

Mentone Flying Club October 2005 Newsletter

From the September Meeting:

This month was a busy one for the club. Bev Abair from Plymouth was voted in as a Social Member, she was introduced to the club by Dan Butt. Aaron Schelstrate was voted in as a social member also. We look forward to getting to know Bev and Aaron as they begin the exciting journey becoming pilots.

Bill Willard reported that we have 17,097 in checking and a balance of 65,843 in CD's at First Federal Saving Bank. N4378Q flew 39.9 hours, N12874, 24.8 and N4269T, 37.1. Flights totaled 98.5 hours w/ maintenance logs, and revenue of \$4,634.00.

New Business:

The gas prices have gone up at the airport and the board of directors will once again review the rates we are paying. Don't let this discourage any flight time, quite possible it won't go up too terribly much.

October 1st was a very successful wash and wax day. About 35 members showed up to help and everyone enjoyed Pork Loin by our very own Chris Coffing. Dave Miller made hanger made ice cream with his secret ingredient, no body flew after eating, hint, hint.

I would suggest attending the next meeting when we'll be talking about the purchase of a Light Sport Aircraft. Under the direction of the board's leadership the club has expressed interest in providing it's members with this new option. Pilots both rated and not rated will have the opportunity to fly for a reduced rate while enjoying a vintage aircraft. Seeing the latest issue of AOPA Pilot sure gets me thinking about the thrill of a Champ or a Taylor Craft.

Aircraft Status:

After trouble shooting electrical problems in N12874 we believe the problem has been traced to the Alternator and some wiring in N12874. As far as we know the problem is resolved. N4378Q might have rigging issues but is safe to fly. It is suggested that pilots actively trim the aircraft and don't rely on the needle indicator for a neutral position. The Cherokee is in Iowa getting a new interior, many thanks to the interior committee for their effort in making this happen.

MFC Picture of the Month:

I hope all of you are doing well and have enjoyed the summer. It's now looking and feeling more and more like fall. I'd encourage everyone to think about a flight this fall, taking time to enjoy the fall colors and a new destination. I close with some historical notes that Dan Christman has provided, you can find pictures submitted by others, and more history on our website.

<http://www.mentoneflyingclub.org>



This Month's Winner is Dave Miller with his picture from above the clouds; if you look close you can see the airport!

Club History:

Oct 1986 -- Club voted to raise the membership rate to \$295.

Oct 1987 -- Club voted to limit club membership to 100 members.

Oct 1998 -- Club purchased the second (north) hangar (door was installed one year later).

Upcoming Events:

October 21th – MFC meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Keep it out of the trees!!!



Dan Funk,
MFC Secretary