

The National Warplane Museum

Free Flight Series 2014

The Western NY Free Flight Society and SAM 86 have teamed up to enhance your free flight flying opportunities. We are pleased to announce a series of free flight events in 2014. Come out and join in the fun.

The Venue. The National Warplane Museum, in Geneseo, NY has a grass airfield in the Genesee River valley, just west of the State University (SUNY) campus. The landing strip is on the North side of the field, the buildings are in the Southwest corner, and the taxiway goes around the Western perimeter, leaving the rest of the area a flat, unobstructed, field. Beyond the perimeter of the field there are crops in most directions, with some trees on the Eastern perimeter. The NWM is a small but vibrant museum; it is definitely worth a look and don't forget the National Warplane Museum's Airshow, the *Greatest Show on Turf!* Consider taking out an annual membership if you haven't already – it will help to keep this great flying field available to free flight model aviation enthusiasts.

The Series.

May 17-18. The Spring Opener. This is the first opportunity of the season to come out and fly at the National Warplane Museum field. A great trimming opportunity for all those with projects just completed in the winter building season. For those contest minded FAC flyers, a number of FAC events will be flown. Details of events to be flown will be provided in the Thermal Journal of the Western New York Free Flight Society (WNYFFS). Send an email to wnyffs@rochester.rr.com for details or if you wish to be added to the email list. Details of the two sanctioned meets will also be posted in the contest listings at freeflight.org

May 31 – June 1. Alternate date for the Spring Opener – and another trimming opportunity.

August 8, 9, & 10. The Empire State Free Flight Championships (ESFFC). A wide range of events – FAC, SAM, AMA, NFFS – Glider, Rubber, Power. This is an AMA sanctioned meet, see the attached Schedule for details. 24 non-FAC and 18 FAC events. Results reported for National Cup points and FAC results will be reported to FAC GHQ.

August 22, 23, & 24. The Pirate Challenge. A slate of FAC events will be flown as well as providing another trimming opportunity/Fun Fly for everyone. As always, FAC results will be reported to FAC GHQ. Details of events to be flown will be provided in the Thermal Journal of the Western New York Free Flight Society (WNYFFS). Send an email to wnyffs@rochester.rr.com for details or if you wish to be added to the email list.

September 12, 13, & 14. The Great Grape Gathering (GGG). A wide range of events – FAC, SAM, AMA, NFFS – Glider, Rubber, Power. Prizes of wine or maple syrup. 27 non-FAC and 13 FAC events. Four perpetual trophies – Rubber, Power, Gollywock, and FAC. This is also an AMA sanctioned meet, see the attached Schedule for details. Results reported for National Cup points and FAC results will be reported to FAC GHQ.

Overall Champion.

A Grand Champion award will be presented at the conclusion of the GGG. Points will be awarded on the basis of placings in all events flown by a contestant in both the ESFFC and the GGG. The winner must have posted at least one score at both of those contests. In other words, a flyer that flies at *only* the ESFFC or the GGG will not be eligible for the Grand Champion Award regardless of the number of points earned.

Second Approach Award.

As an incentive to attend both the ESFFC and the GGG a bottle of wine will be presented to all fliers entering the GGG who also entered the ESFFC. The wine will be donated by prominent NY State wineries.