

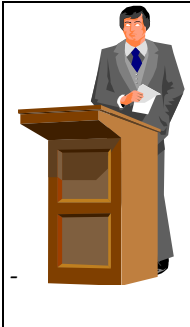


## **ETAM Tailwind**

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### **PRESIDENTS CORNER**



#### **2022 Officers**

*Per ETAM bylaws, nominations for next year officers is done during the November meeting with*

*voting done in December. Current officers were nominated for another year and sustained during the December meeting.*

#### **Fall Toys for Tots Fun Fly**



*The fall Toys for Tots fun fly produced 28 registered pilots and the weather turned out well after having threatened higher*

*winds that may have discouraged some from attending. \$380 were forwarded to the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program (\$10 from each pilot registration plus an additional \$100).*

*Registration fees plus good raffle sales resulted in \$750 added to the club treasury. The club is greatly appreciative of the donations of raffle items that made it a success. Those donating planes were John Dewey, Don Davis and Bob Smith. Minh Tran donated ETAM caps. These items added to the usual purchase of a new plane for the raffle made it profitable. Many thanks for those donations.*

*Fun fly proceeds have made it possible to keep annual dues at \$50 where they have been for the last twenty years. And... speaking of dues.*

#### **2022 Registration Renewal**

*A simple reminder that it is time to renew ETAM club membership for next year.*

**Support your local Hobby Shop, it pays dividends!**

Rates are \$50 for general and \$25 for park flyer (flying of aircraft under 2.5 lbs.)

### **Gate Lock**

The gate lock has been replaced but your key should work. If it doesn't, let an officer know and we'll resolve the problem. There is also concern that some recently provided keys didn't work well. It seems that the blanks used were slightly shorter. Please don't exert force with a key that doesn't easily open the lock. We want to replace any of those keys rather than damage the lock tumbler.

### **Work Day**

Club members turned out in good numbers for the recent work day to prep for the fall fun fly insuring that no single person had to work too hard or too long. Many thanks to each for their efforts with hog rut repair. Others did weed trimming and Mike Kavanaugh brought his commercial mower to manicure the field peripheral areas, an extensive task. Many thanks to you Mike and as always to Mike Mansfield for his longstanding runway mowing.

On the field maintenance punch list in prep for the fun fly was to use paint left over from painting the storage shed to

give a fresh coat to the table metal frames and pedestals as well as the newly acquired trash barrels.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Lunch B4 Flying**

A look at the calendar shows that our 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday lunch B4 flying will be Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, a bit later in the month than typical and not long before Christmas. All members and guest are welcome. Time is noon and place is the Whataburger at Loop 281 and Cotton St.

### **January Business Meeting**

It has been called to my attention that the first Sunday in January is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and will possibly conflict with bowl games so will be set back a week and held the second Sunday in January.

### **Winter Banquet**

Our traditional winter banquet was canceled last year due to covid but will resume this year. We are shooting for Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Cotton Patch Café on McCann Rd. (yet to be confirmed).

### **New Members**

The club is excited about the addition of several new members over the past few

months and welcome each and hope their expectations with model aviation are fulfilled. New members are vital to a club to keep it from getting stagnant from hearing the same ole lies... er stories.

### **The Gilmore Racer**

Sometimes a human interest story comes along that screams to be told and one occurred during the last fun fly. Many have an aviation niche that makes ones liver quiver, for example... we know that Doc likes war birds. Well, those who have known Mike Mansfield, know he has a thing for 30's era racers. So... when he won the Gilmore Racer in the recent fun fly raffle, it was a special

fit... a unique airplane landing into the hands of the likely club member who would enjoy it the most.

When seeing his number on the drawn ticket, I thought ... what a great turn of fate. As expected... Mike got right at the build and has flown the Gilmore Racer

now several times. It is a



Beautiful plane.

### **Balsa**

A few months ago, the club was gifted with a stash of rough cut balsa. If a member has need, feel free to select what is needed. For non club members, we are asking \$3 per stalk.

### **Our Concerns**

Two years ago, club members decided it was time to name our field after the member who had made the greatest contribution over the longest period of time. While there are many who are and have been loved by us, none more so than Floyd Harp. Our thoughts and concerns are with him as he endures a Shingles infection.

