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AUGUST MEETING



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EAA Chapter 1373

The two most recently completed projects made their first appearance at the Delta meeting. Charlie Huff and Bob Croft did a beautiful job on their Kitfox's.

RIC AND RON WIN DISTANCE AWARD AT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

My name is Merle "Ric" Lynch and my Co-Pilot and crew Chief is "Dirty" Ron Richard. If you every heard his language when he was twisting a wrench you would know why they call him "Dirty" Ron. We fly a 1957 Cessna 182 with less than 2,000 Total Time. She is a purty ole bird, and a great flying machine.

We left Watertown, Wisconsin, KRYV, at O dark thirty on July 24, 2011 headed for Terra Haute, Indiana. We knew before takeoff that we would not get all the way VFR that day, but decided that a new adventure awaited us when weather forced us to land. We only made about 50 nautical miles south before I tired of Ron sarcastically wiping the lights on the tower tops with paper towels as we passed by in the rain and decide it was time to land.

My GPS showed an airport two miles ahead, and "Dirty" Ron pointed to it as he wiped his last tower light and closed the window. Conveniently already at pattern altitude, I banked left, took note of the limp wind sock, banked right and took note of the FBO on the west end, and called a left downwind for 27 on 122.8 at 10C, Galt Airport at Greenwood/ Wonder Lake, Illinois.

As we touched down in an every increasing rain, I noticed a pavilion at the end of the runway, suggested that "Dirty" Ron take shelter there while I tied the plane down, since I had the umbrella. I also pointed out an open door and lights, asking him to look for friendly hanger rats. The rain pounded harder as I walked toward the light. Were we in for a surprise!

EAA Chapter 932 was doing a pancake breakfast, and we were the unintended guests of honor. I was at once fairly confident that we would win the distance flown award to a EAA pancake breakfast. Galt is 921 NM from our home base of Delta, Colorado AJZ and our EAA Chapter 1373 on the Western Slope of Colorado. We could have flown 2 miles and won the distance award, as we were the only bird to touch down that morning.

Chapter Members were most welcoming to us, sharing your great newsletters, including my favorite, the April Fool's addition. Beth does a great job. The electric drill whipped pancakes were wonderful, sausage and eggs to make it a real breakfast, and coffee never tasted better that EAA 932 coffee under the pavilion in the rain. Life is good!

Thank to my new EAA 932 friends at 10C, Galt Airport. Web site: <http://eaa932.org/>

Ric



Ron and Ric



Ric's C-182

EAA 1373 SEPTEMBER MEETING

WHEN: Saturday, September 10, 10:00am

WHERE: Graham's hangar, Delta Airport

Sunday, August 14th was a busy day at Delta Blake Airport, as the Civil Air Patrol was giving gliders rides to cadets. Ask Ric why the Husky is left winged.



Glider in tow



Runway 3 departure



Hooked up and ready to tow



Left wing 200 HP Husky supplied the initial lift.



Position and hold on 3



Waiting for the Husky

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PILOTS BEWARE

Ric sent this picture of a funnel cloud over Grand Mesa, just north of AJZ, 2:20 pm 8/2/2011.

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