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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
5/25	Nick Trezza
6/1	Mark Woodruff
6/8	Dave Beckwith
6/15	Doug VanDeroef
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	Doug VanDeroef
9/21	Pete Donk
9/28	Jim McBride
10/5	Tom Sharp
10/12	Nick Trezza

# Did You Know?

By Nick Trezza

Gentlemen, did you know? --- This first item I found out about a short time ago. It's about a past mayor of New York City, Fiorello La Guardia. He had served in both WW1 and WW2. Prior to WW1 he came here from Italy with his family. In 1906 he got a job as an interpreter on Ellis Island. Now you may be asking yourself, "Self, what does this have to do with aviation?" Well, it seems little Fiorello was taking note what was happening in Europe and figured a war was going to take place. He wanted to serve his new country but at 5'2" was too short to be a foot soldier. So, in 1915 he decided to take flying lessons so he might become a pilot. He took flying lessons from Giuseppe Bellanca. If that name sounds familiar old Giuseppe founded the Bellanca Aircraft Co. (funny how all these guys are paisans). Anyway, he wound up going overseas to (can you guess?) Italy. He was stationed near his family's hometown of Foggia and between 1917 and 1918 taught american pilots how to fly the Caproni airplanes (which he called pieces of junk). He made the rank of Captain and was eventually made commander of a bomber squadron. In WW2 he served again as Director of Civil Defense and played a large part in establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a non-profit organization. He was mayor of NY from 1934-1945. He died in 1947 and in 1953 the City of NY named the now famous La Guardia Airport after him.



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The next item may get you thinking... It's about another early aviator, Charles Lindbergh. Prior to WW2 Lindbergh went to Germany. Here is where things get a little hazy. Some say FDR sent him there to see what Uncle Adolf was up to and what kind of air power they were developing. Others say he was a sympathizer for the German cause and wanted to give the Germans a few tips. A lot of people argue both sides of the story, but he did go on to serve as an advisor for the US Army Air Corps for the duration of the war. As a note, FDR wanted to keep him safe when he went into war zones so he forbade Lindbergh to fly on any missions.



That's all I have for this month kids. Hopefully soon I won't have to stop building airplanes and start building an ark!!! Always remember and never forget --- It is better to have flown and crashed than to have never flown at all. Fly On!!! Nick T. V.P.

## Tips and Tricks

I was reading an old issue of Model Airplane News and this little tidbit really jumped out at me as I almost walked this slippery slope myself just yesterday. The subject line read **Don't push a bad situation!** The gist of the short paragraph was if you identify a problem with your aircraft, even something minor, don't attempt to fly it until the issue is corrected/repared. Solid advice. Even problems that seem small or insignificant can lead to failures resulting in damaged aircraft or worse, dangerous situations. Yesterday I had a blast flying the big red hot rod and as the day was winding down, I really wanted to make just one more flight. While fueling I noticed that a wobbly wheel had actually separated. It still rolled OK but the wheel halves had completely broken apart so the tire was kind of flopping around in between. Had the engine running, was gonna fly, started to taxi then thought better of it. In all likelihood it would have survived one more flight but I decided to call it a day and pack up and not risk damage to the plane or worse. Live to fly another day and **Don't push a known bad situation!...**



# Photos from the Field



It's definitely been a wet spring. Poor man's 4WD?



A good shot of Jeremy working hard on work detail day 😊



El Presidente standing by and ready to fly the Sportmaster



The big red hot rod after a very successful maiden flight



Is it just me or do Jeremy's gliders keep getting bigger?



"New guy" John Ayers with his Flex Innovations Cap 232

It's beginning to feel a bit like flying season!!!







John about ready to do a little FPV flying



Jim looking for a little lift for his glider



Jim and Dick checking out Bill's new electric float plane



Glenn putting some time on the new DLE 20 on the Mustang

## On the Calendar

**Saturday & Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

**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)

**Thursday – Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**

**Windy Ridge Aerotow**

Louck's Airport, 8951 Ridge Rd, Hammondsport, NY 14840

Full-scale grass strip, \$25.00 landing fee/day (\$50.00 max), camping (no hookups)

**Saturday & Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

**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 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

**S.E.M.A.C 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Fly**

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

Plenty of camping area (no hookups)

**Saturday & Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

**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/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>





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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](mailto:peterdonk@aol.com)