



Rink Field
Millersburg, IN

Club No. 2959

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March 2004 Newsletter

Hi Guys,

Spring appears to be on the way, I can hardly wait for good flying weather to get here. There were about 12 members present at our March meeting. A number of topics were discussed; I will try to catch you up on all of them.

We have a new face in our club, although he is well known by some of the old timers in our club. R.J. Monroe was in the club long before I was. I don't know what years he belonged to the club, but I do know he flew with the club before we got our present field. If you run across him out at the field, get acquainted, he is a fun guy.

Someone had discovered a golf course mower over in Ohio, but when Dave Yoder and Jeff Dinehart went to check it out it was gone, so the search continues. Jeff volunteered to begin to develop a mowing schedule. We have to get some relief for Dave Yoder on the mowing. One of the problems that we face is that very few of us understand the operation and maintenance problems with the existing mower. If any of you guys have any suggestions on how to deal with this problem, please let us know. We desperately need a replacement mower before we can be a lot of help to Dave.

Dave Yoder, Jeff Dinehart and I stayed after the March meeting to finalize the 2004 Roster. This is the time of year when we have to submit the roster along with other documents to renew our charter. This was my first exposure to this process, few of us realize how much "behind the scenes" effort has to go into keeping our club operating. I will send this newsletter out using last year's mailing list. I will attach a preliminary copy of the 2004 roster. If your name does not appear on the new roster and you have paid your money, I suggest you call one of the club officers.

We have the opportunity to make a fuel purchase at a good price through Hobby Land in Mishawaka. If we act before March 30th.

Prices are:

OMEGA	10%	\$10.30/Gal.	15%	\$11.50/Gal.
KOOL POWER	10%	\$10.30/Gal.	15%	\$11.50/Gal.
WILDCAT	10%	\$ 10.40/Gal.	15%	\$11.99/Gal.

All of these prices are before sales tax has been added.

Because there was not enough time to communicate with everybody before the deadline, a motion was made and passed to purchase the same quantity of fuel as last year out of the club's funds. If you want to purchase fuel, contact Jeff Dinehart. Jeff's phone number is 535-0535.

I received a letter from a fellow member and friend Art Eby. Art sends his greetings to everyone. I will try to summarize Art's flying activities in Florida this winter. I don't know where Art gets his energy. The Florida wing of Art's air force consists of

1. A 92 in. Edge 540 with a 3w75 gas engine.

2. A Hangar 9 77 in. P-51 with a Saito 180 and with Spring Air retracts and flaps.
3. A Great Planes Extra 300 with an O.S. 91 FX.

Art also told me about a guy down there that has a complete FULL SCALE ME-109 stored in his garage!!

As we go into the flying season and we go about planning our activities for the summer I want to remind everyone of our fly-in schedule. The dates are:

June 5 "Spring Fling"

July 24 "Mid-Summer Bash"

Sept. 11 "Fall Round-up"



"Just another pretty face".

Art Eby at a fly-in in Florida. We look forward to your return Art.

Let me remind everyone, we have to come up with a good plan for keeping our field mowed in the manner that we have all become accustomed to. If you have an idea, please get in touch with Jeff Dinehart. If we don't address this issue now, I am afraid we will regret it later in the spring or summer.

I have to finish this, dust my bird off, charge the batteries and get ready for another season. Don't forget to check out your battery packs!

The next meeting will be at Checkers at 0800 on April 17. I hope to see you there.

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