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Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group

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From the President

During this past month's meeting of MTUG, we discussed the "being" of our organization. We explored what/who it is that makes up the Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group and all of the intricacies surrounding our organization. By examining our core values for belonging and participating in our group, we more fully understand those roots that connect us to light sport aviation and our brethren of the skies. Our examination can lead to a datum line by which all of our activities are measured against the expressed intentions of the individuals making up our community. This self-examination did not cease with our last meeting but will continue as we look anew into our hopes and dreams for making MTUG be, not all it can be, but what we actually want it to become.

This month we begin to address the, "doing" of our organization. How will our activities reflect our reasons for supporting and belonging to MTUG in the first place? One of our long-standing traditions has been holding, at least, two fly-ins per year. These fly-ins have provided the commoradary and just plain/plane fun that so many of us seek. We have learned more about aviation and aviation safety as well as stimulated the imaginations of young and old alike getting their first taste of light aviation at our events.

At our next club meeting, Geoff Dixon, Development Director for *Operation Migration*, will come to speak with us about an effort to organize a major ultralight fly-in in Tullahoma, Tennessee over the Memorial Day weekend. We will discuss this opportunity as well as attempt to more accurately define our desires for subsequent fly-in/flying activity we would like to have as a group.

Although flying season is still a couple months away, there are still activities to attend. On February 26, USUA will

be hosting their Annual Meeting & Ultralight/Lightplane Seminar in Springfield, Illinois. The following day, there will be an AFI/BFI clinic as well. There was also a large show of hands of folks who are planning on attending EAA's Sun'N Fun in April. I encourage people to carpool/camp together if possible. It is always pleasant to have a "homebase of operation" to return to after a long day of airshow watching and vendor shopping (not to mention just walking around and looking at aircraft).

Next Meeting

Thursday February 17th – 7:00 P.M.
Signature Aviation – BNA
Nashville, Tennessee

Program – "Fly-Ins" Geoffrey Dixon, Development Director for Operation Migration, will be coming to discuss with us a Memorial Day Fly-In at Tullahoma, Tennessee

For new attendees, please see the club website - <http://www.mtug.us> for directions and a map to the meeting.

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Annual Dues

As with any organization, it takes people to operate. However, one other thing that is essential is **yenom**. Yep! You guessed it. That's money spelled backwards. But unlike the IRS, this organization needs it to come in the front door and go out the same way. **SOOOOO!** You should have gotten your annual notice from our Treasurer Eddie Pittman along with a self addressed stamped envelope (What could be easier). Get out the ole check book and write MTUG a check for \$20.

TREASURER'S REPORT

02/06/2005

Balance \$3,110.51



New Members
Welcome

Membership Dues

2005 membership dues are now due! The Treasurer will be mailing dues notices in the near future. If you would like to pay your dues before you receive the notice, they are still only \$20.00 per year. Make checks payable to “**MTUG**” and mail to:

Eddie G. Pittman, 1455 Kingdom Road, Bell Buckle, TN 37020



Don't forget
Monday Feb. 14th

For Sale

447 Rotax engine package including a new Tennessee prop, exhaust system, carb and redrive .

Wanted

Weedhopper (any model ; Chota square head 460 engine or engine parts.

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Sparta, TN 38583
(931) 738-5776 (after 6 PM)

**Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group
EAA Chapter 104
Minutes of Meeting
January 20, 2005**

Sixteen (16) members and two (2) visitors were present. Gary White, President, opened the meeting by handing out an agenda and welcoming the two visitors, Jeremy Taylor and Bill Adams. Gary thanked everyone that helped to make the Holiday dinner held in December a success. Donald McDonald made arrangements for the use of the Smyrna Airport and the caterer. Chris Heard and Eddie Pittman moved Ken and Gail Frank's tables and chairs to the dinner location. Frances McDonald and Rose Ellis transformed the meeting room into a Holiday atmosphere. There was a round of applause for everyone that contributed to yet another successful MTUG Holiday Dinner.

Gary let everyone know of the upcoming aviation events (BFI/AFI Seminar, Lexington, KY on 1/21 & Ultralight Safety Seminar on 1/22; Air Safety Foundation Seminar, Smyrna, on 2/2 7-9 pm (Stuart Station Fire Hall #2, 144 Fitzhugh Blvd.; USUA Annual Meeting/Safety Seminar, Springfield, IL on 2/26; Sun 'N Fun, Lakeland, FL on 4/12-18.

Old Business:

Michelle Peden, Secretary, reported that no minutes were taken at the December Holiday Dinner meeting. Eddie Pittman, Treasurer, reported that after all expenses there is a current balance of \$2,467.51 in the treasury. 2005 membership dues of \$20 are due. Eddie will send out dues notices before the end of the week. Steve Turney, Webmaster, reported that he had made some changes to the website. Steve asked if anyone had concerns with a classified section on the website. No one objected. He may look at another user friendly format for the website. He requested everyone provide him with updated e-mail addresses. The January newsletter was available on the website and was e-mailed over a week ago to those with an e-mail address.

Bob McComb, USUA Region 3 Representative, gave an update on the latest at USUA. He stated that the upcoming Ultralight Safety Seminar in Lexington, Kentucky is one of the best in the country and encouraged everyone to attend. He noted that Skip Little had an excellent article published in January's Ultralight Magazine. Bob asked for feedback related to the latest legislative proposals regarding additional weight allowances for safety concerns (i.e. breaks, shoulder harness, parachutes, etc.) under Part 103. This would potentially make a lot of current single place ultralights legal. Bob asked everyone to think about this before the next meeting. Steve will add the link where anyone can comment on the proposed legislative on the website.

Skip Little provided an update on Sport Pilot. Skip stated that the petition proposing additional weight for safety concerns was proposed over 4 years ago. With the help of USUA (U.S. Ultralight Association), ASC (Aero Sport Connection), and EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) there may be a

favorable revision to the advisory

circular. Sport Pilot is ever evolving. It seems that the Sport Pilot regulations have not taken into consideration how to deal with home built airplanes that do not qualify under Part 103 and are not "N" numbered and other components of the new regulations. These types of aircraft do not fall under Sport Pilot or Part 103. Therefore, the best advice for now is to do nothing and wait to see what happens.

New Business:

Gary gave everyone the ultralightchapter104@yahoo.com address. This is a free site where one can view or make comments. He asked for a brainstorming session of ideas for our organization. The questions asked and responses are as follows:

- ***Who/what constitutes our organization? We are a group of people with like interests with a variety of skills, knowledge and abilities. Fun sport to be shared. Organization is changing as some members transition to Sport Pilot.***
- ***How do we best serve our constituency? Problem identified is that information is gathered but not disseminated (i.e. members have specialty areas but some members may not know who they are or their specialty). Education is a big part of serving our members especially as Sport Pilot changes/progresses.***
- ***How do we fulfill out individual wishes for our participation? (i.e. We each want something, how do we identify and experience it?) Good programs; sharing information, meet the needs of those that don't or cannot attend regularly, need to attract other people to our sport, members need to be available. A comment was made that there are individuals out there that want to get involved in our sport (i.e. ultralight flight training) but cannot find the resources to achieve this goal). Website can be useful tool as well as the Yahoo group address.***
- ***Opportunity to volunteer. Due to time constraints, this item will be discussed at the February meeting.***

Program:

Gary brought the Ultrageese tape for everyone to view. It was an excellent program on the efforts to reestablish the migratory paths of Canadian geese using Trike ultralight aircraft.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held on February 17, 2005.

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

Monday, July 25th through Sunday, Jul EAA is sending this e-Notice to you as a means to provide better service to you, your Chapter members and EAA members at-large.

The EAA Government Relations department is updating the amateur-built DAR (AB DAR) web page and we need your Chapter members assistance with the update. Within this web site we have listed all of the individuals the FAA has currently authorized to inspect and certify amateur-built aircraft. There is one column called "EAA Member Recommended AB DAR" that directly reflects your member feelings about the AB DAR's who have inspected and certified their aircraft.

What I need is for your Chapter members to tell me if they would recommend the AB DAR who inspected and certified their aircraft to other EAA members. If they would, then what is the name of that inspector - once I get that name, I'll then add a "yes" under the recommended column next to that AB DAR's name.

I would like to thank you and your Chapter members in advance for helping to provide this information to all members of our EAA Family.

The current EAA AB DAR web page is at:
http://members.eaa.org/home/govt/help/ab_dar.asp. Please take a look at it...the list of recommended AB DAR's is a living list that can be updated any time.

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> Mark your 2005 calendar for the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration...EAA AirVenture Oshkosh... Monday, July, 25th. through, Sunday July 31st. <http://www.airventure.org/>
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Purr or Zing-Zing

I have be studying at the AUF (Aussie FAA) ground school site and found this bit of data in one of their modules. "In the period from 1999 to 2000 there were 98 engine failures reported to the AUF, 39 were 2 stroke engines and 59 were 4 stroke engines. It is estimated that about 65% of the UL fleet, of some 2000 A/C are 2 stroke." If one assumes the average number hours flown on each type of engine is the same then the 2 stroke failure rate was 39/1300 > 3%. For 4 stroke the rate is 59/700 > 8%. Thought this might start some discussion.

Submitted by Bob McComb

EAA's Aviation Services

EAA members are one call, email or letter away from a wide range of technical aviation services available from the Aviation Services Department at EAA. First and foremost, the Aviation Services Team is responsible for answering member technical inquiries relating to pilot and aircraft issues. This one-on-one consulting covers everything from "How do I register my homebuilt?" to "What's involved in the A&P exam" to "How do I convert my ultralight for the new sport pilot rule?" and more.

Experienced pilots, aircraft owners, homebuilders, ultralighters and sport pilot specialists staff the department. Their personal and professional experience enable them to field just about any technical aviation question that comes their way. And if they can't answer your question right away, they'll do the research needed to help guide you to the right resource or solution. EAA's in-house library is an additional resource the Aviation Services team counts on for information and the library is also available to members visiting the Oshkosh headquarters offices.

The Aviation Services Department supplies a great deal of the technical information found on the Members Only portion of EAA's website at www.eaa.org. The Homebuilders Headquarters section on the site provides a wealth of information on building, maintaining and flying an experimental amateur built aircraft. A significant amount of the content on EAA's Sport Pilot website page is also developed by the Aviation Services team.

Two of the most popular "hands on" offerings from the Aviation Services Department are the Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor programs. There's a network of over 1,000 EAA members across the US who are registered EAA Technical Counselors that will come to your homebuilding location to provide in-progress inspection of your project. The Flight Advisor program has several hundred EAA members who will provide advice and assistance on taking that first flight in your new homebuilt aircraft.

FAA Medical assistance is one of the individual offerings also available from the department. If a member needs assistance receiving a special issuance from the FAA, Aviation Services personnel will track the application all the through the process until approval to ensure that nothing derails your application. In addition, we have a network of doctors that are AMEs and EAA members who volunteer their services to help other members retain or regain their medical.

For more information on your EAA Technical Services offerings please call 1-800 -EAA-INFO. They're ready for your questions!

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