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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)

2019 Mowing Schedule

Date	Name
6/22	Pete Donk
6/29	Mark Smith
7/6	Jeremy Parker
7/13	Dave McBride
7/20	John Miller
7/27	Chris Keefer
8/3	Bill Hennen
8/10	Jim McBride
8/17	Tom Sharp
8/24	Nick Trezza
8/31	Mark Woodruff
9/7	Dave Beckwith
9/14	Stuf Alger
9/21	Pete Donk
9/28	Jim McBride
10/5	Tom Sharp
10/12	Nick Trezza

Did You Know?

By Nick Trezza

Ladies and Gentlemen and Children of all ages, it's time for Did You Know --- Did you know that while the war was going on in Europe new planes that were manufactured in the States and shipped to Europe were usually unfinished or had an aluminum finish on them? When they would reach the base they were stationed at they would be painted O.D. or camouflage. The problem with that was between the primer and the finished coats of paint 250 to 300 pounds of weight were added to a fighter and more for a bomber. Some pilots complained because it affected the plane's performance. Also, as the war went on and on, maintenance shops were running out of paint or the proper color so they would stay unfinished or polish the skin of the plane. That's why in some color photos of fighters and bombers you see different color skin panels. Also, if a plane's skin was shot up or got damaged, the crew chief might have cannibalized a panel from another plane that might not be the proper color just to get the plane back in the air.

I just found out about this next item a few days ago. I know the British had done this but I don't know if it was done on American aircraft. I was looking at a picture of a Spitfire and noticed several 12" by 12" orange squares at several locations on the plane (2 on the leading edge of the left and right wing, 2 in front of the cockpit and 2 in front of the tail). I had never seen that. After reading the article it said the squares were indicators. If the plane flew through an area that had been exposed to chemical warfare the 12" orange squares would turn colors to alert the pilot.

This last item is about something we've all seen and that's invasion stripes painted on planes. Prior to the Normandy invasion orders came down to paint black and white stripes on the wings and fuselage of all the Allied planes for easy identification. Well, if you look closely at many aircraft with the stripes you will see that on a lot of planes they were sloppy and painted haphazardly because zero hour was getting close and they had to relocate squadron I.D. lettering and get the stripes on. On some planes you can see the stripes are not straight or that they need another coat of white for better coverage. I guess they did what they did to get the job done.



Well gang, that's it for me. Don't forget those immortal words of the patriot Patrick Henry who said, "Give me RC flying or give me Death!" Fly On!!! *Nick T. V.P.*

Thanks to Max

The general consensus is that much of the reason the field was usable as soon as it was this year was that Max went above and beyond the call of duty in his efforts to get the swamp filled and mowed and rolled and everything else that many of us never really give much thought to. I heard stories of a mowing machine getting stuck repeatedly and many visits to check on the drying progress and mechanical hurdles to cross and in general lots of efforts to overcome Mother Nature's wrath. So here's a big "thank you" to Max on behalf of the whole club. We're grateful for all you do...

Tips and Tricks

Here's something that comes straight from the 3D For Dummies handbook but can also be quite useful for those of us who are more like "2 ½ D" wannabees. It's much like the orientation rule for when your plane is coming straight at you and you move the aileron stick toward the wing tip that's dipping low in order to correct and level the wings. This is for when your plane is climbing vertically (or hovering) with its belly toward you (backwards for most of us laymen). Like in the aileron scenario, when the plane is vertical but backwards (belly in) move the rudder stick toward the wing tip that's dipping low. That will give you correct rudder movement to maintain a vertical climb or a stable straight hover. With a little practice it will become a natural correction you don't even need to think about.

Photos from the Field



Mark and one of his many whirlybirds



Jim firing up THEEE Extra



Tom with his rotor wing choice of the day



Glenn fueling up the RV-4 for another great flight

SUMMER IS FINALLY HERE!!!





Glenn and Mark trying to get their stories straight



Jeremy's electric twin



My choice for Memorial Day festivities



Jim got extra points for classiest aircraft on Memorial Day



A better shot of Mark's whirlybird in action



The Super Sportster on a particularly nice Friday evening

On the Calendar

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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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/UCBnlE7hx2BxjKsWmCpA-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>

BEFORE AND AFTER...



COCAINE



ALCOHOL



CRACK



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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