobby stores. It is not unusual for all the RC models in a store to be RTF or ARF. Don't remember seeing a Sig or any other RC builder's kits in a long time. Not sure why they still carry balsa wood at all but I'm glad they do!

Kudos to Ken and Bob for their work promoting the WNYFFS and Free Flight.

### **FAC Nationals DVD**

Alan Abriss suggested that his latest project, the 2016 FAC Nats DVD would be the perfect Christmas gift for the scale flyer. It's also fun to watch during those cold winter months when we dream of being out on the flying field. DVDs are available now.

Their website accepts credit cards: <http://www.homegrowntv.com>  
You can contact Alan via email here: [alan@alanabris.com](mailto:alan@alanabris.com)

### **WNYFFS in Muncie**

As noted in a previous update, several WNYFFS members attended parts of the three consecutive meets (FAC Outdoor Champs, The Ted Dock Memorial and the SAM Champs) held in Muncie in September. Here are some pictures

highlighting the activities.



Matt King prepares to launch his 54 inch Taylorcraft from the Comet kit. Matt makes it look easy to fly this behemoth of a model.



Matt's Taylorcraft in flight. It is always a pleasure to see these large models in flight.



Jim DeTar about to launch his Rearwin Speedster.



Jerry Crawmer finishes packing in the rubber in his Comet Sparky while Bob Holman looks on. We were pleased to hang out with Bob and his son and grandson for much of the Outdoor Champs and Ted Dock Memorial.



Jerry Crawmer about to let loose the Sparky.



Jim DeTar accepts one of several awards at the Ourdoor Champs from ever smiling Pat Murray.



Not sure what Matt King won at the Outdoor Champs but his excitement is obvious. All of the WNYYS flyers had a GREAT time. Having 4 consecutive days made the trip more worthwhile and the weather really cooperated for the majority of both events.



Simon Blake showed up on Sunday to get ready for the SAM Champs on Monday. Here he is with his Red Ripper which unfortunately ended out of the running due to electrical problems. Regrettably, the good weather did not last through the SAM Champs. Word from Dave Harding, the Champs Manager, was that they did get to fly pretty much all their events although it was not under the best of conditions. Simon still flew several events and managed some trimming work for next season so the contest definitely worth it.

The wrap up

One final note from Ken Scott: *By the way I have a bunch of old ff timers and timer parts from Brooks Goodenow estate (Tatone, Seelig) that may, or may not, be salvageable for rebuild or spare parts as well as some pacifier fuel tanks and some latex surgical tubing from Rambo's estate. If you know anyone interested in this kind of item it's all free for the taking.*

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Build light, build straight and fly often,

Mark C. Rzacca, Editor, Western New York Free Flight Society Thermal Journal

Post Script, Everybody likes a good pun. Unfortunately I don't know any. Here's one anyway:

What do you call the beauty contestants at the Maker's Faire? The makers fair.