

August Newsletter 2003

Hello again airplane lovers,

I watched Eugene Yoder's flying lawnmower today, I am not sure that it qualifies as an airplane, but it does fly. It is Saturday evening as I am writing this and we had a busy day at Rink Field. It is really exciting to see all of the activity going on out there. I even saw Babe Hodgson flying one of his airplanes today! We have a new solo pilot in our group, Clayton Sifford soloed the other day, and his shirttail hangs on the frequency board to prove it. What a great hobby, Babe, who is a WW 2 tail-gunner and airplane lover, was talking and enjoying the company of Clayton, who at 15 is just developing his love of airplanes. What other hobby could span across so many generations.

There were approximately 12 members present at our meeting. One of the items we discussed was whether the club should continue to provide soft drinks at our picnics. The conclusion was, we would continue doing it for this last picnic of the season. We will probably revisit this issue next spring.

One item we discussed was the status of our first aid supplies. The status is, there are no first aid supplies. I have been authorized to replenish our first aid kit using club funds.

Another issue that Clayton Sifford brought up was the state of the gate coming into the field. Ron Browning has volunteered to repair or replace the gate if the owner will give us the authority to do so.

Following the meeting we all headed for the field and some serious flying started.

Consider this your official notice, the next picnic is scheduled for Sept. 13. The same deal, you bring your airplanes, your families, and your food. The club provides the soft drinks and entertainment from our fearless flyers.

The next meeting will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept. at Checkers Restaurant in Millersburg at 0800. Of all the places that we have met, Checkers is proving to be the most popular.

This comes as no surprise to those of us that were in the club back when we met there before.

It is really gratifying to me personally to see all of the activity in our club. One of the things that strike me about the hobby is the quality and variety of aircraft that our guys are flying. Most, but not all are ARFs, It makes me wonder why I continue to build these things. The only reason I can think of is, I enjoy it! Almost as much as flying!

Be on the look-out for a brand new Great Planes Ryan STA-M ARF at the field I happen to know somebody that took delivery on one recently. It looks great!

Congratulations to Chuck Browning on his new T-34, it flies and looks great! Chuck did a great job building it. Bill Felder has a nice T-6 that he has been flying. Gene Statesman's Tri-plane, and Art Eby's Taylorcraft are also great. Ron Browning is sporting a new T-6 that passed its test flight last Saturday.

during last few weeks. I know there are others that I have missed, but the bottom line is, Rink field has been a busy place this summer.

Here is some stuff from Jim Miller that I enjoyed and would like to share. What follows is a list of maintenance complaints turned in by Air Force pilots, and the replies from the maintenance people.

Problem: "Left inside main tire almost needs replacement."

Action: "Almost replaced left inside main tire".

Problem: "Something loose in cockpit."

Action:" Something fixed in cockpit."

Problem: "Evidence of hydraulic leak in the right main landing gear."

Action: " Evidence removed."

Problem: "#2 propeller seeping prop fluid."

Action: "#2 propeller seepage normal."

Next Day- Problem:"#1, #3, and #4 propellers lack normal seepage."

Here is another chuckle for you.

After landing: "Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride".

Just remember, "The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival, small probability of survival".

I hope to see you at the field. Don't forget the picnic Sept.13!

Happy Landings,

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