

**Mentone Flying Club  
February 2005 Newsletter**

Howdy,

We have received some snow and cold temps, [which] makes for nice bright crystal clear days.

The annual banquet was a pleasure to attend. There were 50 of us there (husbands, wives, mothers, and kids) and all were enjoying each other's company. Bill Willard gave several airplane banks away to the people who had been talking about buying an airplane. Is it a hint to start saving for one? Or, a pay off? Bill also gave other door prizes away.

There has been a mystery solved!

We've all had to listen to Bill Willard, wonder out loud, "where are the first original minutes(1957-1979)"? Who has them and isn't bringing them back? Come to find out, Alden Jones had them in good keeping. Alden gave them back, and shared at the annual banquet how our club got its start and who was involved.

Bob Wilson and Dwight Hammond tied on Danny's quiz with a score of 100%.

Here are some club projects at hand; The ELT antenna and the door post cover is being replaced on 78Q. The primer needs help in 69T. 12874, we'll be upgrading the interior. I'm thinking that we should have a interior decorating party. Set couple of tables out and find a few seamstress...

Tom Flynn also has written a proposal for insurance. Look at both proposals, ask questions, lets man handle this thing with a open mind to be voted on, at our next meeting, Feb. 18th.

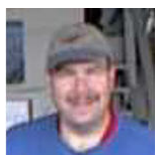
Thanks to Jim Ewen's effort and communication with the people in this project, the widening of the runway will be completed by the end of spring. The timetable is as follows;

Feb. 22, the advertising for the project will go out to the contractors.

March 22, the bid letting will begin and the winning contractor will begin to move his machinery to the airport.

April 22, the contractor will start the project, and including rain days should be completed in 30 days.

This means a brand new lighting system with halogen lights on taller stakes and the runway will be 75 ft wide with the runway lights 10 ft off the edge.



Next meeting: Feb 18th at 7:00PM  
Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.- Henry Ford  
Dave Miller