

Club News Notables

The second meeting of 2006 was held at Kicam's Family Restaurant in Mantua on April 6th and was well attended. 18 Members and 7 associates were present (the NCLF roll grew with the addition of two new members.) Chat was fervent on the expectations of the evolving Sports Pilot/LSA developments as well as the positive developments at Miller Airport. Come out for the May meeting and join in the fun.

2006 Meeting Dates: May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5 (Cookout), September 9, October 7, and November 4.

From The President

Greetings, Fellow N.C.L.F. Pilots!!

Another flying season is again upon us, and as we prepare for more fun and excitement, let's not forget the role that *safety* plays in our sport. One can never be too cautious when preparing his or her bird for that first flight of the season.

This may be a perfect time to re-visit the manufacturer's suggested pre-flight regimen for your type of aircraft. (Just in case you have become a little lax in your own pre-flight routine.) This will insure that all major components and areas of concern from the manufacturer are not overlooked. Also, make sure to inspect any type of modifications you may have made on your own. Something as simple as a cable tie, that has become brittle with age, can ruin a beautiful day of flying if it fails.

So remember, a little extra time spent in pre-flight preparation, can go a long way in keeping your bird flying safely, and giving you peace of

mind. Have a Safe and Enjoyable Flying Season!!

Sincerely,
Bob Schuck

Member News & Reports

Don James reports:

Ron Ritchey has sold his Phantom and says he is giving up Ultralights to work on flying his R/C models. He will be missed!

Mike Baker is progressing very well on his new house and hanger being built on the west end of the runway at Mayfield.

Gary Aman is back from Florida. He says it was very windy for doing much flying down there this winter.

Gil Pataky and Mark Warner are again planning a trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan. Great food, a Bavarian village, free shuttle to town, a campground at the airport and we are welcome to sleep in the airport office with showers, a TV, and a microwave, with micro-breweries in town and fantastic chicken dinners (all you can eat and free music). This is an easy trip with no hassles.

The flight plan looks like this: Hinde airport to Merrillat (80 miles), Merrillat to Owosso (71 miles), Owosso to "tiny" Zehnder field at Frankenmuth (31 miles).

We will need to leave Hinde early so please get in touch with Mark or Gil as to what time you can be at Hinde (Huron). They don't want to leave anyone behind! Gil will also offers: "the use of my camper at Huron for anyone wishing to fly up Friday night and sleep at Huron." Just let him know. It sleeps 9 people, if all are

friendly, and there are a couple of fast food joints near the airport for early morning coffee.

We are also thinking of a trip to Gettysburg, PA to see the battlefield and visit the USUA headquarters. Also, there is some interest in an overnight camp out at North Bass Island, Lake Erie, camping on the airport grounds. 19 island residents will be happy to see us. Gil

One of our Oklahoma members, John Hudec, created a magnificent Waco UMF-5 which has earned honor after honor everywhere it has appeared. John, who has 9,000 hours and 12 years invested in the beauty, is justifiably pleased with the spectacular creation. John has long liked the looks of the Waco models, but he felt he couldn't afford a factory built model so he decided to build his own. He ordered his plans from the Smithsonian. It is easy for him to remember when he started the work; it was the day that his son Nick was born. Wow, what a feat! We'll hope to get a picture which we can publish in our newsletter very soon.

So, what have you been working on that you haven't told anyone about? Send your editor a report and some pictures so that the rest of the club can see the fruit of your efforts.

Even though it is warming up, don't forget that NCLF club flying jackets are still available in various sizes. Also available are T shirts, Sweatshirts, and 2-pocket shirts. Contact Don James, for prices on these items, as well as to order at 330-678-9537 or via e-mail as Citroenist@aol.com

What's Happening

MAY 6 is a Fly-In breakfast at 9 AM at Marysville, OH and includes a talk about Sport Pilot at 11 am.

MAY 20 is the GRAND OPENING FLY-IN at Miller Airport 4G3 with breakfast until 10:30 am and a Chicken Barbecue starting at 1 pm. FAA talks about Sport Pilot at 11:00 am and a Spot Landing Contest at 2pm. (RAIN DATE: May 21) Zodiac LSA planned for display.

MAY 21 is Zelienople, PA for Pancakes.

May 27 is Zanesville at Riverside for Pancakes.

May 28 is New Philadelphia for Pancakes.

FOR SALE!!!

Pennzoil 2 Cycle Oil for Air Cooled Engines, \$34/Case, Rotax Carb Sockets, \$21/24 Each, Stainless Steel Exhaust Springs, \$5.75 Each: Now Rotax 912 & HKS Carb Sockets, Don James, 330-678-9537, Kent.

Wanted to Buy!!!

Rotax 503, Pull Start, Point Ignition, Single Carb, Frank Vitale, 330-492-5580, Canton.

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Flying Days Are Here Again! (GJ)

Next Club Meeting – May 6, 2006

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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