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From the Editor

By Marty Timm

I would like to start this newsletter by apologizing for my absence and lack of newsletters in 2006. Some family health issues and yet another change of jobs consumed much of my time last year. Hopefully the worst is behind me and I will be able to tend to my duties this year.

On to club business!

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Building Season

As far as WNYSEF members are concerned, Western New York has two seasons – “flying” season and “building” season. With winter here, it is time to build and do hanger maintenance. Take some time to cycle those batteries and check them out. Replace the ones

that are losing capacity so you don’t lose something more costly than a battery when flying season starts in a few months.

Don’t forget that during the February meeting we hold our annual “Building Contest”. Bring those uncovered, unfinished winter building projects and impress your friends with your craftsmanship!

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New Meeting Location and Day

Read carefully folks! WNYSEF has changed its meeting day and location! The club will now meet on the FIRST Thursday of

the month at the Kiwanis Center, 50 Legion Drive, West Seneca. (The Kiwanis Center is located just off Union Road between Rt. 400 and the Southgate Plaza.)

So mark your calendars. The first four meetings of 2007 will be:

- ? January 4th
- ? February 1st
- ? March 1st
- ? April 5th

So, like I said, run to your calendars and mark them! Now! Right now!! Go!!! Before you forget!!!!

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*** Upcoming Events ***

Date	Location	Event
February 1 st 7:30 PM	West Seneca Kiwanis Center	Meeting – Building Contest
March 1 st 7:30 PM	West Seneca Kiwanis Center	Meeting – Finishing Contest
March 24 th Time TBA	TBA	“No Particular Holiday” Banquet. Tom/Andy/Ed
April 5 th 7:30 PM	West Seneca Kiwanis Center	Meeting

2006 Spring Opener Report

by Marty Timm

April 30th brought us the promise of a nice day for a sailplane contest. Light winds were forecast out of the East and Mother Nature delivered as promised. This year,

Tom Koszuta took over the reins for this event as my personal commitments prevented me from having the time to organize the event. Tom did an outstanding job, changing the format to a one-class event which allowed pilots more flights than one of our typical contests. Tom also used a method of scoring each round which helped to equalize things a bit for any given round.

The only casualty of the day was Bob Kelner's Sagita. It incurred some damage during a hard landing, but looked very repairable. Two of Kurt's friends from Rochester joined us and livened up the competition considerably.

When the flying was done, Mr. Brock from Rochester claimed top honors, with Jim Roller and Roman Paryz taking second and third places respectively. Full results follow this article. Pictures from the event can be found in this newsletter and on the club web site as well.

**Spring Opener
Final Standings**

Place	Flyer	Score
1*	Brock	3882
2*	Roller	3386
3*	Paryz	2708
4	Perry	2595
5	Smith	2255
6	Timm	2202
7	Mandell	1896
8	Luchowski	1561
9	Koszuta	1225
10	Kellner	676

* Denotes Trophy

**2006 Ron Kirk Memorial
Fun Fly**

By Lyn Perry

We had a good day despite bad-looking weather. About 15 pilots w/ 45 planes registered, plus lots of on-lookers. Lots of activity: Harold and I flew the hour; Frank, Tom and Jim R skyed out off high-starts, and lots of low-level Zagi/warplane stuff as well. Jim S took the Ron Kirk award with a Cleveland Playboy Senior - about 88", and lovely.

2007 One-Design Contest

There is an effort afoot to get a one-design sailplane contest organized. The contest would be based on the "Fling" from Great Planes. Basically, everyone that wanted to enter this contest would buy one of these planes, add the necessary radio gear, and fly them in the contest. These planes have a 2-meter wingspan, are almost ready to fly, and are quite inexpensive. Fields Hobby Center could get a batch of them in and sell them to the club at something like \$79 apiece. Frank and Lyn are talking about it, so if this is something you would be interested in, let one of them know. If there is sufficient interest, we could run a one-design series and hold the competition flying during the summer on-field meetings. Let us know what you think.

Lost and Found

Do you recognize this plane? Is it yours? Does it belong to someone you know? The wings are blue and purple and in good

condition. If think you know who it belongs to, give Marty Timm a call at 982-2546 and let him know so it can get back to its rightful owner. It was found near the ECC South flying field. (If nobody claims it I may make a functional plane out what's left.)



Stuff for Sale

Split 280 – this is an all-EPP speed-280 pylon racer. Meant to take all kinds of abuse, this is a tough little plane. The plane is all built and will need only a receiver to get into the air. Motor, battery, and servos are included and already installed. Price: \$55 (or \$30 without the servos)



Tipsy – This is a cute little park flyer from Graupner. Powered by a speed-280 pusher, it is made to fly in small spaces, and fly it does. It is great for tooling

around the sky on a lazy afternoon. Motor, battery, and servos are included and already installed. It's all built - just add a receiver and fly! Price: \$55 (or \$30 without the servos)



Winches – Pete Fiorentino is selling three winches. He tells me the price is very reasonable and there will be no shipping charge as he is willing to deliver them to our flying field. Contact Pete at (585) 663-3040 if you are interested.

Why Compete

By Tom Koszuta

I am sometimes surprised by how many members of our club don't compete in our contests. Some days I am surprised at how many do compete. I regularly participate in the club contests. I fully intend to run a streak as "Flyer of the Year" soon. But there are other reasons to get to contests.

Deadlines. I hate to think that there is a nasty word like that involved with flying sailplanes, but there is and I count on it. Each spring I sit back and think, "did hockey and beer really chew up my building season that bad?" Each year it does. Contests have dates. Targets by which each plane must be built, the radio programmed, and test flights done. The granddaddy of the contests is the Soaring

Nationals. I need an unlimited, a RES, and a 2M bird ready before I leave for Muncie at the end of July. This deadline gives my building a little more priority over some other things like TV and helps me get planes off the board and into the sky.

Learning. You can really pick up a bunch of things at contest if you pay attention. How many times would you normally stand next to someone for a whole ten minute flight listening to him thinking out loud about what is happening. You get a nice cross-pollination of viewpoints, styles, airplanes, and setups. And of course you get to learn about the care and feeding of winches and retrievers.

Practice. When the points are on the line, lots of little things matter. The top finishers at the Nats will chase a bubble at 20 feet with a 3M full house to make their times. They know that any round that does not make time and get most of the points on landing will knock them out of the hunt. It gives you a reason to chase those little ones after your down to 50 feet two minutes after launching into sink instead of lining up your landing so you can launch again. Landings are a whole other matter. When every inch costs you a point, you learn how to use half spoiler or flap instead of just full on or full off.

Camaraderie. Contests offer a lot of down time between flights. That and some friendly competition really help bring the competitors together. There are some people I only see at contests, be they our members or not. It comes back to there being dates on the calendar that say "Sailplane Contest". "Sorry,

honey. Contest this weekend." Your mileage may vary.

"Thank You" from Mary Ellen Campbell

I received the following delightful note from Mary Ellen, the owner of the Rainbow Lake slope soaring site:

Many Thanks once again for your generous gift of maney. I am very glad to have your group continue to use the property on Tuff Row Hill for sail[plane]ing. Since I live a few miles from that property now it gives me peace of mind to know your group is there from time to time – watching over it – and enjoying the view.

Much happiness to all of you in the coming year.

Mary Ellen Campbell

WNYSEF December '06 Meeting Minutes

7 December 2006 – West Seneca Kiwanis Hall – 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Lyn Perry
Dom Aradio
Richard Grady
Marty Timm
Tom Koszuta
Bill Hauth
Bud Leonard
Roman Paryz
Frank Zbytek
Bob Kellner
Vince Rasp

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Tom Koszuta
Tom welcomed all to the December meeting, and said there would be a holiday party,

planned by himself, Andy, and Ed Taylor, albeit somewhat late.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Marty Timm
Present; no report

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Lyn Perry
November minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Andy Luchowski
Not present; no report (but 2007 dues are due!)

COMPETITION

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Jim Roller
Not present; no report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

- Marty Timm
Hoping for an issue shortly, with membership renewal forms.

FLYIN SITE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Dom Aradio
Nothing new. Frank mentioned that he has checked out the AMA EPA Superfund website and found nothing useful for us. A question was raised with regard to flying in county parks, especially Sprague Brook.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2007 officer nominations were made, with a resolution to keep the current slate, pending Andy's willingness to continue as Treasurer and substituting Lyn for Jim Roller as Competition Coordinator.

Lyn proposed a 2007 Event Calendar composed of three fun-flies and three contests:

? Spring Opener: late April/early May; Marty?

- ? Memorial Day Fun Fly: Andy?
- ? July 4th Fun Fly: ?
- ? Hand Lanced Glider: July; Tom
- ? Labor Day Fun Fly: Lyn
- ? Fall Finale: October; Jim

Bob Kellner suggested adding a 2M Fling contest to one of the events, as we now have four in the club. He also wondered about having some sort of continuing contest, (perhaps also one-design) at summer evening meetings, with points accruing over the season.

SHOW 'N' TELL

Bill Hauth presented an informative look at so-called CD-ROM motors, showing all how to wind one and explaining differences in torque and RPM. Bill brought in a torque stand for measuring motor output, and he and Tom discussed (on large-screen) the computer program Moto-Calc, which allows predictions of motor characteristics while varying a dizzying array of flight-related parameters.

He also flew an electric helicopter, and hovered an electric YAK with one of his motors. Well-done, Bill!

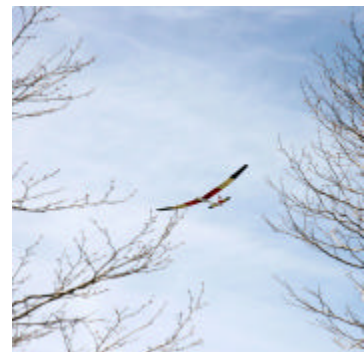
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted – Lyn Perry

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2006 Spring Opener Pictures

Thanks to Dan Wopperer for these great pictures of last year's Spring Opener.



Western New York Sailplane and Electric Flyers

2007 Event Calendar

Month	Meeting	Event
January	4 th – 7:30 PM – West Seneca Kiwanis Hall Event Calendar	
February	1 st – 7:30 PM – West Seneca Kiwanis Hall Building Contest	
March	1 st – 7:30 PM – West Seneca Kiwanis Hall Finishing Contest	24 th – Time TBA – “No Particular Holiday” Banquet Details TBA
April	5 th – 7:30 PM – West Seneca Kiwanis Hall	29 th – 9:00 AM (Rain date: May 6 th) Spring Opener Sailplane Contest Marty Timm – 592-9520
May	3 rd – 5:00 PM – Erie Community College On-Field Fun-Fly Meeting	28 th – 9:00 AM Memorial Day Fun Fly Andy Luchowski - 662-0505
June	7 th – 5:00 PM – Erie Community College On-Field Fun-Fly Meeting	
July	5 th – 5:00 PM – Erie Community College On-Field Fun-Fly Meeting	4 th – 9:00 AM Fourth of July Fun Fly Coordinator and Details TBA
August	2 nd – 5:00 PM – Erie Community College On-Field Fun-Fly Meeting	12 th – 9:00 AM (Rain Date: TBA) Man-On-Man HLG Contest Tom Koszuta - 896-6393
September	6 th – 7:30 PM – West Seneca Kiwanis Hall	3 rd – 9:00 AM Labor Day Fun Fly Lyn Perry – 655-0775
October	4 th – 7:30 PM – West Seneca Kiwanis Hall	Date TBA pending Buffalo Bills schedule Fall Finale Sailplane Contest Jim Roller - 937-6427
November	1 st – 7:30 PM – West Seneca Kiwanis Hall Officer Nominations	
December	6 th – 7:30 PM – West Seneca Kiwanis Hall Elections	

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