From The President:

Greetings, fellow N.C.L.F. members, family and friends.

Another fun filled flying season will soon be upon us. As we dust off our trusty little flying machines in anticipation of yet another year of fun and adventure, let's not forget the importance 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.



"And No One Pays You To Fly This Thing?"

This may be a perfect time to re-visit the manufacture'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 most major components and areas of concern from the manufacturer are not overlooked. Also, don't forget 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 preparation, can go a long way in keeping the "trust" in our trusty little flying

machines, and the safety in the fun sport we all share in and enjoy.

Attention Club Members: attending meetings, club activities, fly-outs and just plane hanger flying is what our club is really all about. We are always looking for new ways to help improve our club, so any suggestions, articles of interest, items for sale, areas of interest, or places to fly to are always welcome. They can be discussed at our meetings or sent directly to our Newsletter Editor Gerald Jackson at <a href="mailto:gyjacko@aol.com">gyjacko@aol.com</a> for publication in our Newsletter.



"I Can't Believe I Did That!"

Finally, as our membership continues to grow, we encourage all of our members and friends to participate in this year's activities. Starting Saturday March 6th, our meetings will again be held at 6:00 P.M. the first Saturday of every month (unless otherwise noted) at Kicam's Family Restaurant in Mantua, Ohio. (Check website: <a href="www.liteflyers.org">www.liteflyers.org</a> for map) These meetings are informal, informative and fun. Everyone enjoys the camaraderie and the food is great. So have some fun, come out and join us. We will be looking for you.

Sincerely, N.C.L.F. President Bob Schuck



"That Was So Much Fun, It Can't Possibly Be Legal!"

#### From The Editor:

After the return to circulation of the "Lite Flyer" after a two month absence, I was soundly chastised for not explaining and providing some up-to-date information. Two days before Thanksgiving, our youngest son Kevin was involved in a near fatal car accident, then two days after Thanksgiving, my mother passed. This as you might guess, caused a very busy time and sufficiently clouded the mind that creativity was quashed. Kevin left the hospital on February 14 and lives with us again as he requires 24/7 care. This represents quite a transition for the wife and me as we were very well adapted and adjusted to the empty nest. He is still essentially a quadie (although he can move his arms and wrists) due to the severe spinal trauma caused by a fractured cervical vertebra (#5 for those who know about this kind of stuff), but there is some hope that a

significant portion of his voluntary muscle control function will someday return, as the cord was kinked but not severed. Each week usually sees the return of some aspect of his capability, usually a quite small bit, so we have learned to celebrate *the little things*. Thanks For Your Thoughts and Prayers!

Sincerely, NCLF Newsletter Editor Gerald V. Jackson



"Well, Mom Said That There'd Be Days Like This!"

#### FOR SALE!!!

Quicksilver 12.5 Gallon OTR (over the root tube) Fuel Tank with fittings. Purchased New September 2003, Regular Price \$295.00, sell for \$195.00. Gil Pataky, gpataky@adelphia.net or 440-670-0046.

Pennzoil 2 Cycle Oil for Air Cooled Engines, \$30/Case, Don James, 330-678-9537, Kent.

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"And You Are 'Sure' You Want To Do This?"

# 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**.

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