## Newsletter Sept. 2002

The Sept. club picnic was a great success. The weather was perfect, the fellowship was great, and the flying was outstanding. We had several of our members present, as well as some visitors from other clubs. I can't speak for anyone else, but I feel that it is worth doing again. Flying was generally good, however Tom Kauffman did lose his bird out in the corn. I don't know the details, so I can't report the cause. I was sure sorry to see that, Tom is one of the nicest guys you will ever meet.

Chuck was there with a new Pitts Special ARF that flew well. Eugene Yoder was there with his new Giant Scale Extra that flew well. Jim Miller brought an electric Jap "Zero". I was quite impressed with how well it flew. Gene Stutsman had his Cub and his trainer there. The Cub was sporting a new wrinkle, the pilot is coupled to the rudder. Every time Gene puts rudder in, the pilot turns in the direction of the airplane!

We need to welcome two new members, Mike Smith, and Phil Young. If I understood him right, Mike's home is not far from our field. Phil represents the other extreme, he is from Indianapolis. He is Gene Stutsmans brother in law, and visits our area often, so he felt he could fly with us to make it worthwhile to belong to our group. That's Great!! Welcome guys.

I have a heads up for you guys that have a transmitter that has more than one airplane programmed into it. Make sure before you take off that you have selected the right aircraft. I witnessed the loss of a really nice airplane the other day because the pilot had not selected the right airplane. Last year I almost made the same mistake.

At the September meeting there were nine members present. The Treasurers report indicates that there is \$2705.00 in the treasury after all of the bills are paid. All of the fuel has now been purchased and paid for. The question about a club fuel purchase for next year has been tabled until next spring.

Cliff has taken care of the fall fertilizer application as planned.

A couple of reminders, I believe that October is the month when we nominate club officers, and then the election is in November. Also, annual dues will be due in order to take advantage of the \$5.00 discount for early renewal. The next two meetings are important to the health of our club.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place at the Old Mill Restaurant in Waterford on October 19, breakfast at 0800 and meeting at 0830.

I have attempted to attach pictures this month. All of them were taken at our picnic. I hope you enjoy them.

Happy Landings, Jim Longar AMA# 66973

Hi Gang!