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International Aerobatic Club Chapter 52

The Columbia County Kline Kill Patch

Ghent, NY, October 13, 2007. What are all of those brightly-painted airplanes doing over at Kline Kill Airport? It's the first ever Columbia County Kline Kill Patch aerobatic event.

Aerobatic pilots will demonstrate their skills in front of national and regional judges to earn achievement awards from the International Aerobatic Club (IAC) on Saturday, October 13, 2007 at Kline Kill Airport in Ghent, NY. The poor weather date is Sunday, October 14, 2007.

The kind of aerobatic flying to be demonstrated at Kline Kill is similar in many ways to Olympic figure skating. Pilots fly a series of aerobatic maneuvers in front of trained judges who grade each maneuver. The grade, from zero to ten, indicates how closely the judge thinks the figure matches an ideal form.

The aerobatic flying is physically and mentally demanding, and requires that the pilot have a thick hide, as the judges are looking for any mistake to deduct points. Why do pilots participate? Most fly for personal challenge and personal reward, to continuously improve their piloting skills and achieve their very best.

The pilots will be the first to tell you that this is not an air show, and the emphasis is on precision, not thrills; however, they love to talk about airplanes, and generally love to explain what they do to anyone interested in learning more. The Kline Kill Airport is open to the public.

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