

THE EUTAWVILLE FLIERS CLUB NEWS LETTER

MAY 28TH 2008

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ALPINE RESTAURANT IN EUTAWVILLE

There were 22 members and guests that showed up for the meeting on Thursday night.

Members listed from front to back as they were seated.

<i>PAUL & EDNA GONYA</i>	<i>STEVE IGIRO</i>	<i>GEM MEYNARDIE</i>
<i>HENDERSON DUPREE</i>	<i>GERRY DUFRESNE</i>	<i>GENE GUTHAN</i>
<i>BOBBY JOHNSON</i>	<i>DENNIS JOHNSON</i>	<i>DENNIS MARTIN</i>
<i>ROY SMITH</i>	<i>KEN MAHONEY</i>	<i>ALLAN PERINGOTTI</i>
<i>LLOYD SANDERSON</i>	<i>SPENCER EDMONDS</i>	<i>BOB & JOY LOVE</i>
<i>PHILLIP & HELEN WINNINGHAM</i>	<i>HERB AVINGER</i>	
<i>FRED & MAXINE PETERS.</i>		

Spencer called the meeting to order promptly at 1900 hrs, and called on the Treasurer to give the report. Gene stood and read the report and balances as recorded. The members accepted the report as read. Note: All reports and records are available to members upon request to the Sect/ Treas. They can be E-Mailed or Snail Mailed.

Spence then called for the written minutes of the April meeting to be accepted as they were received by the members. The minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On behalf of the club members Spence offered Phillip and Helen Winningham our congratulations for the success of the May Flyin, everyone agreed it was great. A brief synopsis is available if any member desires it. Paul will probably post it on the web site also.

Spencer asked the smokers in the club to police up their butts, there have been more and more cigarette butts littering the grounds around the pit area. We don't need to ask non smokers to clean up after the ones who litter. There are butt cans containing sand for the purpose of disposal.

Dennis took the floor to announce that Lake City will have a Flyin on June 7th. He thought it would be proper for the club to go there and support them as they do for us. Joel and his group from Lake City come to our events and bring a lot of entertainment with their varied assortment of ships and fly them with great skill. We owe them the return support.

Ken announced that he will be cooking ribs and beans at the field on Saturday, May 31st. FREE lunch to members that show up, Members supply their own drinks. Roy will bring his grill for the cook out, come on out and enjoy! Time, 12:00 noon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spencer asked Gene to report any grounds committee statements. Gene asked the other committee members if the grounds could go another week before mowing. The consensus was to let the mowing slide this week.

Gene then asked the membership to consider the following, that is to compensate the members who come to the field and give there time to mow. He said the least we could do would be to pay the mileage to off set their fuel costs. He suggested \$.20/mile and opened it to discussion. Dennis spoke up and said he lived 15 miles away and would gladly drive that distance without charge to the club. He said he personally would not take the mileage. Gene said that that was his decision, but it should be offered to the people who are willing to take the time and effort to maintain our grounds.

Phillip said that years ago, the club raised the dues to take care of the mowing and suggested that maybe the dues should be reduced for those who would cut the field twice to discharge their obligation. There was a lot of discussion on how to compensate the mowers

It all boiled down to a motion by Paul to reimburse anyone who wants it at \$.25/mile for their fuel costs. They must present Gene with a written request stating the days they mowed and the mileage they drove. They will be written a check for that amount. The motion was voted on and approved. This procedure will be retro active to the beginning of the 2008 mowing season. With that done we proceeded, Spencer asked if that was all the committee had. Gene had one more thing; he asked that Phillip bring the Snapper trailer back so we can haul the mower if needed. Phillip agreed to deliver it to Bob or Bobby. Dennis said we need to get the roller back also for the field. That concluded the grounds reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spencer asked for old business: Dennis stated that he had sent the sanction for November to Gene and Gene forwarded it to AMA with the \$20.00 fee. Bobby stated he had gotten his sanction back for the September Flyin so all the Flyins are covered for this season. Both will be one day events and Sept will be on the 13th and Nov will be on the 8th. We will have the club Fun Fly on July 5th, non sanction, covered dish and club will supply the meat. Arrangements will be made later.

Ken brought up the tee shirts, golf shirts, and caps. He detailed the set up cost and price per shirt for prints or embroidery, a discussion followed. Ken will bring more info and a catalog so we can look at it.

Dennis brought up the logo contest; there were only two entries, Ken's and Paul's. Both were great and a vote picked Ken's logo as the official logo for the club. Ken will be given his 2009 dues free as prize. Ken will be a committee of one to go on with the shirts. There was no further old business and the President asked for new business to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bobby started by asking if the club could add two new receptacles between the existing structures and mounted to the fence. Ken will take over that job and see to it. This will add more convenience for Flyins and also regular flying days. Bobby offered to pay for it if need be. The club will see to it. It is a good idea.

Jeff, the Alpine Owner asked to say a few words. He stated that building he owns next door will be renovated and will be used as a meeting room. He is making the room available to any organization in the local area to use. He offered it to us to use if we so desired and would even list the organizations on a plaque outside that are using it. This was a good gesture from Jeff and the club is very appreciative of his offer.

Phillip had the last offering of new business. He stated that he received a notice from AMA stating that we could apply for the same dates next May if we desired. Phillip wanted to know if the club had anyone in mind to run that event next May. Everyone agreed that Phillip should do it again because of the great successes of the previous meets. It was quickly put to a motion, seconded and voted yea before Phillip could change his mind.

Gem and Steven both asked about available instructors and the rules that apply to bringing family or friends to fly at the field. The rules were explained as to the club and the AMA that apply, the existing instructors at this time are Dennis, Phillip and Spencer. They are also the Intro Pilots for the club. I believe this answered both Gem and Steven's questions. This concluded the new business for this meeting.

SAFETY:

Bobby asked Fred to stand and relate to the club about a bad accident that happened at Fred's field.

Fred stated that one of their most experienced flyers was in the process of starting the engine on his new giant scale. The ship was secured by the tail. The engine started at an idle and the pilot reached for his transmitter. The neck strap of the transmitter apparently hooked the throttle and sent it to full open. The restraining line had some slack in it and the ship lurched forward. In a defensive manner the pilot put out his hand. The large composite prop severed his thumb and index finger. There were other people there and fortunately experienced. They bound his wound retrieved the thumb and called EMS directly, they were there in under 10 mins, thanks to the people on the field.

He was rushed to the hospital and spent 6-7 hrs in surgery, His thumb was replaced but the finger was lost. If he had been alone he most certainly would have died from shock and blood loss. This is a lesson for every pilot. These ships are NOT TOYS and can be deadly if the proper procedures are not followed. The fellow is recovering and will fly again. No one should ever fly alone, and especially with large scale aircraft, each pilot should have an assistant with you when starting a ship. Restraining benches or secure ground mounted restraints should be used. I dare say that this event will spark the building of such restraints. Thanks Fred for a very important story and lesson for all of us. It was a sobering story for all those who heard it.

There was much talk and discussion after Fred's story and although we have restraining benches for most of our aircraft, we do not have any for the large scale that are too heavy and awkward to fit on the benches. Several ideas were offered and we will soon have a series of ground mounted systems to handle the larger ships.

Fred also related how dangerous the electrics can be while setting them up the first time before they are programmed properly. Get proper information from knowledgeable people if you are not experienced. Fred says a good rule for a club is to forbid any one flying alone.

That concluded this section and we proceeded to the last segment, CRASH AWARDS.

CRASH AWARDS AND THE PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE THEM:

We had a bunch of them this period,

PHILLIP WINNINGHAM Tribute, hot dogging close to ground, too close.

KEN MAHONEY Tribute, apparently jealous of Phillip's crash.

BRUCE BRESKY Telemaster, landing accident.

GEM MEYNARDIE 300 Ultimate, during our Flyin, cause unknown.

LLOYD SANDERSON Telemaster, aerobatics with the wrong ship.

Lots of laughs and ridicule after the stories, but seriously we need to learn from these mishaps and not repeat them in the future. Remember the saying that If You Don't Learn by History, You re Doomed to Repeat It.

A good meeting and the President officially closed it at 1954 hrs.

GOD BLESS OUR CLUB AND ITS' MEMBERS

Next meeting will be June 25th 2008

Gene