

# Lite-Wing



# News

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Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group

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## January 2005

### From the President

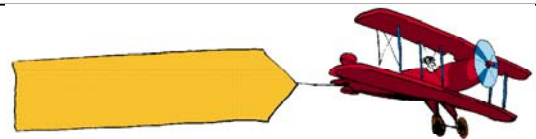
With the advent of a new year, we also see the beginning of a fresh leadership core for the Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group. As your new president, I would like to begin by thanking Scott Weeks for his dedication and service as president and I hope he enjoys his new life as our President Emeritus.

I have been attending MTUG meetings since 1993. While I come from the world of general aviation, my heart has always been with ultralights and the people who fly them. As I walk around the ultralight area of Airventure in Oshkosh or at "Paradise City" at Sun 'N Fun, it always astounds me at the sheer number of people leaning against the runway fence gazing at the fixed-wings, trikes, powered parachutes and powered paragliders filling the sky with their high-pitched two-stroke whines. With rental rates of Cessna 172's running well over \$100 per hour, the world of ultralight aviation is the gateway to the skies for most of us with limited budgets. As an organization, we owe it to ourselves, and all of those who dream of affordable flight, to maximize our influence by outreach, education, community and expression of the simple joy of flight.

This year finds MTUG perched on the precipice of possibility. As the FAA continues to discern and ferret out the process of implementation for

the new Light Sport category of both pilot and aircraft, our organization will be challenged to negotiate the labyrinth for our membership. Suddenly, the familiar questions asked by newcomers to our world of "light flight" such as: "How much will it cost?" "How long does it take to learn?" and, "Where can I fly out of?" present us with answers not nearly as familiar as the questions.

We will search for these answers and ponder new questions as MTUG continues its movement toward excellence. "Excellence" is a goal only achieved by a membership that is fully engaged. First and foremost, MTUG is your organization and I encourage each individual to add his or her personal wisdom to our collective understanding and become involved. Become involved by writing articles for the newsletter, giving pictures to the webmaster for publishing, helping to organize events, offering suggestions for meeting topics et al. Let me know how I can help.



### **Next Meeting**

Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 P.M.

Signature Aviation – BNA

Nashville, Tennessee

**Program** -Video "Ultra-Geese"

For new attendees, please see the club website -

<http://www.mtug.us> for directions and a map to the meeting.

## **MTUG Officers**

**President** – Gary White, (615) 298-2539

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**Secretary** – Michelle Peden, (615) 754-4114

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## **December Christmas Dinner/Meeting**

Our traditional Christmas Dinner/ Meeting was held at the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority Terminal and Business Center. The dinner was catered by the same company as last year . Gary White accepted the post as President and was elected. We had a great time with many of us meeting folks we had not seen since last year. Other met some of our members for the first time. A great time was had by all. A **BIG** thank you to **Donald McDonald** for a great job in providing us a super evening.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

01/05/2005

Bills	\$??
Balance	\$2427.51
Dues Owed	\$??

## **New Members**

**Jeffrey Muth  
Tom Greuel**

**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 .

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