

Lite-wing News

Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group

June 2004 From the President



As I write this, the 2004 MTUG Spring Fly-In is wrapping up. Even though we still didn't get full cooperation from Mother Nature, the weather was good enough to provide for quite a bit of flying. A small rain shower Friday afternoon did little to put a damper on the fun, but the storm that rolled through late Saturday afternoon did stop things for a short period while almost everyone gathered in Ken's and Gail's hangar to wait it out. After the rain, we realized we were missing one aircraft that had gone up but couldn't get back before the rain began. A few went out driving side roads, hoping to find it in a field close by. After the searchers returned, he came back out of the south, landed, and taxied up to the tie-down area. Turns out he put down in a field and waited out the rain and wind. Once the weather cleared enough to return, he flew back to the airfield, safe and sound although a little damp.



I want to take this opportunity to thank Holmes Ellis and the various committee heads for all of their work in planning this event. Everything seemed to run very smoothly and I wasn't aware of any snags that occurred. This year, the signage seemed much improved, especially the large banner obtained by Bob McComb.



The presence of flagmen on the flightline directing arriving aircraft to a parking spot and clearing the way for departing aircraft certainly improved safety during ground operations. A significant departure from previous events was the use of a caterer for lunch on Saturday; I'm sure this went a long way toward providing a quality meal while reducing the enormous workload on those that have provided for this meal in the past. Attendance seemed to be up from past events and I saw many new faces in the crowd. Information about the event seemed to come from many sources, so the advertising campaign obviously worked. Finally, a concerted effort to get aircraft flying during the event instead of tugging on their tie downs provided entertainment and a sense of the enjoyment of ultralight aviation to those in attendance. Congratulations and thanks to all those involved in

making this a successful happening in spite of the short periods of less than stellar weather.



I would ask that anyone that took digital pictures while at the fly-in please send me a copy (by email or on CD) of them so that I can get some of them posted on our website. Unfortunately, I tend to take a lot of the same pictures over and over, so some from fresh perspectives would be greatly appreciated. Also, if anyone wants copies of the pictures I took, I can copy them to CD for you.



Please keep in mind that we have changed the time and location of our meetings during Daylight Savings Time – meetings will now be held at 10:00 AM on the third Saturday of each month at T-Top Airfield. For those members who have never been to the field, these meetings would be a perfect opportunity to check it out. See our website at <http://www.mtug.us> for links to directions to the field.

Scott Weeks

Next Meeting

The next MTUG meeting will be held this coming Saturday, June 19th, 10:00 am at T-Top Airfield.

Fly your aircraft there if you have one -- drive if you don't.

More Pictures From The Fly-In



A view of the ultralight flightline at T-Top during the 2004 Spring Fly-In.



Volunteers working the Registration table at the fly-in.

Congratulations To A New Private Pilot



Don Summers, a long-time member of MTUG, recently received his Private Pilot certificate following a check-ride in his Piper Tri-Pacer with Bill Barton at McMinnville Airport.



Congratulations, Don!

Bedford County Youth Aviation Day

Bedford County Youth Aviation Day Committee announces its biannual Youth Aviation Day slated for July 24, 2004 at Shelbyville Municipal Airport. This is an EAA Young Eagle event, hosted by the Gateway Eagles from St. Louis, MO. For more information, call Robert Johnson (931) 684-3690.

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