

Mentone Flying Club March 2005 Newsletter

At the February meeting, written self-insurance proposals for hull liability were presented by Jim Ewen and Tom Flynn, and a verbal one by Don Walls. After much discussion about the proposals, the membership voted to hand the matter over to the Board of Directors to consider and consolidate the information into a single proposal for consideration by the membership at the March meeting. The Board has worked hard to assemble a proposal that they believe offers a fair and diverse choice for all club members, and provides the best club financial growth potential as well. Before crafting the specific legal language required for self-insurance in Indiana, the Board wants to hear from the membership if you approve the proposal enough to proceed with the rest of the work involved. Therefore, a final vote into Bylaws is not possible at the March meeting.

Dues and hourly rates will be reviewed once the audit is completed and presented for review at a later monthly meeting, separate from the insurance matter, since they are fixed operational costs and should not be confused with insurance issues.

A visit to the Grissom Tracon is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th. Lou Sanchez, an active Grissom controller, will host a tour and Q&A at the facility, and is free of charge. Everyone interested is welcome to join in. Students and new pilots are especially encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to look into the controllers' world and ask questions of the folks who provide you "flight following" and vector you through Grissom airspace. We will assemble at the Rochester Airport parking lot at 3:30 PM and drive to Kokomo, planning to arrive there between 4:30-5:00 PM.

All aircraft are in good flying condition. Squawks are being systematically corrected.

An aviation event by the Collings Foundation's B-17 and B-24 Liberator is being considered around the end of July at the airport. Details regarding how our club could sponsor the event are on the club website (<http://www.mentoneflyingclub.org/collings/collings.htm>). Please contact Dave Miller or Dan Funk if you wish to help them.



Next meeting: Mar 18th at 7:00PM
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