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DUES ARE PAYABLE
BY JAN 1 OF EACH
YEAR AND ARE 20.00.
THAT'S GETTING A
LOT OF GOOD
FRIENDS CHEAP.



TURNERS DAUGHTER JULIE PAINTED THIS PICTURE ON
5/8 PLYWOOD AND CUT IT OUT. ITS IN HIS CAVE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
BOB HALLER OCT 12TH
RICH MEYER OCT 23RD
DENNIS SENSENICH OCT 30TH

Meeting for OCT 1ST Will be at
Goshen at 2:pm and will have a huge
attendance right?

HIGHLITES OF LAST MEETING

OUR LAST MEETING WAS MOVED UP BECAUSE OF THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, TO THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY ON THE 10TH. IT WAS HELD AT NAPPANEE AIRPORT AT 2:PM AND WAS ATTENDED BY 16 MEMBERS. THIS GAVE US PLENTY OF TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE RESULTS OF OUR YOUNG EAGLES EVENT AND WHAT WE MIGHT DO TO IMPROVE OUR METHODS AND ATTRACT MORE KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS TO TO THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM. THE VOLUNTEERS HOWEVER, DID A GREAT JOB AND 53 KIDS WERE FLOWN. THERE WERE 6 PILOTS AND THEY WERE, DONNIE MUHLNICKEL WITH HIS GLASTAR, OLEN BORKHOLDER AND HIS WT9 DYNAMIC, DANA HUPP AND HIS A36 BONANZA, DAVID STALTER AND HIS KITFOX 6, DWIGHT MARTIN AND HIS DIAMONDDSTAR AND TODD BEMENDERFER WITH HIS B35 BONANZA. TURNER WITH HIS ONEX DID THE GROUND SCHOOL ROUTINE TO SHOW THE KIDS HOW THE AIRPLANE IS CONTROLLED. WE DIDN,T HAVE AS MANY AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST SO MABY MORE TO ADVERTISE THE EVENT WOULD WORK. DONNIE WOULD LIKE TO RETIRE AS COORDINATOR AFTER ABOUT 20 YEARS OR SO OF HANDELING THE JOB, SO IF ANY ONE WANTS TO STEP UP TO THAT EXHALTED POSITION SEE DONNIE OR PRESIDENT BYRON. THE PAYS NOT REAL GOOD BUT THE FUN IS WORTH IT.

THE OTHER EVENT WE HAD WAS OUR BREAKFAST FLYIN IN THE 16TH. FOR THE 2ND TIME THE GOOD WEATHER WAS A NOSHOW. IN SPIE OF THAT, HOWEVER , A LOT OF FOLKS DROVE IN. WE DID HAVE 1 AIRPLANE FLY IN FROM FT. WAYNE. HE SAID THE CLOUDS WERE NOT AS BAD ON HIS WAY HERE BUT HE WAS FLYING THRU THEM IN THE PATTERN WHEN LANDING. EVEN WITH THE SMALL ATTENDENCE WE MANAGED TO COME OUT ON TOP FINANCIALLY ON THE FOOD AND BY SELLING THE UNSOLD FOOD TO SOME OF THE MEMBERS WE WERE ABLE TO CLEAR 513 DOLLARS. OUR THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE IT ALL HAPPEN INCLUDING OUR BIGHARTED MAYOR, PHIL JENKINS, WHO IS REALLY GOOD ON THE EGG GRILL. THANK YOU ALL

MEMBER PROJECTS

PAUL BEACHY AND HIS BROTHER HAVE BEEN SCRATCH BUILDING A FALKONAIR LOW WINGER FROM PLANS. THIS IS A VERY DAUNTING TASK FOR ANYONE THAT IS NOT A BONIFIDE AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER. THEY HAVE BEEN AT IT NOW FOR MULTIPLE YEARS AND IT REALLY IS LOOKING LIKE AN AIRPLANE NOW. PAUL IS DOING MOST OF THE AIRFRAME WORK WHILE IS DOING ALL THE AVIONICS WORK IT WILL BE A LOADED PANEL. CANT WAIT TO SEE THIS PROJECT COMPLETED.

LAVERN LEICHTY, WHO IS ANOTHER UNSUNG HERO IN OUR MIDST, HAS BEEN WORKING ON A FLYBABY THAT CAME TO HIM LAST YEAR FROM 1 OF OUR OTHER FRIENDS WITH A FEW MINER FLAWS THAT NEEDED ATTENTION. AND AFTER THE ENGINE REMOVAL AND A COMPLETE TEARDOWN, THE SEARCH FOR NEW PARTS, THE REBUILD BEGAN. I LEARNED THAT JUST LAST EVENING, THIS ENGINE STARTED WITH THE PULL OF 1 BLADE. HOW AWESOME IS THAT? AND LOWELL WAS ON HAND FOR THE FESTIVITYS. OF COURSE LAVERN HAS ANOTHER PROJECT OF HIS OWN IN THE WORKS. MORE ON THAT ONE LATER.

NORM BONTRAGER JUMPED IN WITH BOTH FEET TO REPAIR MARK YODERS TWO PLACE QUICKSILVER THAT HAD SUFFERED WING DAMAGE IN A GROUND HANDLING INCIDENT LAST YEAR. NORM HAS DONE A BEAUTIFUL JOB ON GETTING THIS PLANE BACK TO FLYING STATUS. MARK WILL ONCE AGAIN BE BORING HOLES IN THE SKY WITH A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE.

JAKE LOGAN HAD TO REPLACE THE ELECTRICAL POWER UNIT ON HIS SONEX. THAT WAS THE EASY PART, HE HAD TO PULL THE ENGINE TO DO IT.

MOSES WARD HAD TO STOP WORK ON HIS KR2 BECAUSE OF SUFFERING A HOUSE FIRE EARLY THIS YEAR. HIS HOME IS ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL AND HE WILL BE MAKING MORE PROGRESS ON HIS BIRD.

TURNER IS IN THE PROCESS OF ELIMINATING THE DIFFERENTIAL HEEL BRAKES FROM THE ONEX AND INSTALLING SINGLE LEVER ON THE STICK TO OPERATE BOTH BRAKES AT ONCE, AS THE ORIGINAL PLANS CALL FOR. ALSO WILL INSTALL VGs ON THE WING AND MABY ON THE TAIL. WE NEED TO SLOW THAT PUPPY DOWN WHEN LANDING.



FOUND THIS ON BARNSTORMERS. IT HAS TAIL END DAMAGE THE GUY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO FIX. HES ASKING 10,000 IT IS A CX4 VERY LOW HOURS AND HAS 85 HP VW TYPE ENGINE. FULL PANEL WITH ALL IT NEEDS TO FLY. SOMEONE NEEDS TO PICK THIS UP. I WOULD BUT MY PLATE IS ALLREADY FULL.



