

# *Lite-wing News*

## Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group

<http://www.mtug.us/>

### October 2004 From the President

As 2004 draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to look back at the accomplishments of this group over the past year. First, we set the goal of having a website developed and operating during the first part of the year. We accomplished that goal before the first fly-in and now that tool is used as an informational source for all of the various things that we do. Updates have been a little slow in coming due to an increased travel schedule for me, but I worked on it when I have time. Along with website development, we have moved the newsletter from the traditional printing and mailing routine to electronic delivery. This has saved a tremendous amount of club funds in supplies and postage alone, as well as saving time in distributing the newsletters. The option remains to have the newsletter mailed to you by the postal service, but most of our members have elected to receive them electronically.

Second, we have moved from the fly-ins being planned and coordinated by just a handful of people to a committee that handles all of the phases from food to operational safety. This has allowed the events to be planned and advertised better, has set the base for future expansion, and ensures that all phases are handled smoothly.

Third, we have been successful in attracting new people to the sport. Although our membership numbers remain about the same, we have replaced those members lost through normal attrition with new members enthused about flying. Along with this, we need to

develop an approach to attracting younger members in addition to our "usual" members (already retired or nearing that point). The emphasis of Sport Pilot has been to grow the ranks of aviation by attracting people that didn't have the time or money to pursue their dreams; we need to capitalize on that by attracting younger members that have families. In this way, we will ensure that our sport flourishes in the future.

In order to continue the evolution of the club, we need to begin planning for the future. October is the month for nominating the new officers to be elected in November. We need nominations for President and Secretary, as well as Newsletter Editor (this is because of a one-year term for our present NE). A new Webmaster needs to be chosen for the website in order to ensure its continued growth and timely updates. We should also look for some Technical Counselors; EAA has a wonderful program for these assets to any club.

Finally, we need to plan the Christmas dinner meeting. Donald McDonald did a wonderful job last year in securing the facilities at the Smyrna airport as well as a caterer. I suggest we follow up on this to have a repeat this year unless someone comes forward with a better idea. Please let us know at the October meeting.

Scott Weeks

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### A Warm Welcome to our Newest MTUG Member...

Jeffrey Muth  
of LaVergne, TN

### Next Meeting

The next MTUG meeting will be held this coming Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>,  
10:00 am at  
T-Top Airfield.

### October Meeting Agenda Note:

We will be accepting nominations at our upcoming October meeting for the following officers:

- President
- Secretary
- Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster

Nominations may also be made by phone (615-453-1111) or by e-mail ([scott.weeks@juno.com](mailto:scott.weeks@juno.com)).

**Note: Beginning Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, our meetings will return to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at Signature Aviation in Nashville at 7pm.**

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### All are Invited to Cooper Field

Saturday and Sunday the 16th and 17th of October for the annual fly-in. We are planning on Saturday for primarily Powered Parachutes and then Sunday for all types of planes. There will be food, drinks and a good time by all. (There will be limited gasoline so plan to bring your own if you can) Hope to see you all there. Questions? Call Jim Mac Leay at 423-581-1349 or e-mail at [leay@charter.net](mailto:leay@charter.net)

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FOR SALE: 1997 Weedhopper Deluxe, 447 Rotax, Middle TN, James Cash 931-738-5776 after 7:30 p.m.



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