

Mentone Flying Club January 2006 Newsletter

The January meeting and annual banquet of the Mentone Flying Club of Rochester, was held January 20, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Geneva Center, north of Rochester.

A dinner buffet featured Roasted Beef, Lasagna, Chicken, Veggies, Salad and Dessert. After dinner, President Jim Ewen called the meeting to order followed with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Secretary Dan Funk read the minutes of the December meeting which were approved as read.

Treasurer Bill Willard gave the Treasurers report which showed the club to be quite solvent although Decembers flying was down considerably due largely to Indiana's weather.

Vice-President Trent Powell, who is Director of Maintenance, reported that he had replaced the repaired VOR indicator in 69T, replaced the ELT batteries in 78Q, and made the appropriate log book entries. He advised that 78Q is due for an oil change, and 874 needed a new battery. He suggested that these would be good Saturday morning projects after we meet for breakfast.

In the absence of Ron Fearnow and Tom Flynn, no reports were available from the new aircraft search committees.

Tom Tucker was appointed Chair of the 2007, 50th year, and Anniversary celebration. Tom reported that we should aim for the end of June, 2007, and would like to invite the President of AOPA or the Administrator of FAA to attend the celebration, which could involve a catered dinner and "town hall" meeting possibly at the Rochester High School. Tom also stated that the success of the event depends on the full support of the club and local and state dignitaries.

Alyssa Campbell was appointed Director of Public Relations. Alyssa is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Journalism and a major in public relations. Her duties will be to report to media the happenings of our club and significant points of interest, such as someone soloing or reaching a license or rating or news that will complement our club. Also she must dispel the assumption by a great deal of the public that our club is located in Mentone, Indiana.

Dan Butt was appointed Director of Security to assure the club's compliance with TSA and Homeland Security requirements, along with security of the club's aircraft and hangars. Dan has an impressive resume showing extensive training in law enforcement in both the public and private sector.

Bev Abair was appointed to assist Dan Butt and report to Secretary Dan Funk the results of background checks on prospective new members. Bev works with Dan Butt in the Marshall County Sheriff's Department.

Dan Christman was appointed Club Historian to continue to document the happenings of the club and its members. If you have read the clubs website, you will realize that Dan knows more about the club than some of our oldest members.

Dan Funk was appointed Director of Technical Services to assure the club that the clubs computers are up and running so that scheduling will continue to be seamless.

The Crew Chief concept was discussed but died for the lack of a motion. We can discuss this at a later date if the club chooses.

Dave Miller volunteered to head up a committee to provide the club with suggestions for trips or activities that can be of interest to club members.

Doug Kitchens was approved as an Owner Member, and Doug's son Dan, and Remo George were approved as Social Members.

Dave Miller reported that member Dwight Hammond and wife Deb, will be moving to Washington D.C. where Dwight will oversee repair work being performed on the Capital and Historic Fort Washington. They promise to return regularly to visit their friends in the club. It was reported that Ed Rice and Family has moved to Florida to escape that previously mentioned Indiana weather. Now we know where we can go and who we can visit if we go East or South.

By consensus of 60 members and guests present, it was decided that we will return to the Geneva Center for next year's January meeting and banquet.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The Board of Directors met in a separate area while the membership enjoyed musical entertainment provided by friends of the Willard family.

Fraternally,
Jim Ewen



Jim Ewen
MFC President