

GRC



Thanks to Bob McBrayer for constructing the new tables for the field's flight line!

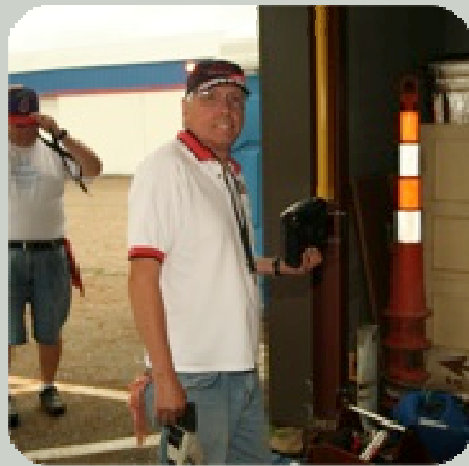


Spring roars in with lots of rain! The field and parking lot are extremely muddy. Field Clean-Up Day has been postponed, rescheduled and then later cancelled. May's Club Meeting, usually the first meeting of the year at the field, was moved back to Callam's Bar & Grille. Rainy weather predicted to continue. Effects of the wet spring conditions continue to affect Geauga County...

May's club meeting, usually the first meeting held at the club's flying field, had to be moved back to Callam's Bar & Grille, due to the continued rainy weather. So wet have the field conditions been that the annual Field Clean-Up Day was postponed for several weeks and eventually cancelled all together because of the continued down pours the area was receiving daily and nightly. You couldn't even enter the field's parking lot. FINALLY we had some warm breezy days, the last part of May, and what a difference that made. Several of our club members organized a work party, rolled the field, trimmed several areas, filled in low areas in the parking lot with stone, and did a bang up job! The field itself was finally dry enough to attempt a cutting, and after several cuts, Russ Nagy was able to get it

done! The field looks excellent. This past weekend several members went out on Sunday and wore a hole in the sky. It was awesome to see a lot of the guys finally out just to get some summer flying in. Old stuff, new stuff, all kinds of stuff was in the air. This was a perfect example of the frustrations our club members were experiencing with the weather. Hey! I even got my scratch built Mini (supposedly 60 size) Big Stik in the air, twice last Sunday! In addition, the new flight line tables that Bob McBrayer constructed are very nice. June and July's monthly meetings were held at the field, and even though the turn-outs were light, a lot was accomplished! A new first aid kit and fire extinguisher were purchased by our new Safety Coordinator, Tim "The Aviator" Kearns.





Geauga Radio Controlaires & Middlefield Jet Jockeys Spell Success!

The June 25th Geauga County Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In, held at the Middlefield Airport, was a complete success. Attendance was way up, full scale aircraft flying in and out was up and our invitation to participate was a big hit. Dave Rigotti and Russ Nagy both entertained the crowds with their jets and Ray Liptak entertained the crowd with his helicopters. We had several members of the GRC show up for static displays and to answer questions about our great hobby. In attendance were Paul Ciirino, Bob Gross, Mike Garr, Bob Hood, Bob Horacek (club photographer), Charlie Palutro, Sonny Seal, and Frank Ulizzi. Most of these photos were supplied by our own "3B Bob". You can also check out an awesome video created by Mike Garr that has been placed on our club's web-page, "GeaugaRC.com". Check out a few of the Middlefield Jet Jockeys' demo flights as well as a fly-by of a gorgeous corporate Lear Jet. The video is about five minutes long and well worth your viewing. Since the June 25th fly-in, the GCA-

EAA organization has extended our club an open invitation to participate in the Geauga County Airport's Open House which takes place September 17th. I'm happy to report that at our July club meeting, the club's members voted unanimously to participate and are already making plans for the event. Hope to see ya out there!

Fly with
the
GRC!



A Recent incident at the field...

Fortunately everyone involved turned out to be OK, but it still gets everyone's attention! We had one of our club members come out to the field on one of those hot mid July days, where keeping yourself hydrated was a must. He flew his plane several times, and, as the crowd dwindled down in size, due mostly to the heat, the pilot even changed his location on the flight line to remain in close proximity to the few members that were still at the field. Then all of a sudden, while going over his plane before the next flight, the pilot passed out cold! Fortunately one of the guys noticed that he was down and instantly called 911. The emergency call went right to the Geauga County Sheriff's Department dispatch office who, in turn, forwarded the call to The Burton Volunteer Fire Department. They asked the location of the victim and the explanation was given as "The Flying Field". Burton's EMS squad was there in less than three minutes. In the mean time our downed club member had awoken and asked if he had passed out. The guys told him to stay down and wait until EMS gets there. Once on location, the EMS crew checked out our downed club member and wanted to transport him to the hospital but he refused transport. Afterwards, the guys disassembled his plane and equipment and loaded it all into our ill club member's vehicle. This was when he asked if one of our club members could take him to the hospital because he

was getting dizzy again. All is well presently and everyone is safe and healthy. However, an incident like this raises some safety and health concerns. First, be careful going to the field by yourself. Make sure someone knows you're at the field (at least a family member). Secondly, we know that Burton's EMS department knows where we are, and who we are, but if you're alone, who would call them? So reconsider if you're going alone to fly at the field. Call someone up and invite them to meet you there and fly together. Most importantly, if you should walk out into the corn to retrieve a plane, take your cell phone and leave a note! If you were to pass out in the field, no one would know.

PLEASE KEEP THESE SAFETY TIPS IN MIND.



Sunday mornings at the field!

Summer Finally Arrives

It was a long wet spring, but finally we are getting some warmer, dryer weather. Next issue will contain the Family Day Outing, and possibly a review of the club's participation in the Geauga County Airports Open House in September....Good flights and wheels down!