



Western New York Free Flight Society

and the

Yankee Air Pirates are pleased to announce the Pirate Challenge 2020



Part of the
National Warplane Museum Series
of
Outdoor Free Flight Contests

In cooperation with



Location: National Warplane Museum
Home of *The Greatest Show on Turf*
Geneseo, NY

Friday, August 21

Flying 9:30 AM to 4 PM

- FAC Combined Race Planes
- FAC Two Bit Plus One
- FAC Old Time Rubber Fuselage
- FAC Simplified Scale
- FAC Jimmy Allen
- FAC Blue Ridge Special
- FAC Modern Military **MASS LAUNCH**
- FAC Embryo for Juniors

Saturday, August 22

Flying 9:30 AM to 4 PM

- FAC WW I Mass Launch
- FAC Rubber Scale
- ~~FAC Power Scale~~ **CANCELLED**
- FAC Golden Age Multi-wing
- FAC No-Cal Profile
- FAC Phantom Flash
- FAC Embryo
- FAC Blue Ridge Special for Juniors

Sunday, August 23

Flying 9:30 AM to 4 PM

- FAC Modern Civil
- FAC Dime Scale
- FAC Golden Age Single Wing
- FAC Jet Cat Glider
- FAC WW II Mass Launch
- Fly What You Built **Mass Launch** for Juniors



Three events for Juniors
with Merchandise
prize for each
Junior Flyer

**LET US KNOW YOU
ARE COMING!**

Send an email to:
wnyffs@gmail.com

Builder Of Model rule in
effect for Junior events:
Embryo, Blue Ridge & Fly
What You Built.



Our scale judge and
BOM compliance
checker: a one eyed
monkey with an attitude

NOW HEAR THIS:

Flying times posted for the
contest are subject to change
based on weather
conditions. If the weather is
good we can extend the flying
or if weather is bad, flying time
may be shortened. Stay in
touch with CD Mark Rzdaca
(wnyffs@gmail.com)

In addition to flexibility
regarding flying time, the
events flown are flexible as
well. If sufficient flyers make
official flights to warrant a
Kanone, the event will be
included in the report.

Entrance & Registration Fee:
\$10 for contest & casual
flyers. Juniors fly free. **ALL**
contest & casual flyers must
register

Proof of AMA or MAAC
membership (incl. juniors)
required. National Warplane
Museum membership
encouraged.

All events will be flown to the current FAC Rules.

- Scale judging scores from previous Nats/Non Nats events will be used; contestants are strongly encouraged to bring official results to reduce judging work load.
- Both Judged Scale events will be flown BEST of three flights.
- Merchandise prizes will be awarded to First Place Winner in Dime Scale event.
- Many Half Wake models can be flown in Old Time Rubber Fuselage. If there are enough modelers able and willing, we will fly Half Wake. Bring your models and let the CD know you would like to fly.

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**Awards to
Third Place**
for all events
listed here

From the July 2020 WNYFFS Thermal Journal Update

Pirate Challenge Status

First, the good news; the Pirate Challenge is still on. Unfortunately, our venue has shrunk. As a result of the Covids shutdown, the National Warplane Museum has lost a great deal of revenue. Not only were they forced to cancel the Airshow, many other revenue producing events have been curtailed. In fact, the Museum was scheduled to open at the end of June, but as of July 4 it was still not open. Plans had been in place for the earlier date but NY's phased plan was altered. Apparently Phase 4 now has two parts (phases in phases?) and museums are not allowed to open till the latter part of Phase 4. Not sure what that means but it is not a happy thing.

In light of the lost income, a portion of the Museum field will be planted with a cash crop, most likely soybeans. Although lamentable, it is quite understandable that the museum must make up for the lost income in some fashion. To be sure, if the stock market had not recovered as it did in May, your editor would not be so sanguine about his financial position either.

Anyway, the image below shows the situation. Soybeans, or the like, will be planted in the region shown in brown. New crops will be planted from the gravel drive in the south, north to the crops which boarder the runway. From the west side, crops will extend from the "path" just east of Swanson Hall all the way to the existing crops on the east side of the field. Note that the "path" is the area where the FAC traditionally sets up the North/South flight line.



For further reference, the runway is highlighted with RED Dashes and the museum and outdoor displays are enclosed in YELLOW. Our flying area will be the area within the SOLID BLUE lines. We may benefit from the area shown in dashed BLUE lines if the winds are just so. The break between the two blue regions is the taxiway from the hangar to the runway.

With this size field, it is unlikely we will fly 2 minute maxes. Ninety seconds is what we will hope for, but we may be down even from that. In addition, given the proximity of the flight line to the museum and display aircraft, we will forgo any power flying, including FAC Power Scale. In addition, we will have to consider how many flyers are willing to fly FAC Stick and other events where the duration is likely to be put models at greater risk. Like the line from Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, "don't sugar coat it Butch, give it to her straight." That is the intention here.

Given the significant changes described here it is all the more important to let your editor know if you are considering attending this event. Also let me know if you are planning on bringing a junior contestant along. AMA membership is required for ALL participants and casual flyers. Note that AMA membership is free for those less than 18 years of age.