

Dues are Due

With the start of the new season, it's time to "pay the piper". Come out to the first meeting of 2010 for some good food and friendship and don't forget your \$10. If you can't make it, you can always send in your fee to Don Cruise. Your membership fee helps fund the association fees, newsletter mailings and all the other things that make NCLF membership so wonderful.

For Sale and Wanted Area Cleared

At the start of each new season, I will be deleting the For Sale and Wanted to Buy areas to make sure that we do not have things on the list for longer than they need to be. If anyone has anything they are selling or looking for, simply let me know the specifics and provide some contact information

FOR SALE!!!

NCLF shirts and hats are on sale for \$10 each. See Mike Baker at the meeting to purchase.

WANTED TO BUY!!!

Nothing reported as of the start of this year.

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UNTIL THE NEXT TIME!



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Winter is Over—Or is It?

As I write the years first newsletter of the 2010 flying season, I am starring out at a late March snow squall. "And then, depression set in..." to quote a line from "Stripes". Warmer weather must be on it's way. It Must! In the mean time, enjoy the newsletter.



Dayton USAF Museum Trip in January

Next Club Meeting – April 3, 2010

Club Meetings are normally held **the first Saturday of each month** at 6PM at The Comfort Café 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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Member News & Reports

NCLF Members Brave the Winter Weather to Dayton USAF Museum

With the winter months grounding all but the hardiest of flyers, the last meeting in November heard requests for an excursion to some aviation destination. Ideas, dates and travel plans were kicked around and on January 23, 2010, 8 members and 2 associates traversed the frozen tundra of Ohio to pay homage to the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. (Actually, the weather was in the 50's that day, with most of the snow melted away from a mid January thaw.)



The group gathered at the McDonalds on 71 & 83 by 7:30 am. After dropping a couple of cars off at Lodi Station, everyone got into 2 vehicles for the trip to Wright Patterson AFB. While the weather was pretty agreeable, there was a section of dense fog that really cut down on visibility. We arrived at the museum a little after 10:00.

As a group, we decided what we wanted to see, when we wanted to meet back up and when we were going to leave. Some key points to know about if you are going to the museum, as with any attraction. Register for excursions as soon as you get there. We bought our tickets for the IMAX shows for 4:00 and 5:00 so everyone could be together at the end of the day. We also went to register for the excursion to see the collection of Presidential planes. (get them early



as at 10:15, they were already booking for the 1:00 excursion) Finally, plan your lunch accordingly – My boys and I went to the café at about 11:45. by the time that we got food, paid for it and sat down, about 10 minutes later, the line was through the seating area and out the door.

The museum is nicely laid out, and you could easily spend a couple of days looking at everything they have on display. The group started out together, but as time went on, people started to separate into smaller groups. A couple of us went on the Presidential excursion where we took a bus ride over to the air force base. Make sure to have a photo ID if you want to go on the self guided tour they offer. That took up almost 2 hours, so make sure you build that into your itinerary.

Once back at the museum, we made sure to save some time to look around in the gift shop. You have to walk through it going into and out of the museum, though everyone resisted the urge to buy anything. At 4:00, we went to the IMAX Theater and saw 2 movies. "Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag", and "The Magic of Flight".

The second movie ended after the museum was closed, so we made a pit stop before leaving and started driving home. With a stop for dinner at a Wendy's along the way, the group said "goodbye" as we started to split up and go home.

The museum was a great way to break up the winter months. For first time visitors, there is really too much to see in one day. You could make this a weekend trip if you are the type of person who reads every sign they come across. For the shutter-bug types, bring lots of film and batteries.

Building Progresses Through the Winter on my Gyro

It's cold! It's dark! It's snowy! Did I mention it's cold? Winter in Northeast Ohio can make it difficult to work on your project unless you have a heated hanger, a heated garage, or a bunch of little projects that you can do at home. Well, I had the last.

Work has been keeping me very busy, sometimes to the point of stressing me out, but I can unwind a little by working on my Gyrobee project. This winter, I set myself up for completing the cyclic controls, the throttle and mount, gauges, instrument pod, and fuel system. I also have the investments of the pre-rotor and the rotor blades to dig into the wallet for.



While I didn't get everything done, there is still cold time ahead to get back on schedule. I plan to get my last few parts ordered, and get the machine to the point where I can start to take lessons without worrying that what I am learning is going to be forgotten before I get something to practice in.

I am still on track to be getting in the air this year, after four years of working on my gyro. I'm getting really excited!

April Activities and Beyond

Saturday, April 3, 2010
North Coast Lite Flyers Meeting Comfort Cafe, Mantua, Ohio at 6 PM. Bring photos of any projects you have been working on or items of interest. Bring the wife and kids and come hungry.