



**Rink Field**  
Millersburg, IN

Club No. 2959

May 2003

Hi Guys,

The May meeting was held on May 17, there were 9 members present. During our discussion I found out that some people that are getting their newsletter by e-mail have not been able to open the file. This month, I will try sending it in plain text format and we will see if that works. Please let me know if this works.

I appreciate Jeff Dinehart's efforts with the fuel purchase, getting soft drinks for the fly-ins, and all of the other contributions that he makes to the success of our club. The next time you see him, let him know he is appreciated. The same goes for Cliff, he and Jeff are looking into what it is going to take to repair our storage building. The current plan is to repair the siding and put a row of concrete blocks around the outside of the building to try and prevent animals from burrowing underneath.

Don't forget to contact Jeff if you need fuel. The prices are very good.

**REMEMBER THE CLUB PICNIC THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 7. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH, YOUR FAMILY, AND SOMETHING TO FLY. THE CLUB IS PROVIDING THE SOFT DRINKS!**

I intend to send out invitations to those from other clubs that are on my mailing list.

By the time you get this, many of you will have already flown this spring. ( Or if you are like Art Eby, you never stopped.) However, I just read an article in the National Newsletter that has some very good tips for getting your bird back in the air after collecting dust all winter.

This article was written by a fellow by the name of Larry Masters, and contains some very good tips for prolonging the life of your airplane. The following is a summary of what Larry has to say:

1. Either purchase or devise a system to cycle your batteries. Both transmitter and flight packs.
2. Make sure your fuel supply is fresh.
3. Check the tightness of your engine bolts.
4. Check your prop for tightness and splitting and nicks.
5. Check your control surface hinges and push rod connections.
6. I always run my engine up at home before I go to the field for the first time in the spring. (This one is mine.)

O.K. That is enough business, its time for some humor.

"Helicopters can't fly; they are just so ugly the earth repels them."

One day, the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the runway while a DC 8 landed. The DC 8 landed, rolled out, turned around and taxied back passed the Cherokee. Some quick witted comedian on the DC 8 crew got on the radio and said, " what a cute little airplane, did you make it yourself?" Our hero, the Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger. " I made it out of DC 8 parts. Another landing like that and I will have enough to make another one."

A student pilot became lost on a solo cross country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, air traffic control asked, " what was your last known position?" The student replied, " when I was number one for take-off."

Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.

Every takeoff is optional, every landing is mandatory.

Flying isn't dangerous, crashing is dangerous.

There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.

That's about it for this month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 0800 at the Old Mill Restaurant in Waterford.

Don't forget the picnic June 7.

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