

THE EUTAWVILLE FLIERS CLUB NEWS LETTER

OCTOBER 22, 2008

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ALPINE RESTAURANT IN EUTAWVILLE

A total of 22 members and guests arrived before the meeting on Wednesday night. They are listed as follows:

BOBBY & PAT JOHNSON DENNIS & MICHELL JOHNSON GERRY DUFRESNE
BOB & JOY LOVE NELSON CARTER HENDERSON DUPREE DENNIS MARTIN & JULIE
GENE GUTHAN SPENCE & JANIE EDMONDS PHILLIP & HELEN WINNINGHAM
FRED & MAXINE PETERS ALLAN PERNIGOTTI ROY SMITH KEN MAHONEY & SHANE

As usual most of the crowd arrived early to have dinner and socialize prior to the meeting.

President Spencer Edmonds opened the meeting at 1905 hrs and asked the Treasurer to read his report. Gene read the report and the membership accepted it as read.

Spencer then asked that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as received in the newsletter, the membership accepted it as received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The president asked if there were any announcements at this time. Bobby took the floor to state the club's appreciation to Fliteline for the items Fred got together for Bobby, to be given away at the September Flyin. Each registered pilot got a little gift to take home.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Spencer asked for the grounds committee report: Bob said that he had not been to the field recently and asked if anyone else could report on the mowing status. Dennis said that it should be ok till the Friday prior to the November 8th Flyin. Spencer agreed and stated that if we mow on Nov 7th, that might be the last mowing of the season. The cold nights of late have slowed the growing considerably. Gene said that the mower blades must be sharpened prior to the next cut, he had checked them after they cut last and remarked on how dull they were.

The grounds committee will address this. Bob stated that we should clean out the container and place the contents in the space where the mowers are now. We can put the mowers in the container more quickly that way. Allan offered to get us a ramp to run the mowers up and into the container, this is a great offer as building a ramp from scratch is time consuming and costly. Allan has two panels that were made expressly for that purpose that he will donate to the club. It was decided to look it over Sunday and make some final decisions.

Dennis suggested that we put any maintenance on tractors off till early spring rather than do it over the winter. The grounds committee, i.e., Bob, Gene and Spence, will decide this.

Gene offered up the suggestion of selling the Snapper if we get the chance and buy another mower like the Craftsman, he said the Snapper has not served us well and is expensive to operate from a maintenance standpoint. The committee will consider this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spencer moved on to old business. Dennis took the floor to talk about the November Flyin. Dennis thanked Fred for his contributions and support. He asked Bobby if he would supply the condiments for the cook tent and Bobby said he would do that again. Dennis planned on about 50 dogs and burgers and buns would be needed for the one-day event. It is kind of hard to judge on the food, as it varies Flyin to Flyin depending on weather and attendance.

Pat said the buns and rolls left over from last flyin were frozen and should be fine to use, this will be explored. Allan will handle the drinks and no drinks are to be removed from the refrigerator in the clubhouse for the Flyin. Herb keeps strict accounts of clubhouse sales and this is not to be interrupted. Dennis said that drinks will sell for \$ 0.75 each and monies to go into the concession box. Dennis asked Phillip if he could bring his trailer to serve as the registration booth. Phillip said he would depending on his health situation, he is under going skin treatments and must stay out of sun. The club will work around this situation. Dennis said that Ken and Shane would take care of the concession table and asked if the wives would bake something to sell as we normally do. Joy and Marguerite will probably bake as they did for last Flyins. Dennis will auction off a radio and Jeff from the Alpine donated two dinners to be given away or raffled off.

Gene asked if the IMAA charter was renewed, Bobby said that it was and we were good to go. Bobby suggested that the club consider getting two members to become CDs to take over in the Flyins to come. Dennis said he had the paper work and would see to it.

Gerry brought up the painting of the storage container, he stated that we would have to pick a day to meet at the field and do the job. The rust spots would have to be wire brushed cleaned and then sprayed with primer. The membership agreed that a Saturday would be best for everyone. Gerry estimated that a couple gals would be needed to prime the surface for finish coat. Bob suggested metabows or side grinders with wire wheels to get the rust off.

Gerry will follow up with spraying the primer. Undercoat would cost \$25/gal. with about 2 gals. needed. This is Gerry's cost. Gerry will provide the spraying equipment. We are looking at November right now. After much talking and confusion, someone suggested the 15th and we settled on that. Everyone is talking at the same time and to one another, it is difficult to sort out the facts from the babble.

Jeff, the owner of the Alpine stepped in to make a statement. He said the restaurant will be cooking a dinner for thanksgiving supplying the meat and free to those who come, asking only that they bring a covered dish. Open to all.

This is a very generous offer by the restaurant and a tribute the Holiday of Thanksgiving. The club membership thanks you for the invitation.

This concluded the old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fred made an announcement that Ridgeville was having their annual Texaco Meet on this coming Sunday, October 26th. The flying begins at 0900 hrs and a good meal at noon. This is a unique Flyin dealing with half A models and endurance flights. If you have never seen it, you need to go, it's a real fun experience. If you need directions, call Fred or one of our members to get them, it's not hard to find. Please come and support our fellow clubs as they support us.

Fred also wanted to share an experience with the club. He has started back building again and while working with some epoxy, suffered a reaction. The area was not ventilated and Fred ended up with swollen eyes the next day. He thinks the fast curing Epoxy fumes were the culprits. With any of the Epoxy or CA glues, make sure you have proper ventilation.

Phillip then took the floor to say that when he was in Georgia at a meet, he noticed their startup stands were turned around opposite to the way we use ours. He found that they do this so they can be facing the flight line while getting their ships ready to fly. Apparently they had an incident where a runaway ship hit someone while they were facing the pits and did not see the ship coming. By turning the flight stands around you are

facing the flight line and also have the stand between you and any approaching danger. Roy, our Safety Officer thought we should try it out and see how it works for us. It is a simple thing to try and if it stops one incident, it's well worth the effort.

CRASH AWARDS FOR OCTOBER:

Spencer asked the membership to bring forth any crashes so we can analyze the cause and award the prize to the most worthy.

Fred had mentioned earlier that he had several crashes in Ridgeville, but we received no more details. Roy damaged his RCM .40 TRAINER when the engine quit on take off. The wind was blowing pretty good and when he attempted to turn down wind, lost flying speed and landed hard busting the gear mounts. The ship is repairable and a lesson on flying in a wind was learned.

Allan got six staples in his arm at the emergency room after reaching across his Saito four stroke while it was running. The engine bit him pretty good and ruined his day for sure. He was very fortunate that the engine was in idle mode or the outcome could have been much worse. A spinning prop is almost invisible and unforgiving to those who get into it. TAKE HEED Y'ALL.

Paul was not at the meeting to tell his story so Phillip spilled the beans. Phillip said that Paul had finished flying and put his ship under the shed facing the runway. He flew Phillip's Telemaster and after landing it. He went to retrieve it in his go-cart. When he got to the ship on the runway, he set the transmitter he was using in the basket he uses to hold the radios. He bumped the radio for the electric plane and set the electric to full throttle. The plane shot from under the shed and across the runway trying to take off. The tall grass caught it and stopped the take off.

Paul and Phillip had gotten into a discussion of Phillip's Telemaster and Paul forgot to shut his radios down. We all get careless or forgetful at times and really have to guard against it. None of our members can say that they haven't done something dumb so don't be pointing fingers, just be mindful of what you are doing.

Paul was voted for the award and Phillip got the story telling prize.

EDITOR NOTE:

I want to inform the membership that I will not be available for the position of Secretary for 2009. I took the position as a temporary fill in 4 years and 6 months ago and have been reappointed by the club membership ever since. I have learned a lot and am far better off for the experience.

I think that the Officers need to be rotated to bring fresh insights to the club. Everyone needs to be exposed to the responsibility of being an officer. It is healthy for the club to have fresh people and fresh ideas.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Gene

GOD BLESS OUR CLUB AND ITS' MEMBERS

Gene