

THE EUTAWVILLE FLIERS CLUB NEWS LETTER
SEPTEMBER 2007

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

The members and guests listed below in the order that they were seated:

HENDERSON DUPREE	DENNIS MARTIN	JOY LOVE	BOB LOVE
PHILLIP WINNINGHAM	HELEN WINNINGHAM	NELSON CARTER	
GWENN CARTER	BOBBY JOHNSON	PAT JOHNSON	GERRY DUFRESNE
PAT BOWICK	DONNA BOWICK	MARTY CRESSEY	PAUL GONYA
EDNA GONYA	ROY SMITH	KEN MAHONEY	GENE GUTHAN
FRED PETERS	HERB AVINGER	21 members and guest attended.	

The meeting was brought to order by our President at 7:01 pm. Phillip welcomed everyone, and thanked them for attending tonight. He asked that the minutes of the last meeting in August be accepted as received in the news letter. Dennis made the motion, It was seconded and approved by the membership. The President asked for a reading of the treasurer's report. Gene read the report and it was accepted by the members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phillip opened old business: He opened it up with the May Flyin to be held on May 3rd & 4th. Of 2008. The application was filled out and sent to the proper recipients. Fees were paid and we should be good to go. Phillip made note that our Flyins for This November and Next May are ok, but AMA is making some changes and we need to be aware of the for any future flyins. Phillip will get together with Dennis and Bobby to discuss what needs to be done for future Flyins.

Phillip asked if the Sept Flyin sign was still up, Bobby said it was and Phillip said we should remove it Friday when we go to mow at the field. He asked for helpers on Friday to mow, fix the door on the shed and remove the sign.

Phillip asked for any other old business, Dennis asked Phillip about his getting someone to come to the May Flyin to do the cooking. Dennis wanted to know how much it was going to cost the club. Phillip responded by saying, it would cost the club nothing. He was doing this on his own. The expenses for the cooker and the men to do it would be taken care of by Phillip; the only cost to the club would be the meat. Phillip said he would like to have Boston butts cooked; the cookers will handle up to 200 lbs if we need it. He will see about getting the meat.

Paul asked if Steve might donate a hog like he did for Bobby's flyin last year, but Phillip said the hog we cooked last year didn't go very far, to much waste on a hog. Boston butts are a better choice for the pork. He said if we went with a hog we would need a much bigger one than the one we cooked last time or have butts along with the hog. Dennis and Nelson made statements on the pros and cons of cooking butts and hogs. Phillip said there was no need to make any decisions until after the first of the New Year.

Phillip asked for any other old business. Paul took the floor for Web Site discussions. Paul said the site was up running. He stated that it was not as sophisticated as the one Curtis had, but we did not get any files from Curtis and had to start from scratch; it will improve as we go along. The address is www.eutawvillefliers.org Note the spelling, the proper spelling for our club is Fliers with an i and not a y. This spelling should be used in any correspondence or printing by the club. Paul asked that members visit the site and contact him via e-mail for any input or suggestions to improve the site. That concluded the old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Phillip opened new business with a statement about the club's new mower. Dennis found the mower at the sears store in Lake City. This mower was returned to Sears and they sold it at a much reduced price, we got it for slightly over half the original selling price, so it was a good deal for the club and came at the opportune time. The price we paid including tax was 1069.00. The mower is a 46" cut with a 20hp engine and hydrostatic drive. It is an ideal addition to our needs for mowing. Phillip ask that everyone who intends to operate this mower be checked out as to it's proper operation. Gene installed an hour meter to keep track of time used for maintance considerations. He also greased it, changed oil and filter, and adjusted the cutting deck to proper specs. Officially the mower will go into used Friday when the group gathers to mow the field.

Phillip stated that we needed oversight of the two mowers and proceeded to appoint an airfield committee consisting of Bob Love, Spencer Edmonds and Gene Guthan. These people will decide if and when the field will be mowed. When we meet on Friday operators will be checked out as to proper procedures using this equipment. Phillip picked the committee based on their background experience and they will keep the records up that Gene started when we got the first mower. We need to decide about fuel purchases, and it was decided that the committee will handle that. Any maintance beyond the committee's ability will be referred to a shop for repairs. The club will be responsible for all fuel and oil costs. Phillip asked the club to vote for approval to the field committee to spend monies to keep the equipment in good operational condition. Paul made a motion to that end and the membership voted their approval.

It was suggested that for the members who cannot come out to mow, that maybe they could donate gas money to do their part to maintain the grounds. A figure of \$20 to \$25 dollars a year is not to much to ask when you figure how much time and money is put in by the few who show up to work.

Nelson made the statement that the grass should not be mowed in the rain, it makes a mess of clods of grass left on field so that aircraft cannot fly, and so defeating the purpose of cutting in the first place.

Phillip said in reference to mowing, it has always been a standard in the club to mow the runways first, then the pit areas and last the parking lots. This is the sequence of importance. The new committee will adopt this procedure. It was also suggested that the grass be allowed to dry before mowing, to allow grass to be dispersed. Gerry asked about a procedure or pattern to follow in mowing the field. Phillip said the best way was to mow from the center outward in increasing concentric circles to keep grass from

clumping. It was agreed that this was the better way of doing it. Paper work to be filled out by the operators.

Anyone in the membership who can help with the grass and or maintance of the field should contact Phillip to set up a time that fits the volunteer's schedule, this would be greatly appreciated.

Phillip mentioned that Allan Wehman has some health issues and will not be able to drive. The Sect. will contact Allan and set up transportation for him if he desires to attend the club functions, such as Flyins, etc.

Gerry said he heard that we may want to paint the club house. He said he would be able to supply the paint at a small cost if the color wasn't a problem. He also may be able to supply the equipment. This was welcomed by the club and Gerry will work on it. The club will also replace the enclosure around the bottom of the trailer. Gene and Bob will supply the material for the skirting. Phillip will come to Gene's place with Bob and get the skirting, stop at Bob's place and get the rest and then go to the field. That about concluded the business part of the meeting.

NEW MEMBER: Ken Mahoney was introduced by Dennis as a prospective member. He spoke a little and his application was accepted by the Treasurer. A motion was made and a vote taken, he was accepted. 'Welcome Ken'. I will send Ken the club information via e-mail.

CRASH AWARD:

Awarded to Wayne Flowers for the crash of a 260 CAP that threw a wing doing a roll. Apparently the retaining screw for the right wing came loose and let the wing go. Sorry Wayne. Brian will share in the award.

Note: that the next meeting will be held on October 24, that's a Wednesday at the Alpine Inn. There were numerous complaints about the terrible service we get at the restaurant. If anyone has any ideas where we might have our meetings in the future, let the membership know.

On Friday just before this writing, a group met at the field to work. The field was mowed completely and looks great. The shed was worked on to offer a secure place to house the new mower. Bobby and Herb talked, and Herb agreed to take over the drink concession at the club house, thank you Herb. One thing was forgotten, the Flyin sign is still up, passers by must think we have a continuous Flyin going on.

I guess that's about it till next time,
God bless our club and the membership.

Gene