

## **Mentone Flying Club April 2006 Newsletter**

The Mentone Flying Club of Rochester met Friday, April 21, 2006 at the Fulton County Airport.

24 people attended the April club meeting at the Fulton County Airport.

Ron Fearnow introduced his guest, Lowell Ferran. Lowell is certified by the FAA to approve sport class aircraft for the Federal Aviation Administration. He brought a wealth of knowledge to our meeting and answered all of our questions with absolute certainty. He strongly recommends purchasing a U.S. made vintage aircraft vs. a newer imported sport plane.

Bill Willard reported that our aircraft flew a total of 52.2 hours, an increase from last month.

Trent Powell reported that the club's Cherokee is grounded until Dan Wonders can inspect the engine and find out why it is not running smoothly. Both skyhawks have significant shimmy in the nose wheel. It is recommended that we keep weight off the nose until the aircraft slows below flying speed.

Tom Flynn and Dan Funk presented on high performance aircraft and outlined the effects a Cherokee 6 would have on the club's financial stability. The committee's presentation showed that the club could afford to purchase and maintain a Cherokee 6 and continue to operate the other 3 aircraft while putting money into the appropriate savings funds. No decision was made; there will be more discussion at the next meeting.

Ron Fearnow presented the costs, pros and cons of owning a light sport airplane. He referenced the Aeronca Champ because of its wide gear stance and stable flying characteristics. The attendance agreed that a slower airplane would be fun to fly around on a Sunday afternoon.

Tom Tucker reported that preparations for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary are well underway with confirmation from Senator Richard Lugar's office, Representative Bill Friend, and State Senator Tom Weatherwax. Planned attendance for this event would be 450+ on August 18, 2007. The event would start that morning with a fly-in. Aircraft vendors, local companies, and food vendors would assemble for an "airfair". That evening there will be a presentation to the charter members of the club still living along with remarks by Lugar, Phil Boyer (AOPA), and Entertainment by people to be selected.

Alissa Campbell presented her suggestions for new logos, a straw vote was taken and suggestions presented for her consideration.

Dave Miller will be looking into making a club trip to Michigan to hunt mushrooms, more later. Bob Wilson will be coordinating a golf outing for club members early this summer, if you're interested contact Bob.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Funk



Jim Ewen  
MFC President