

Greetings fellow NCLF members,

This winter has been real, and there is more yet to come. Airports all over Northeast Ohio have been closed due to the ice accumulation. This issue wings it way to you to hopefully get you out of the doldrums and start the process for your spring warm-up.

If that snow and ice has gotten you down, cheer up to a story by Don James from the very fine fair Fall that our members enjoyed.

Don's story begins at Yoder airport where a number of our members are now based. Let's listen in:

It was perfect flying conditions as I made my way up to Portage County Airport to meet Bob Schuck, Mike Baker and Gary Amen. We next made the short flight to Ron Ritchey's strip to add him, and then an even shorter hop to land at the beautiful strip from which Kim Veits flies his Yellow Titan.

Bob and Kim knew the way to Middlefield.



Bob Schuck leads the way to Middlefield as Kim Veits flies Top Cover.

Kim's Titan was too small and too fast to get a good look at. Kim flew circles around us as we made our way through the haze.



Kim Veits circles the herd to keep 'em moving.

Ron Ritchey tooled along sporting his new streamlined helmet. Ron's plane changes colors depending on the light.



Ron Ritchie proceeds at a relaxed pace.

While there was a lot of traffic at Middlefield, we caused no problems getting in and landing, and were parked very quickly by the Geauga County

Officials and EAA members. The big checker board water tower that has been use to find the airport has been torn down. You will now need to look for a shorter "teal" colored tower.

The Amish were everywhere, and they really like Ultralights.



Its great when people know how to look and not touch!

Some Amish boys watched the aircraft landings near the runway, while in the hanger, a pancake breakfast was served.



Departing Middlefield for the action at A&A.

We made an interesting departure from Geauga County because of our variety: Kolb, Quicksilver Sport, GT 400, Chinook, Titan, and Phantom. We next flew to A & A Shooting near Nelson Ledges Raceway. At A & A Shooting, they all stopped firing long enough for us to land, and we were greeted by even more Amish. The Amish never touch them, and that is nice.



Spectators galore at A&A.

The best way to get a good look at a Titan is on the ground, and plenty did. We had a good time here looking at old motorcycles and watching the skeet shooting. We saw members Bob & Velma Newton there as he was involved with the shooting while waiting for his CGS Hawk to be completed.

From here, we flew in different directions. I flew to Mayfield Airstrip with Mike Baker and Gary Amen, where I got a chance to see Mike's electric flap actuator that he made for his GT 400, and I also studied how Gary folded up his Kolb every night to take it home. Took less than 10 min. The trailer has electric heat and lights!



Gary Amen considers the end of the day for his Kolb

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“Thumbs Up” for a fun spring from Greg Walsh.

**Next Club Meeting – March 6, 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**.