## August 2002 Newsletter

## Hi Guys,

I just got in from a Wed. evening flying session. Art Eby was there with one of his birds and I was there with my Ryan STA. Once again I have some repair work to do on my landing gear. It seems that about every 10 flights I have to work on my landing gear. Oh well, this hobby does teach patience. I just wish I could master the landing maneuver.

I forgot to count the number of members present at the August meeting, but I am going to guess that there eight to ten people there. The main piece of business was the upcoming picnic. Here is the scoop:

### **Picnic**

Date: Sept. 7th 0900 until?

Who: Club Members, their families, and invited guests.

Where: Rink Field

It will be each family's responsibility to provide their own food and beverage. The club will provide a grill and charcoal fire for those that want use it.

The main purpose is to fly and have a good time, but secondly I think that it is important to the health of the club that we all come together from time to time and just socialize and have some fun. Bring a plane and fly, don't bring a plane and "supervise" those that are flying. The main thing, is let's have some fun together while we still have good weather. I plan to invite the guys that came to our fly-in last summer. If you know someone that would enjoy coming out feel free to invite them.

Art Eby still has two cases of 10% Omega fuel still in his hangar. If you are interested, please contact Art.

"Willie" Miller was not at our meeting because I understand that he was in Tenn. Looking for a place to live. I sure would hate to see Willie leave us.

A special thanks to Chuck Browning for mowing the field and taking care of the "Jon" cleaning for us.

We have three new members that we need to extend a warm welcome to, I haven't met all of these fellows but I sure look forward to the opportunity. They are:

Stuart Mead Robert Miller Irvin Frye

We have had several good flying sessions recently, but I want tell you of one memorable flight that I witnessed a couple of weeks ago that I found hard to believe. I have been trying to learn how to master this RC flying business for 30 plus years and I still "blow" a landing from time to time. Gene Stutsman's son Chad has been flying the "Real Flight" simulator on his computer. When he and his Dad came out to field he had never flown a live RC model before. Gene made the take-off, Chad took over, flew for several minutes in a very controlled way, and then made the landing un-assisted!! It's not supposed to be that easy Chad!!

I am planning to go to the Nappanee Clubs chili fly. It is Sept. 15 th. It would be great if we could get several of our members down to Nappanee for that event.

The next meeting is Sept.21<sup>st</sup> at 0800 at the Old Mill Restaurant in Waterford.

### Notable Quotes:

"When one engine fails on a twin engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash."

"Airspeed, altitude, or brains. Two of the three are always needed to successfully complete the flight."

# A Building Tip:

"When selecting epoxy for building an airplane it seems most modelers select the faster setting epoxy over a 30 minute one. In high stress areas, such as the wing joiner, it is important to use the slower setting epoxy for a stronger joint." Taken from Tower Hobbies "Technical Tips".

I hope to see all of you at the picnic.

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