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### From the Editor

*By Marty Timm*

Let's kick this edition off with a few quick news bites...

After a brief discussion at the December meeting, the members in attendance voted to contribute \$250 out of the club treasury towards the annual "Rainbow Lake" fund. This does not, in and of itself, take care of this fund. Members who use the hill on Tough Row Hill road for slope flying are still encouraged to make a donation. Frank Zbytek will once again be coordinating the collection of this money and subsequent donation to Mary Ellen Chinchin. If you fly there, please don't forget to donate.

Andy Luchowski is experimenting with waterslide decal paper that will accept an image from an inkjet printer. If this works, it puts the ability to print custom graphics on decals into the hands of anyone that has access to a

computer with a color printer. We'll report on Andy's progress when we hear more.

The club officers that served in 2005 have been reelected for 2006. Bud Leonard was nominated for the office of Vice President, but he respectfully declined. (Maybe next year Bud?)

### Fran Miller

It is with great sadness that I report that Fran Miller as passed away. Fran was a regular participant in club activities. He will be missed deeply.

### Presidential plan for 2006

*By Tom Koszuta*

Welcome to a new year and a chance for a fresh start. My intention for this year is to focus on the members and membership. It is my pleasure to be your president again, and I intend to use this honor to strengthen our club and better our experiences in it. WNYSEF has already started this year on this note with a trip to the Niagara Aerospace Museum. Marty Timm was gracious enough to arrange a guided tour for us through the museum. Thanks Marty.

My intention was to get a model jet and jet pilot into the January meeting for show and tell to see how the extreme end of the "other half" plays. Unfortunately, I believe my volunteer

### Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Feb 16 - 7:30pm	Meeting and Building Contest at the Orchard Park Municipal Building
Mar 16 - 7:30pm	Meeting and Finishing Contest at the Orchard Park Municipal Building
Apr 20 - 7:30pm	Meeting at the Orchard Park Municipal Building
Apr 30 - 9am (May 7)	Spring Opener - ECC South Thermal Duration Sailplane Contest Marty Timm (716) 592-9520

is in the process of taking a job in Florida. (I'm sure the fact that he could fly his jets year round had absolutely no effect on this decision.) In place of the jet presentation, I will be presenting Camber, Flaps, and Drag, an introduction into why competition planes have four servos in the wing and floaters have two or less. I will not be able to attend February's meeting, so this will happen at our March meeting.

I am planning to begin a training program for new and potential members. I see this as some ground school followed by flying sessions on one of my planes with a buddy box. I am trying to get people past the hump of "buy a plane and we'll help keep you from crashing it too much". I will have at least one of these available at every trip to the field this year. Anyone wishing to participate with time or equipment, please contact me.

Lastly, I would like to let everyone know that I will be bringing a winch with me to all of my trips to our flying field. If you let me know ahead of time, I will even bring a "winch proof" plane for launch training.

I am focusing on members and membership. Please let me know how you think I am doing or things you would like to see done. My e-mail [is on the website] and phone number [is] on the front page of the newsletter.

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**Funny what you can do when you're Bored on a Rainy No-Fly Weekend...**

*By Lyn Perry*

An executive Committee meeting the other night started me thinking (I know, it's about time) about Club membership over the years: have we grown, stayed the same, lost? And how to find out?

So I resolved to sort through the HUGE pile into which I routinely toss newsletters, meeting minutes, correspondence, and other related stuff, to see if I could make some sense and order from it. After two days of weeding out, dumping two trash bags, and organizing the rest, I've got treasures!

I have club membership rosters, meeting minutes and newsletters from our inception in 1983 until now, in order, by month and year. Though not complete, there are not too many holes. Anybody want to dig for who showed up as a member when? Or what we did ten/fifteen/twenty years ago this season/month?

One think I've already looked at is membership numbers over the years: Taking the sixteen yearly rosters I have, we started in 1983 with 42; our high has been 54 (1987), with a low of 34 (1994), and we've averaged 44. Pretty consistent, actually - let me know if you have data-mining ideas!

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**PAPER DREAMS**

*By Dominic Aradio*

How many times have we looked at a photo or a drawing of an airplane and thought, 'I would like to build that plane.' In Our minds eye, we are already flying it. The catalogs come out and we comb through them looking for a kit of our

dream model. Sometimes we actually fine the kit and say to ourselves with an inner smile 'This fall' 'This next building season.'

Then there are the special models that can only be built from plans...and so we order the plans and maybe, even replenish our dwindling supply of balsa and spruce with the thought, that maybe this next winter 'I will build that special ship'...somehow, though, we are just a little too busy and so another building opportunity slips past us. Our lives are so filled up with the day to day things that we lose sight of the simple pleasure of making a paper dream come true.

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**The 2005 Clarences**

*By Lyn Perry*

It was a dark and stormy ... No, wait! That was 2004! It was a hot and sunny season, and we flew, and flew, and still did the usual number of dumb things. Herewith, the shameful record.

9 May: Dominic goes to Bean town (Make that Boston, NY) to try out Clarence's field, launches his Mistral into the blue (or whatever it was that day), and skies out. So far so good, but what goes up must come down, especially if you pop spoilers in combination with down-elevator. The stabs blow off, and the rest of the rig lawn darts in somewhere west of Laramie. The stabs are quickly found, but it takes two guys on ATVs to find everything else days later in a creek bed, sufficiently waterlogged to require a re-build. Thanks for sacrificing to the Boston field thermal gods, Dom!

26 June: Dominic tries his luck at ECC with his two-meter blue and yellow electric, but the heat of the day (95 – remember that?) must have caused some cognitive confusion, 'cause he flies antenna collapsed with predictable results. Nice range check, Dom, and remember, we're supposed to keep it up, not down!

3 July: Kurt loses his F5J ship because his transmitter beeps once and quits – no fair!

9 July: At our annual Ed waters Memorial using a slightly different landing approach, both Bob Kellner and Marty manage two off-field landings each while Tom hits the Armco. Andy folds his wings and I fold Dominic's Viking while launching. Not too good, guys!

17 August: Dominic (are you beginning to see who our hero is this year? Hi-starts his ARF Aspire (with Bob Jaques and Harold in attendance), catches the only thermal of the day, goes downwind with it (we'll call this performing a Zbytek), and, while bringing it back, makes a sharp turn which breaks off the right outer wing panel. The plane hits the Abbot Road curbing, and the outer panel vanishes forever – so much for ARFs.

26 August: Bob (Jaques and Harold's Big (Breezy) Day! Bob's Miracle electric throws its prop and crashes on a downwind landing; his Breeze tip stalls in, with half a dozen fractures in the fiberglass fuselage and a broken carbon rod wing spar. Harold's Electron 400 turns into the wind and tip stalls on landing, ending with a cracked fuselage and some wing damage. Note that all three crashed ships were

aileron equipped. A coincidence? I think not!

5 September: Labor Day turns into Arbor day for Paul Klanian and Bill Pike, both showing their love of trees by putting treasured planes in them, if only temporarily. Bill's comes out using the string and rock technique, but with damage. We extract Paul's Sparky using my set of nesting aluminum poles with no harm.

9 September: Harold, Chuck Klanian and I take our eyes off Paul Klanian for a second, so he flies his Sparky into a tree one over from the one he hit four days ago. I end up kneeling on the roof of his Trailblazer to extract the plane.

2 October: At the Fall Finale, Roman's plane spins into the trees at the end of the field (unknown cause; no damage), Bill from Rochester crashes the same plane twice before withdrawing it, and I once again help by folding the wings on his back-up during launch.

Another year; another set of winners! Stay tuned...

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## Niagara Aerospace Museum Field Trip

*By Marty Timm*

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> turned out to be a pleasant day in our mild 2005-2006 Winter and several club members and guests converged on the Niagara Aerospace Museum in Niagara Falls to get a taste of the role that Western New York has played in aviation history. We were greeted by our tour guide who led the group around the museum providing background

and insight on the exhibits that the casual visitor might not get.

Club members in attendance included Lyn Perry, Richard Grady, Freddy Maier, Vince Rasp, Marty Timm and Tom Koszuta and son. Guests of the club included Dan Yaeger from Brauers' and Mike Kucera, Larry Literovich, Mike Bash, and Don Smith from the local Canadian clubs.

While many of us have visited the museum in the past, I think most of the attendees would agree that this was a uniquely enjoyable event in that we were able to get together as a group to enjoy the experience together. Having a guided tour added to the flavor of the event. It was great to be able to get up close and personal with the exhibits while hanging out with friends.

One of the favorite spots in the museum for the group was the Jenny restoration project. This full-scale restoration is in many ways analogous to the model building techniques that we all know and love. When we got there, we ran into Everett McQuaid who volunteers his time at the museum and is working on a museum-quality scale model of the Jenny along side the full scale project. He showed us what he is doing and his project is every bit as interesting as the full-scale one next to his.

All-in-all it was a great time – made more so by sharing the experience with fellow modelers and club members. I expect we will be looking for destinations for more club field trips. If you have any suggestions, let me know. I hope you'll be able to join us for the next one, wherever it is.

# 2006 Niagara Aerospace Museum Field Trip

Photos by Marty Timm



Vince Rasp gets a close-up look



Full Scale Cunningham Hall



Richard Grady, Larry Literovich and friends getting a close-up look at the wing's inner workings



James Moynihan Memorial Restoration Facility



Everet McQuaid's Jenny model



Freddy Maier and wife in front of the full-scale Jenny

# Western New York Sailplane and Electric Flyers

## 2006 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	CD/Contact
Jan 19 – 7:30pm	Meeting - Event Calendar	Orchard Park Municipal Bldg.	
Jan 21 – 10am	Field Trip	Niagara Aerospace Museum	Marty Timm (716) 592-9520
Feb 16 – 7:30pm	Meeting – Building Contest	Orchard Park Municipal Bldg.	
Mar 16 – 7:30pm	Meeting – Finishing Contest	Orchard Park Municipal Bldg.	
Apr 20 – 7:30pm	Meeting	Orchard Park Municipal Bldg.	
Apr 30 – 9am (rain date May 7)	Spring Opener Thermal Duration Sailplane Contest	ECC South Campus	Marty Timm (716) 592-9520
May 18 – 5pm	Meeting – On Field Flying	ECC South Campus	
May 20 – 9am (rain date May 21)	Electric Sailplane Contest	ECC South Campus	Kurt Mandel (716) 531-4350
May 29 – 9am	Memorial Day Fun Fly	ECC South Campus	Andy Luchowski (716) 662-0505
Jun 15 – 5pm	Meeting – On Field Flying	ECC South Campus	
Jun 17 – 9am (rain date Jun 24)	Triathlon Thermal Duration Sailplane Contest	ECC South Campus	Roman Paryz (716) 684-4177
Jul 15 – 9am (rain date Jul 16)	AMA Sanctioned Thermal Duration Sailplane Contest	ECC South Campus	Lyn Perry (716) 655-0775
Jul 20 – 5pm	Meeting – On Field Flying	ECC South Campus	
Aug 5 – 9am (rain date Aug 12)	Man-on-Man Hand Launch Glider Contest	ECC South Campus	Tom Koszuta (716) 896-6393
Aug 17 – 5pm	Meeting – On Field Flying	ECC South Campus	
Sep 4 – 9am	Labor Day Fun Fly	ECC South Campus	Lyn Perry (716) 655-0775
Sep21 – 7:30pm	Meeting	Orchard Park Municipal Bldg.	
Oct 1 – 9am (rain date Oct 8)	Fall Finale Thermal Duration Sailplane Contest	ECC South Campus	Jim Roller (716) 937-6427
Oct 19 – 7:30pm	Meeting	Orchard Park Municipal Bldg.	
Nov 16 – 7:30pm	Meeting – Officer Nominations	Orchard Park Municipal Bldg.	
Dec 21 – 7:30pm	Meeting Holiday Party and Officer Elections	Orchard Park Municipal Bldg.	

\* Dates and locations for events scheduled at ECC South are tentative pending approval by ECC

\* Dates of fall on-field events are tentative pending the publication of the Buffalo Bills' home game schedule

Club business meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

The May, June, July, and August meetings will be held on the flying field and will commence at 5pm.

**Note!! A wind forecast exceeding 20MPH  
automatically defers an event to its rain date (if specified).**