

Lite-wing News

Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group

July 2004 From the President

The hot, hazy days of summer are upon us once again. I don't know about you, but this kind of weather puts a damper on my urge to fly (not that I'm doing any flying anyway.) The high temperatures reduce the performance of the engine and the flying surfaces (remember your training included information on density altitude and its detrimental affects on flying?) I remember trying to coax a Cessna 150 aloft on this type of day; once you prayed it into the air, you had to contend with a veritable off-road course of air disturbed by the heat from the sun. The humidity also contributes to the reduction in performance (water vapor is less dense than air) and greatly reduces visibility. The inevitable afternoon, or morning, showers are also likely to interfere with our aerial activities.

With all that being said, I'm sure some of you are getting in your fair share, along with some of mine. Well, good for you! Get up there some more for me. Don't let a few "bumps in the road" get in your way. Just pay attention to what the weather is doing right now and what the forecast says it should do. In an open cockpit, the heat should be less of a factor, but the visibility and rain will affect you no matter what. If you decide to set out on a cross-country flight, have alternatives in mind and always plan for a diversion. The plan weighs nothing and takes up no space, but you will certainly be glad you have it with you if you end up needing it.

At the meeting this month, back by popular demand, are the safety and informational programs. John

Sewell has volunteered to coordinate these and line up the speakers and programs. Also, we should have a report on the interview and taping session with a Lewisburg radio and TV station that happened late last month. The effort was headed up by Eddie Pittman and we look forward to hearing from him. See you there.

Scott Weeks

Next Meeting

The next MTUG meeting will be held this coming Saturday, July 17th,
10:00 am at
T-Top Airfield.

Fly in or drive in, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

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