

## THE EUTAWVILLE FLIERS CLUB NEWS LETTER

APRIL 26 2007

### THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ALPINE RESTAURANT IN EUTAWVILLE

There were 16 members and guests present at this meeting. They are listed as seated in the restaurant Thursday evening at 1900 hrs.

*NELSON CARTER    GWENN CARTER    KATHY CARTER    PHILLIP WINNINGHAM  
HELEN WINNINGHAM    LLOYD SANDERSON    GENE GUTHAN  
DENNIS MARTIN    HENDERSON DUPREE    SPENCER EDMONDS  
JANIE EDMONDS    BOBBY JOHNSON    PAT JOHNSON    PAUL GOYNA  
EDNA GOYNA    ROY SMITH*

Phillip officially opened the meeting at 1903 hrs, and welcomed the members and guests. Jacques was not there to give the blessing, so the President asked that we observe a moment of silence. This was done and the meeting moved on.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Phillip asked that a motion be made to accept the minutes as received by the membership in the news letter. Dennis made the motion and seconded by Henderson. Phillip then called upon the Treasurer to give his report for April 2007. Gene gave the report and it was accepted by the members present.

Dennis was first to bring up a topic, he said that last weekend rumors were that our flying field was sold and he put this to Phillip. Phillip responded by saying that nothing was definite and rumors were just that, rumors. He assured the membership that the field was good until after the May Flyin and after that we will have to see what Mr. Rut has decided. He said that when Mr. Rut decides, that's when we will know and not before. The discussion ended there. Bobby said there is no reason to hash over what we have no control over. It was dropped.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The President asked the membership for new business. Nelson brought up a cap on the membership. Phillip stated that the Bylaws would have to be changed and the discussion started. It went back and forth about the old club rules and the changing of Bylaws in passed years. The present Bylaws have no cap on members allowed. There was much discussion on the subject.

Phillip asked for a motion. Nelson made a motion for 31 members and Bobby seconded the motion. It was clarified as only paid up members would be counted as members.

Again discussion followed, Dennis said we should not have a cap with our future uncertain and not knowing how much funds would be needed to keep the club going. Gene stated that the club is in a state of flux right now and if we were allowed to stay at the field , a cap would be ok, on the other hand, if we had to develop a new field, funds would be short and we might need the assistance of new members.

Phillip agreed that at this time, maybe this should be tabled until we do know what is going on. Spencer asked Gene how the membership broke down as of this meeting. The following is a reading of the Secretary from the roster. There are 29 paid up members,

there are 5 honorary members and there are 2 associate members, for a total of 36 members on paper.

Spencer thought we should have some kind of limit, but asked what if the cap is on and a potential member of upstanding qualifications comes along, what do we do then?

Phillip said the same thing happened years ago. The Bylaws at that time was limited to 12. At that time the number was eliminated from the Bylaws and that's where we stand today. Bobby said at the present time there were about 5-6 people wanting to come in, he suggested that the cap be 35. Phillip went a step further and said 36 to be an even number.

Phillip went back to Nelson to see if he would accept the 36 number in his motion. Nelson agreed and the motion will read cap the membership at 36 members. Dennis suggested we vote on it now and settle it, rather than dragging it out. Phillip said that would leave a lot of members not voting on an important subject. Dennis replied that if members wanted to vote they need to show up at a meeting.

A motion exists on the floor, and seconded. Phillip was asked to bring it to a vote, which he did. The vote was a show of hands and 9 voted for it 0 voted against it and the rest abstained. Motion carried and the cap will be 36 paying members allowed.

Phillip received a letter from Matt McCurry who resigned his membership in good standing and would be welcomed back in the future if he so desires.

Bobby stated that he knew the person who bought the property at the East end of field. And didn't think he would give us a problem.

Phillip gave a report on our lawn mower that is being repaired at Danny's shop. Phillip said that Danny is trying to get some of it paid by warranty. Phillip requested that we get the old parts back to maybe make up some future spare parts.

Bobby wants to put out a list of members to volunteer to cut grass. If any member thinks they can help with future cuttings, contact Phillip or Gene and we will put you on the list. The mower would be centrally located so it would be available.

Phillip asked for people to come Friday to be in a work party and on Saturday morning early to get things ready. Phillip said we would need about 14 people to operate the flyin for two days, this would allow that no one person would have to be at a station for more than 2 hrs. Please call Phillip or Gene if you can help so we have an idea who we have.

New Runway, for those of you who haven't been to the field in last few weeks, there is a new runway. Phillip and Gene spent 7 hrs out at the field, mowing and cutting in the new strip. It runs North east- South West in direction. The runway will be closer to the prevailing wind direction and will move the flying away from the new house at the end of the East- West runway.

We also have purchased a meter to measure sound in decibels. Paul will be in charge of this. Phillip would like to eventually see all the member's ships tested for noise. This will take some time and co-operation from the membership. AMA does not have a rule for engine noise, only that everyone strives to keep their engine as quiet as possible. There are state and federal laws covering this. We never had a noise problem and are doing this as safeguard to keep it that way, especially as the neighborhood grows. Paul got up and explained all the particulars. There are specific guide lines for the measurements. Phillip has appointed Paul as our noise abatement officer. Contact Paul for any specific questions you may have, he will be our sound man as he has the expertise in this area.

Getting back to the Flyin details, Phillip said he can give away a gift every half hour each day and still have plenty left to raffle off. He has gotten a great response from sponsors all over and any pilot that registers has an excellent chance of going home with a valued gift that would be worth more than the entrance fee they paid.

Spencer has given a fishing trip as a prize and this is no small thing, probably the highest valued prize in the pot. We have some volunteers already, but need all we can get to keep any one person from getting over worked. The more people we have they easier it will be on everyone. Come on out and lend a hand.

As it stands now Nelson and Roy will cook, we need people to serve and collect payment for the food. There will be tickets to sell and many other tasks that are not demanding but need someone to do them.

Phillip wanted the club to know that Paul Gonya took on the job of printing up all the flyers and letters for Phillip to send out to the sponsors and the 24 other clubs in our area within 100 miles. Paul also printed up and laminated badges for Pilots, Crew Members & Club hosts to make identification easier. This involved a lot of work and expense for Paul and he deserves to be recognized for his efforts.

Phillip passed out flyers to be posted in the local businesses.

Phillip said he got enough money donated by local merchants and our own club members to pay for the food we will be selling. We intend to put the name of the donors on the items to advertise them.

Saturday morning the work party will meet at Bells for breakfast before going to the field to work. You can meet at Bells or the field. Bells at 0600 or field at 0730 that is Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

At this time the meeting was getting a little long and it was decided to wind it up.

### **CRASH AWARD:**

Of all people Phillip had to accept the award. He was flying Paul's electric and was demonstrating inverted flight when a radio program was selected by mistake and the aircraft crashed. Fortunately not too much damage was done.

At this time the meeting was closed.

***WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE FLYIN MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>.***

*GOD BLESS OUR CLUB AND IT'S MEMBERSHIP*

*Gene*