

## **Mentone Flying Club March 2006 Newsletter**

The Mentone Flying Club of Rochester met Friday, March 17, 2006 at the Fulton County Airport.

Approximately 30 members and guests were in attendance. President Jim Ewen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge to the United States Flag.

Secretary Dan Funk read the minutes of the February meeting, followed by Treasurer Bill Willard's report.

Vice-President Trent Powell gave the maintenance report which indicated all aircraft are in good mechanical condition.

Ron Fearnow reported on two aircraft in the Light Sport Category that could be of interest to the club members, one was the Ercoupe, the other a Luscombe. Tom Flynn reported on his search for a high-performance aircraft, a Piper Cherokee Six. Ron and Tom will present additional information at a later meeting to determine which type aircraft the majority of the members will wish to invest in.

Alyssa Campbell provided numerous logo samples for members to decide on an updated logo. Jim Ewen advised that Dan Funk had made application for a waiver from FAA to give rides at the annual pancake and sausage breakfast in June.

He reported that he requested a quote from Premier Aviation in Elkhart for new 406 MHz ELTs , but has not yet received a reply.

In Tom Tuckers absence, Jim reported on the progress being made on the clubs 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Two new members, Brad Earhart and Shawn Bailey, were welcomed into the club. Frank Bailey was introduced to the club. Frank advised he had formed a Scholarship Fund, of around \$2400.00, per year, for a deserving applicant to study aviation at Purdue toward becoming an Airline Pilot. If anyone knows of someone who could be interested, the information is at the Fulton County Airport office.

Ewen reminded all Instructors that we must take the online training required by TSA and HSA.

Members were reminded that Saturday, April 1, 2006 is Adopt a Highway day for the club. Meet at the hangar at 08:00 and bring a sharp, pointed stick. We will get good exercise.

John Boener and Trent Powell were recognized for their above and beyond efforts in the club.

On Saturday, March 18, 2006, approximately 20 members of the club visited the Grissom Air Reserve Base Radar Approach Control, (RAPCON), room as guests of club member Lou Sanchez. Lou demonstrated the new full vision-full motion Control Tower Simulator. It is a \$700,000.00 training device used to help controllers meet certification requirements in situations that would be difficult or impossible to duplicate in real life. Members were also able to visit the radar room and view actual air traffic control. All club members agreed that we are lucky to have our good working relationship with Lou and his associates, and we hope for the continued support of the Grissom Air Reserve Base.



Jim Ewen  
MFC President