

July Newsletter

Millersburg, IN

Club No. 2959

Hi Gang,

Time for me to report to you again, boy this summer is flying by. There were seven members present in the July meeting. Our Treasurer (Dave Yoder) gave his report; we have \$2200.00 in the club account at this time. Jeff Dinehart made the fuel purchase as planned, and Art has it at his hanger at the airport. Art has four gallons of 15% left over. Anyone needing additional fuel they should contact Art Eby. Many thanks to Jeff and Art for making this happen.

Jim Miller called me prior to the July meeting and we discussed a club picnic/cookout to be held at the field sometime during this flying season. I brought this idea up at the meeting and it got a good reception. The general feeling is that we need to do this in Sept. The general idea is, everyone would bring their own food. If you want to bring a plane and fly, great! If you just want to come out and socialize that's fine to. The idea is to just get everyone together before the end of the flying season. I think it is a great idea. It will not require a lot of effort on anyone's part. Details and date will be worked out at the August meeting. If you have any comments or suggestions for this event feel free to contact any of the club officers, or better yet, come to the August meeting.

Dave Yoder will be on vacation during the month of August, so Chuck Browning has agreed to assume the mowing responsibility. Chuck is also going to see about getting the Port-O-Jon cleaned.

Dave reports that the old mower is still "hanging in there", but as you all know, its days are numbered.

After the July meeting most of us went to the field, others showed up and we had a great flying day. There were nine or ten airplanes present, and we had planes in the air almost all day.

Art Eby, Jim Miller, Tom Kauffman, Chuck Browning, Keith Kaplon, Bill Felder & Eugene Yoder were all present. Everyone was having a great time. Eugene Yoder was flying a brand new Sig Extra ARF. (If I left anyone out, I apologize). The bottom line is, we had a large number people flying, no airplanes were lost, and everybody was having a good time!! It was great!! I personally flew my Ryan five times and didn't have to stop and fix anything! For those interested in small electric aircraft, Art tells me that the foam Moth from Hanger 9 is a good flyer.

Don't forget, if you have anything you want to sell or buy, let me know, I will get it in the newsletter.

Notable Quotes:

"There are three things to remember when you are landing a Mustang. Fast, fast, and fast."

Chuck Yaeger

Because I Fly

Because I fly I laugh more than other men I look up and see more than they, I know how the clouds feel, What it's like have blue in my lap, To look down on birds, To feel freedom in a thing called the stick... Who but I can slice between God's billowed legs, And feel them laugh and crash with his step Who else has seen the unclimbed peaks? The rainbow's secret? The real reason birds sing? Because I fly, I envy no man on earth. Anonymous

I didn't make it out to the field Wed. evening because my wife and I were out in Denver to visit out daughter (Kathy) who was in a training program for United Airlines. Flying back on Friday, we were lucky enough to get on a 747. I have flown on 747s several times in the past, and every time, it is an almost spiritual experience. Over the course of my 66 years, I have flown in everything from WACO Bi-planes, DC-3s, Navy p2vs, all of the Cessna single engine planes, and the Boeing 777s. Nothing compares to the experience of the 747. On this particular flight, we were setting up in the nose, below the cockpit. At 40,000 ft. and 600 mph, the earth un-rolls in front of you in all of it's beautiful colors, and at that altitude the sky above you is very dark blue. If there was ever any doubt in your mind about the existence of a higher power than ourselves, (God) then take a ride in a really fast, really big, airplane that can cruise at the very edge of the atmosphere, and you might change your mind.

Don't forget the August meeting, it will be at the "Old Mill Restaurant" in Waterford At 08:00 on August 17. Happy Landings, Jim Longar AMA 66973