

# Balsa Dust

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**DATE:** *Thursday, October 11, 2007*  
**LOCATION:** *East Bloomfield Town Hall*  
**TIME:** *7:30 p.m.*

**GVAM Family Picnic Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. Rain Date Aug 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## 100% Scale Models...

I just got back from a great weekend of airplanes, airplanes, and more airplanes. Jim, Eric and I spent the weekend at the 1941 HAG air show in Geneseo. We arrived on Friday afternoon and stayed through till Sunday around 5:00pm. There were as usual, quite a variety of aircraft. WWI and WWII fighters, B25 and B17 bombers, transport aircraft, lots of trainers and liaison aircraft. Civilian aircraft from the 30's through the present as well as three Seabee amphibians.

The flying started at 6:00am both Saturday and Sunday so sleeping in was not an option. An AT6 taking off makes quite an alarm clock. The air show itself ran from 10:00am to 4:30pm. As well as all the usual flybys of the military aircraft there were two different solo acrobatic routines and one team routine. An F16 demonstration, a flyby of the B2 stealth Bomber, and something new for me, a female wing walker. There were lots of tents with a variety of vendors as well as several military reenactors from the US, England and Germany.

If you get a chance next year, I highly recommend it. The show is considered one of the top ten air shows in the world, and it's in our back yard!

Happy Landings...

**Max**

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## At The Field

By Glenn Crocker

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Olean 2007 has come and gone. GVAM had very good representation at the event. I counted 14 members (over 20% of the membership) during the day but everyone was coming and going so it was difficult to avoid a double count. The usual cross wind did not disappoint, so we decided to watch this year. There was a lot of flying despite the high cross wind. Most of the planes flying had a heavy wing loading and did well. The light wing loaded planes had quite a bit of difficulty.

During the noon break Kyle Stacy of Webster put on a helicopter demonstration. You had to see it to believe it. It was just outstanding. I forgot to tell you Kyle is 11 years old. Everyone went away hating the reflexes of an 11 year old.

This year the airport had a fly in breakfast for full size pilots and anyone else that wanted to partake. This was done in conjunction with the STARS rally and it seemed to work out very well. The planes were on the ramp for viewing. Even with the wind the crowd was larger than it has been in the last 2 to 3 years.

Chef Dave did his usual outstanding meal planning and preparation. The flight line food critic (Joe) was with us again this year and gave Dave his 5 star rating, His only criticism was there was no Italian dressing for the salad. We told him that since he was Sicilian we didn't think it would make a difference. Our other Flight line food critic (Nick) was not able to make it but probably would not have given it a 5 star rating (NO PIZZA). Had he been there he would have located the local Pizza Joints, done taste testing reconnaissance and had pizza delivered for dinner. Joe could not stay for breakfast but I will let him know it was outstanding.

If you have not heard, Andrew Hughes and his wife (Henry's daughter) are the proud parents of a baby girl (their first). That makes Henry Latka a grandfather if you can imagine that. Everyone is healthy and doing well (even Henry). I believe Andrew has already purchased a 40% Edge 540 for his daughter as a trainer. Congratulations to everyone.

Thursday night has continued as Pizza night as well as Club night with a very good turn out. A person who shall remain nameless but whose initials are Nick T tried to fly model 1 on program 2 without success. Since I have done this a couple of times (it's always the ailerons that get you) I know how that feels. He must have been deciding what type of Pizza to order during the preflight.

There is a lot of great flying ahead this summer so get out there and do it. Remember the Family picnic on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Fly safe, avoid the trees and do not make any sacrifices to the ground gods. See you at the field!

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## Calendar of Events

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- **July: 28, 29:** Sky Rovers Fun Fly
- **Aug 5: GVAM Family Picnic. Rain Date the 12th.**
- **Aug 24,25,26:** Northeast Helicopter Jamboree
- **Sept 9:** Interclub Picnic. GVAM Hosting
- **Oct:** Ladies Night Out

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## 2007 Mowing Schedule

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7/11	Tex Mantel	8/22	Charlie Vogel
7/14	Dave Beckwith	8/25	Jim McBride
7/18	Lou Eltscher	8/29	Bill Kegel
7/21	Joe Ficcaglia	9/1	Glenn Crocker
7/25	Ned Holmes	9/5	Tex Mantel
7/28	Dave O'Neil	9/8	Dave Beckwith
8/1	John Miller	9/12	Lou Eltscher
8/4	Joe Prato	9/15	Joe Ficcaglia
8/8	Bill Borgeest	9/19	Ned Holmes
8/11	Max Wright	9/22	Glenn Crocker
8/15	Tom Brown	9/26	John Miller
8/18	Eric Higham	9/29	Joe Prato

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## For Sale

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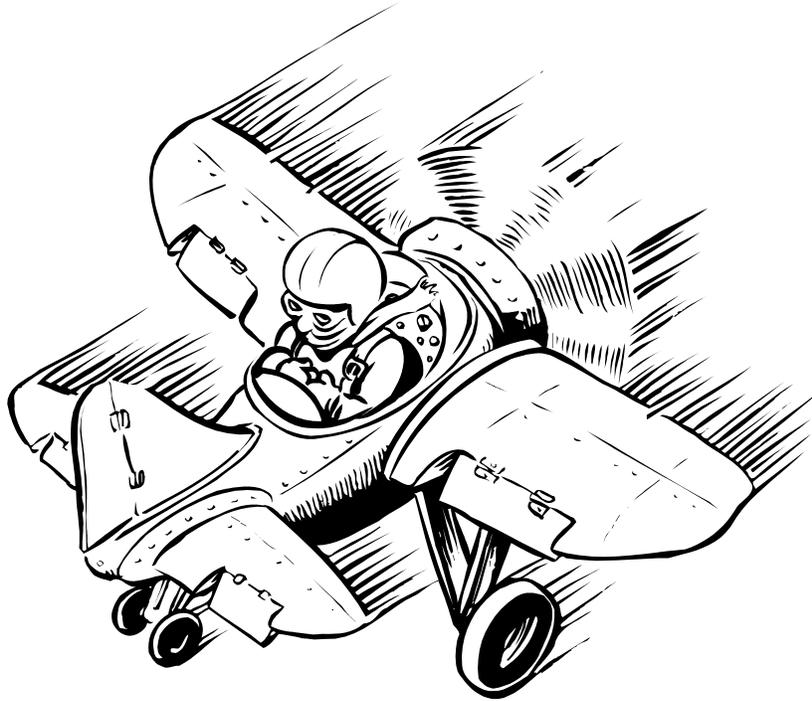
Showtime 50. \$125.00 Contact Bill Kegel  
585-335-5608.

# GVAM Family Picnic

August 5<sup>th</sup> 2007  
(Rain Date August 12<sup>th</sup> )

Flying starts when you get there

Lunch will be served at 1:30



The club will provide the meat and cold drinks.  
Please bring a table setting and a dish to pass.

Dave has guaranteed excellent weather so come and join us for a fun day.

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Olean 2007. Lou taking a rest after walking the flight line.



GVAM attendees or at least most of them. We had a very good turnout.



Jim and Eric. Jim is seeing if he remembers how to use the camera..



What a high crosswind will do to the flying.



Some of the GVAM attendees doing what we do best.



A view of the crowd along the flight line.



The traditional bullhead bait (shrimp) at the evening meal.



The hungry vultures waiting for dinner. The flight line food critic is on the left.



Stuff used some of his EMT gear so he would not spread germs while peeling the cucumber.



Dave and Eric at breakfast. Eric is getting coffee and Dave is doing home fries.



Dave and the assistant chef preparing dinner.



Eric and Jim just prior to Jims perfectly executed figure 9.



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