

Mentone Flying Club
October 2004 Newsletter

The Aviation Safety Program the club sponsored Sept. 15th was a relative success, in spite of the fact that the FAA mailing system let us down by not getting the notification out to airmen. Although I wanted to fill at least 100 seats, 56 people attended with only 3 aircraft flying in for the event. 2/3 of the attendance was MFC members, which is what still made the event a relative success. I would like to thank Jim Ewen and AIRVAC for making their hangar available, John Cash for the tables and chairs, Dave Miller for arranging Kountry Krunch & Munch for the ice cream and apple dumplings, and especially Sharon Rogers for all her help in preparing for the event.

For a long time the club has been accumulating a variety of stuff like old radio gear and intercoms no longer used. Dave "Midas" Miller has been good enough to put his Ebay talent to work and sell much of this no longer needed equipment on the Internet. At the time of the September meeting, his effort has netted the club \$500. Thanks Dave!

Thanks goes to Tom Flynn (the elder) for volunteering to take all the dirty rags to the laundry and even paying for it. The clean rags are now located in a cardboard box on the shelf behind the Cherokee. Please put soiled rags in the laundry basket under the stairway.

Nominations for 2005 officers will take place at the October meeting. Please be thinking about whom you want your club officers to be.

Some MFC pilots are creating a community relations problem by climbing hard and turning short over Woodlawn Hospital when departing runway 29. The noise and low altitude is NOT doing our club or the airport any good. The community has been very supportive of the MFC and Fulton County Airport, and the airport has enjoyed advantages that other airports do not because of it. Folks that live in the neighborhood recognize our airplanes have been talking to Jim Ewen about the matter. Please make sure that you make normal straight out climbs to 1300 MSL, beyond the hospital and population, before turning. Please don't be a part of damaging our good image and making us appear like a dangerous nuisance to be gotten rid of.

A little known scheduler tip.....If you want to use an airplane during the same time period as another pilot, you can use the "Reserve Reservation" function of the online scheduler. If that pilot cancels their reservation, your reserve reservation will automatically be made in its place and you will be notified by email. Nice, huh?!

On Saturday, October 16th, we will have our second Wash & Wax day of the year. We will begin around 8 AM following the normal informal breakfast over at Karen's.

Aircraft Status:

4378Q - Bill made new aluminum floor vent cover to prevent chart pockets from being torn off. Good to go.

4269T - Down this week for annual. Top door latch tore up again from slamming. Too far gone to fix. I asked Chad to locate and acquire a replacement. Will be good to go after the annual.

12874 - Mike and I changed the oil. Bill made new aluminum floor vent covers to repair the torn off right side chart pocket. Good to go.

It is always a pleasure to write about those who willingly give their time and talent to help the Mentone Flying Club continue to exist and keep our future bright. Our rates are lower than almost anywhere in the country because of it. I would like to encourage everyone to please come out to the club not to just fly, but to socialize and keep up with club activities, and attend club meetings. The Mentone Flying Club needs participation from its members to continue to be successful.

Please stay PROFICIENT!



Next meeting: October 15th at 1900
Safe and happy flying!
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