

Greetings fellow NCLF members,

The grass is beginning to awaken and trees are starting to react to the warmth, light and rain. No doubt, hinges are being lubed, spark plugs are being cleaned, and cables are being tended in garages and hangars all over Northeast Ohio.

This issue of "The Flyer" has to be close to the last one which provides a retrospective on the 2003 flying season, as our members make their wake-up flights for the 2004 season. We are still looking for news on maiden flights from several members, so start that news *a flowing*. Be sure to do the necessary preseason and preflight checking. There is no other feeling like being in the air, wishing that you were on the ground.



Bob Schuck and Don James reflect on the places a set of wings can take you.

Before we get retrospective, here are a few "forward" looking news items. Be sure to come out for the club meetings. Your input is what helps make NCLF what it is and what it will be. The current meeting schedule for 2004 has us getting together for the 1st Saturday of each month, with the exception of July and September,

due to the holidays. One of the items on the agenda will be the 2004 trip to Kitty Hawk, NC. This trip is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 11. Come out and join in its planning as well as its execution.

Many of the pictures in this edition come from the trip to the 2003 Graham fly-in/pig-roast/music jam. The weather for this trip was reported as being nearly perfect and our members thoroughly enjoyed themselves, saying that this was one you really had to be at in order to appreciate. The weather was perfect, the food was free, and there was even some free fuel.



Jeff Dunphy gets some admiring glances on his restoration effort.

Bob Schuck flew down to Yoder in some very thick haze and the group delayed their departure for one hour for the visibility to improve. The fall colors were spectacular, and it was sunny in Coshocton. The NCLF had a 7 aircraft showing at Graham. A band played in one of the hangars serenading those present. 60-75 people had arrived by midday.

Roger Endress, one of our NCLF members, won the Bomb Drop contest, receiving an extra large

Grahams coffee mug for his efforts. Roger also spent an hour cooking at the grill!



Bob Schuck prepares to Spin a Big One!

One of the better parts of being at small non-controlled airports like this one is the different aircraft that show up, and *show off*. Lots of runway fly-bys, and you sometimes wanted to duck, especially when the war plane buzzed the runway.



Happy Pilots make good bombers at the Mellon Fest.

All in all it was a great day for NCLF members. More than one member has commented "I'm making it a must do every year." We will look forward to many more tales of adventure in 2004 coming from our group which grows with each passing year, reversing the trend of shrinkage through the 1990's. Glad to have you all aboard and we look forward to continued growth.



Don James' bout with spatial disorientation was safely overcome.

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Gary Aman's Kolb Claws For The Sky!

Next Club Meeting - April 3, 2004

Club Meetings are normally held **the first Saturday of each month** at 6PM at Kicam's Family Restaurant in Mantua. Any changes to this schedule will be posted here in the Flyer. Prospective members, guests and family members are **always welcome**.

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