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NEXT G.V.A.M. MEETING

Thursday 10/10/19 6:30pm at the Honeoye Public Library
(8708 Main St. Honeoye)

Dues Are Due

The 2019 flying season has arrived and that means annual GVAM club dues are due once again. Many members have already paid this year's dues but for any holdouts the time has come. Adult membership remains at \$75.00, junior membership (19 and younger) \$1.00 and social membership (non-flying) \$15.00. Dues can be mailed to:

Glenn Crocker, GVAM Treasurer
21 Highview Trail
Pittsford, NY 14534

It's the Law

Just a quick reminder as we head into active flying season. We're all currently operating under the FAA's Interim Rule which mandates that all SUAS in excess of .55 pounds (250 grams) be operated by a registered individual and that individual's registration number must be visible on the outside of the aircraft. Whether we agree with the rule or not, for now it's the law of the land and to avoid contributing to any problems which might bring on even more needless regulations we should adhere conscientiously to all applicable laws as well as we can.



April Meeting Recap

I usually have mixed feelings about the April meeting and this year was no different. It's a sad occasion 'cause it's the last meeting we'll be having until fall and I enjoy the meetings very much. However, it's a joyous occasion 'cause it marks the end of a long winter season and the beginning of what should be weather much better suited to RC flying.

Discussion was continued about the damage done to the field (not the actual flying surface, thank God) and a plan was put in place to assemble a small work detail to fill the ruts and make everything right again. The shelter tarps will most likely be put up on the same day and in all likelihood by the time this edition is published the field grounds will be good as new again.



Dave B. did some leg work and looked into options for renting a machine if the Ford tractor isn't operational before the long grass needs its first cutting. He found a vendor that will rent a suitable tractor and deliver it as well if need be for what seems like a pretty reasonable rate all things considered. Thanks, Dave!

A potential new member (John Ayers) attended the meeting. He recently moved back to the area after many years away. He has a good-sized air force with everything from foamies and drones to 100cc gas monsters. Guess which ones I'm looking forward to seeing him fly. Hope he decides to join the club and we see him at the field soon.

This was also the traditional annual "show and tell" meeting so here's a few pics of what folks brought.



A new acquisition Jim McBride is currently upgrading/retrofitting to better suit his needs. Sharp looking plane



Mark S. brought this new addition. Not entirely sold on the pilot figure. Time will tell if it's a good fit



Glenn's new WACO biplane. Should be very easy to see this one in the air. Another great looking plane

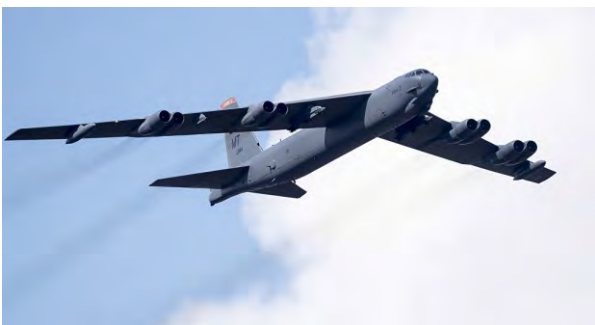


My new ultralight. Can't wait to fly this one!... 😊

Did You Know?

By Nick Trezza

Ok gang, this month's "Did You Know" focuses on a plane that I spent some time on, in and over... The Boeing B-52 Stratofortress. This plane is one of the few aircraft that has been in the Air Force's inventory the longest. Its first flight was in 1952 (same year as me) and is still on the roster and continues performing missions to this day. The Air Force says that at least one will continue to fly until the year 2052. That's incredible!!!



Its nickname is BUFF, which stands for Big Ugly Fat F... (you can guess what the last F stands for). The wingspan of this plane (185ft) is longer than Orville and Wilbur's first flight (120ft). When the plane is on the tarmac its wings flex 18ft compared to when it's in flight.

When it's loaded with fuel the wingtips hang so low that it has retractable outrigger protection gear on each wingtip. It's one of the very few planes where the ejection seats eject down instead of up (navigator and radar specialist). Its fuel capacity is... are you ready for this?... not quite 48,000 gallons.



I could go on with a bunch of stats that would bore the heck out of you but what I will say at this point is that this is one of the main aircraft that got us through the cold war and has kept this country safe.

Well, that's it for me again, boys. I'd like to paraphrase Robert Duvall when he was in Apocalypse Now many years ago. "God, I love the smell of glow fuel in the morning!!!" FLY ON!!! Nick T. V.P.

Let's do some flyin'!!!



Photos from the Field

Well, so far Mother Nature hasn't been very cooperative where flying is concerned. I've managed to visit the field only twice so far and Jeremy was the only other person I saw doing any flying. Glenn stopped by once while I was there on a Sunday afternoon but didn't attempt to fly. The ground is still very soft and if I didn't have the mighty 4WD truckster I probably wouldn't have been able to access the field at all yet. With a little luck things will dry out soon and we'll all be able to get some quality flying time in...



Three favorites charged and ready to go, full of hope (4-6-19)



First day out (4-7-19). Six hours of Heaven after a long winter



Jeremy gettin' it done with a mighty electric



A pretty light turnout for a warm, calm Thursday evening.
All three of us (me, myself and I) 4-25-19

Projects



One advantage to the crap weather is getting projects wrapped up sooner than anticipated. This is the 87" Sbach I acquired from Randy last year. She's all repaired and ready to go. I set 'er up with a DLE 50 Ebay find and if it runs as well in the air as it did on the test stand I'll be very happy with it. It has good high torque Savox servos (277 ounces) and I maxed out the control throws for the high rate setting so I'm guessing she'll be pretty agile. Can't wait to fly it!... 😊



Another view of the Sbach. The cowl is a mismatch (from a different plane) but I may do some more cosmetic work if it survives the summer



With the weather promoting lots of "indoor time" I've made good progress on retrofitting the 12' Telemaster. That DLE 60 twin looks pretty sexy bolted to the nose. Just a few more "labor of love" hours and she'll be ready to balance...

Tips and Tricks

For this month's tip I'd just like to pass along something that Eric shared at the April meeting. These handy little utility clamps (packaged as "jumbo clothespins") are currently available at Dollar General. They come in various colors six in a package for \$1.00. Difficult to beat that price in this day and age. I left the meeting and went right up the street and bought several packages. You can never have too many clamps in the workshop...



On the Calendar

Saturday & Sunday, June 8th & 9th

Jolamtra Fun Fly

Jolamtra Landing Area, 5752 Wind Fall Rd, Bath NY 14810

Flying 10:am-5:00pm, open to all aircraft, free camping (no hookups)

Saturday & Sunday, June 29th & 30th

RCCR Ray Edmunds Memorial Fun Fly

Northampton Park Model Flying Field, 304 Salmon Creek Rd, Brockport, NY 14420

Campers welcome (no hookups)

Saturday & Sunday, July 6th & 7th

S.T.A.R.S. Annual Fun Fly

NEW LOCATION - S.T.A.R.S. Flying Field, 5006 W Shore Rd, Hinsdale, NY 14743

Open to all aircraft, 10:00am-5:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, July 20th & 21st

Sky Rovers Airshow 2019

Sky Rovers Flying Field, 2269 McBurney Rd, Phelps, NY 14532

Open to all size aircraft (no turbines), registration 9:00am, flying 10:am-4:30pm, free camping (no hookups)

Saturday & Sunday, July 27th & 28th

Canandaigua Sky Chiefs Air Show & Fun Fly

Sky Chiefs Flying Field, 3296 Gehan Rd, Hopewell, NY (New York Steam Engines Association's property)

Ample room for camping and RVs

Saturday & Sunday, August 3rd & 4th

S.E.M.A.C 6th Annual Fun Fly

Perry-Warsaw Airport, 6522 Perry Ave, Perry, NY 14530

Plenty of camping area (no hookups)

Saturday & Sunday, August 24th & 25th

Rochester Aero-Modeling Society Ed Van Wagner Memorial Airplane Show

R.A.M.S. Flying Field, 2529 Macedon Center Road, Palmyra, NY 14522

Friday – Sunday, September 6th-8th

Windy Ridge Camp & Fly

Windy Ridge RC Flyers Flying Field, 8989 Alderman Rd, Hammondsport, NY 14840

Full-scale turf strip, camping available (no hookups)

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Genesee Valley Aero Modelers on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/gvaero>

GVAM YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCk7v-HTFPGO-6NRtHYM5C6Q>

Windy.com (wind/weather forecasting) - <https://www.windy.com/42.737/-77.542?41.810,-77.542,7>

Weather Underground - <https://www.wunderground.com>

Academy of Model Aeronautics - <http://www.modelaircraft.org>

AMA District II - <http://rcpilot.wixsite.com/amadistrictii>

AMA YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBnIE7hx2BxjKsWmCpA-uDA>

Rochester Aero-Modeling Society - <https://www.ramsrc.org>

Windy Ridge RC Flyers (Hammondsport) - <https://www.rcflightdeck.com/club.cfm?id=1283>

Canandaigua Sky Chiefs - <http://www.canandaiguaskychiefs.org>

Southern Tier Aero Radio Society ("STARS" - Cuba) - <http://www.rcstars.org>

Sky Rovers RC Flying Club (Phelps) - <http://www.skyrovers.org>

Finger Lakes Air Pirates (Seneca Falls) - <http://www.flapsrc.com>

Radio Control Club of Rochester - <http://www.rccr1957.com>

AeroFred (free model airplane plans) - <https://aerofred.com>

Look me in the eye and tell me you didn't buy another RC plane or more RC accessories...



If anyone has any projects or experiences or anything at all RC related you'd like to share here please feel free to send it to me and I'll include it in a future edition... Pete peterdonk@aol.com