

# LITE-WING NEWS

*Merry Christmas!*

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Secretary: Bucky Carter

Treasurer: Bob McComb

**CHRISTMAS PARTY - SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH AT LAWICKI'S SALEM FIELD**

## From the President

It is a pleasure to be a member of the Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group, except, perhaps being President, which we all seem to have survived as we are a remarkably disparate group (look that up in your Funk 'n Wagnall's). We are of most varied backgrounds, from preacher to FAA types, although I don't exactly know why I thought of those vocations in opposition. We are a motley group of affable pilots, some with formal training, others with, let us say, uniquely original training and those who are pilots only in their desires. And even though there may be a certified aircraft or two on our roster, we are, in this group, pilots of very light planes.

That we call ourselves an Ultralight Group is in fact a statement of philosophy of our operations rather than a definition of the craft that we fly. The planes that we have are of nearly as many types and conditions as is the membership, yours truly included. Many of our planes are projects in motion, most of the time, and they benefit from ready assistance by our talented members, when needed. Or even when not needed, adding to the entertainment level. Operating from various airstrips, mostly privately owned, our local middle Tennessee area is largely rural, agricultural, delightful terrain to fly over. With little traffic, except MTSU and other members, we have, in my view, the very best area in which to fly.

This marvelous aviation advantage is why we have folks joining MTUG, getting some training, locating an airworthy plane and climbing into our super fun flying sport. And this is the only country in the world, that you would like to go to, where you can have this freedom of flight, and this area is probably one of the very best in the country. I've operated out of Meadowlark Aero for over twenty years, in 13 MAX for the last seventeen years, and it's been a ball. We really have it good, so enjoy it to the MAX!

Although all the stuff written here is known to the members, seeing it in print is a great memory jogger about all the good times we have had, and will continue to have. Especially under our new administration. MTUG's, not Obama's!

Wait - There's the phone! Maybe Washington found out I'm available!! It may be Obama - he may be offering me the FAA - or the CIA - perhaps the TSA - the BSA?! Hello? - What? No, I don't want two Paul Harvey advertised room heaters for the price of one!! Get off the phone - I'm expecting a very important call! Good Bye! Maybe I ought to turn on my cell phone, just in case.

I'll see you at the party and let you know how it came out. - Skip

**SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 5:00PM - DINNER BEGINS 6:30 PM - SEE PAGE 2 FOR DIRECTIONS**

## Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group

### EAA CHAPTER 104 • MINUTES OF NOV 20, 2008 MEETING

- ▶ The passing of Rick Kenny was discussed.
- ▶ Visitor Mike Styer was in attendance.
- ▶ We held the elections for officers
- ▶ John Sewell was elected President
- ▶ Gary White was elected Newsletter Editor
- ▶ Bucky Carter remained as secretary
- ▶ Donald McDonald will remain the Vice President
- ▶ John also flew an Aronica Champ to Todd Lawickie's Field
- ▶ Art Kramer flew his Kestrel Hawk up and down the runway to test his Vermer engine.
- ▶ Skip Is having his Rotax 447 rebuilt. Has 1014 hours on it.
- ▶ We discussed the EPA wanting to get rid of 2 cycle engines.
- ▶ Shelbyville Fly-in was discussed.
- ▶ Billy Cox wants useful tools for MTSU's new hanger that Don & Francis McDonald built.
- ▶ December Meeting will be held during the Christmas Party.
- ▶ There may still be a Trike for sale. Check with Gary White.
- ▶ Newsletter was approved and seconded.
- ▶ Treasury Report given - \$2815.53
- ▶ Minutes were approved.
- ▶ MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.



Originally MTUG Christmas Dinner reservations needed to be paid for by December 8th. BUT... If you would like to attend and have not yet paid... call Bob McComb at (615)351-6952 and let him know.

YOU MUST DO THIS IMMEDIATELY!  
He is turning in the head count to the caterer today (*Tuesday December 9th*).

*DON'T DELAY  
CALL BOB TODAY!*



## Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group EAA Chapter # 104 2008 Christmas Party

**Date:** Saturday December 13th  
**Where:** Lawicki's Salem Field

**Time:** Dinner begins at 6:30pm (*social hour starts somewhere around 5pm*)

#### DIRECTIONS TO LAWICKI'S SALEM FIELD:

**From Murfreesboro:** North on Hwy 231. Turn right on Simmons Bluff (1/2mi past Hwy 452 Super Speedway Hwy). Drive 4 miles and turn right on Salem Road. Over 1 lane bridge and drive is on left with wood fence and orange sign.

**From Lebanon:** From I-40, south on Hwy 231 approx 9 miles to left on Simmons Bluff. Drive 4 miles and turn right on Salem Road. Over 1 lane bridge and drive is on left with wood fence and orange sign.

**From I-840:** Exit on Hwy 452 (Super Speedway Hwy) and go East to end at Hwy 231. Turn left then 1st Right on Simmons Bluff. Drive 4 miles and turn right on Salem Road. Over 1 lane bridge and drive is on left with wood fence and orange sign.

*If your party desires any adult libations please b.y.o.b. and b.y.o.p., although water, tea, and softdrinks will be provided with dinner.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Skip is "right on". The need for ultralight instruction is and HAS always been there! We suffered a great blow when FAA would not renew our training exemption. WE wanted Sport Pilot and WE got it! We, meaning USUA, ASC, EAA, and other entities involved in the ARAC rule-making process. We each envisioned the new Sport Pilot PIE in a different slice configuration. EAA wanted and got the largest slice when they got the 1320 pound, 120 knot A/C. We (USUA) wanted a much leaner slice and speed and weight would have been

much less if we had the power to "divvy up" the pie. We got the means to make our airplanes (most of which were never "legal" ultralights) legal. You can lead an A/C to inspection, but you can't make it pass! You cannot make anyone learn to fly safely! Training is the instructors' job ; COMPLIANCE is the pilot's! Many flew and fly as they wish; with no regard to regulations. The ultralight community (sic) has lost a great opportunity to enhance the safety of this sport with the demise of the ultralight instructor!

I'm all for the unofficial training of ultralight pilots. Many accidents have occurred due to wanna be daredevils and GA pilots not understanding or recognizing the inherent need for speed control and honing a rapid recognition and reaction to a change thereof.

Since I never made any money as an instructor (as MOST didn't), I would not be adverse to giving away knowledge. It's cheaper than buying flowers for a funeral!

*- Red DeLoach :}*

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE - One place weedhopper in good condition. Like-new sails, good engine and prop, pod with new windshield, new tires and tubes. \$2900.

Contact James Cash 931-738-5776

FOR SALE - Pair of Firestone 5.00 - 4 wheels, tires, tubes, and axles. All in good condition. \$150.

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*See You At The Christmas Party!*