

THE EUTAWVILLE FLIERS CLUB NEWS LETTER

JANUARY 28TH 2009

The club meeting was held at the Alpine restaurant in Eutawville on January 28 2009.

This was the first meeting of 2009 with our new officers. The turn out was a little thin with only 11 members and 3 guests showing up, they are listed as seated in the room.

*BOBBY JOHNSON SPENCER & JANIE EDMONDS DENNIS JOHNSON KEN MAHONEY
SHANE DROZE GENE GUTHAN PHILLIP & HELEN WINNINGHAM NELSON CARTER
GERRY DUFRESNE ROY SMITH ALLAN PERINGOTTI STEVE IRIGO*

Most of the people arrived early to have dinner and socialize a bit before the meeting started.

Our new President, Ken Mahoney opened the meeting promptly at 1900 hrs and greeted the membership.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It should be noted that we will lose about 5 members this year and that there are 5 more outstanding that have not paid the 2009 dues as of yet. Members who do not remit their dues by the February 09 meeting will be dropped from the roster.

TREASURER & SECRETARY REPORTS:

Ken asked the Treasurer to give the report. Gene read the report for the period 12-4-08 to 01-28-09. After the report was read, Ken asked for it to be accepted as read. The membership accepted the report as read.

The President then asked that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as received in the December News Letter. The minutes were accepted by the membership.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The President asked the Grounds committee for a report. Bob Love, Spencer Edmonds and Gene Guthan head up this committee. Gene mentioned that Bob was in Florida. Spencer gave the following report: He said that the EMS in the area had requested the club's permission to erect lights at the field for their helicopter to use if they needed to make a night landing. The EMS has used the field on previous emergency calls in the area. The committee had agreed to the lights, pending Mr. Rut's final approval, as owner of the field.

Gene said that Bob would deliver the Snapper mower to Roy so he could look it over before the spring mowing season started. If Roy could repair it the club could save money over having Danny do it in Eutawville. This should be done now as Roy's Business picks up sharply in the spring and would not have the time later.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken opened the meeting to old business. Phillip addressed the membership regarding the decision to purchase another shed to be used for cooking during the flyins. At the last meeting, Ken had made the suggestion to buy a carport to replace the tents we now use. After some discussion the membership at that time voted to buy an 18x21x7 standard building. Bobby got estimates as did Ken and Phillip. The best estimate came from Harleysville Builders. They also happen to be a sponsor for our May Flyin. With that said, Phillip said that some members offered that we put

the shed next to the other at the run way to get more use out of it as the cooking only took place three times a year. This kicked off further discussion. Bobby was against the location on the runway and said it needs to be at the trailer where we have power and water with easy access to the trailer access. Nelson said that we would probably have more cookouts at the field with a shelter close to the trailer. After all the discussion back and forth, Ken ask for a motion to go ahead with an 18x21x7 building to be purchased. We will use some extra screw type anchors at the corners. The structure will be placed near the trailer where cook tent is normally erected. It wasn't clear if we were going to put a side on the building but that can be decided at time of installation. A side would block the wind and dust that blows in from the southern quadrant. The new building will be purchased from Harleysville Building supply.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next order of business was the scheduling of this year's Flyins. Phillip said he had applied for and received sanction dates of May 2nd and 3rd for 2009 that is our first Flyin. We normally have three per year. Paul has the information on the web site along with a printable flyer, members need to take a look at it. Gene stated that this is the only scheduled Flyin to date. Phillip stated that the Flyin dates should to be applied for at least 180 days before the scheduled date. The sanctions can be applied for as far ahead as 364 days. The reason for the lead-time is to have notices printed in the AMA magazine advertising the event. It was noted that the September and November Flyins have not been set as of this meeting. **NOTE!** After the meeting and prior to this writing, I received e-mail from Ken stating that Dennis had fixed the November Flyin for the 7th of the month. Knowing that Dennis does the Nov Flyin the discussion shifted to the September event. First we need a C/D to host it. Bobby always did it but 2008 was his last. Phillip suggested that a couple of members apply to AMA for their C/D ratings. Ken will look into applying for himself and Roy. The question was if they were AMA members long enough. Steve Irigo also volunteered to get his C/D. In the mean time Bobby will apply for the Sept. dates in his name and then transfer it to one of the new contest directors. To finalize, 1st Flyin is May 2nd & 3rd, 2nd Flyin is September 19th, and 3rd Flyin is November 7th.

Phillip said he needed 12 volunteers to run the May Flyin, He asked Spence to give a fishing trip as a prize. Spence said he would do that and that another Capt. would also donate a trip.

Ken suggested that the club pursue running the TAG program that AMA offers. AMA will donate \$1000.00 to any club that will run this program promoting the hobby of model aviation, especially for the younger set. The membership agreed and Ken will look into it and report back. This effort would give the club some first class training equipment.

CRASH AWARDS:

Ken asked for a nomination for the crash award. Everyone immediately started looking at one another. Phillip said the Paul was a good candidate. The cause of the crash was due to taking off with the ailerons reversed. Ken said he was in a hurry to get off the ground to race Roy. The damage was not severe as the ship went into the tall grass. Paul was voted to be the recipient of the award.

Next meeting will be held on February 25th 2009.

Meeting was closed 1930 hrs.

GOD BLESS OUR CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS

Gene