

Mountain Empire Pilots Association
Monthly Meeting held March 3, 2004
Held at the Mountain Empire Airport
7:00pm

President Wayne Reynolds called the meeting to order and opened the floor to our guest speaker, Mr. Emmitt Yeary

Mr. Yeary is a pilot and a Department of Aviation board member and has served for the past 11 years. He is one of 7 board members covering the 1st division of the Department of Aviation. In this division, there are 11 airports from Blacksburg to Lee County. He spoke on numerous topics including the many concerns the pilots had in the past concerning the airport in Abingdon. He was present when Abingdon needed help with local and state governments concerning grants. He has worked closely with the commission applying for and receiving grants for improvements. He gave us some examples of the work he has helped with to insure the Abingdon airport got the needed money to move forward. He has offered to help the Mountain Empire Pilots Association with the help we need to move MKJ forward. He has suggested ways to approach the state and local government for the needed funds.

President Wayne Reynolds thanked Mr. Yeary for his participation in tonight's meeting and Mr. Yeary extended his interest in the pilots of Mountain Empire Airport.

Al Carstensen then took the floor and spoke on his proposal to be an FBO at Mountain Empire Airport. He presented to the pilots the contract that he had given Mr. Bob Dix. He asked the pilots for their support with Mr. Dix. He told the pilots that he has a standing proposal with the commission and is looking forward to speaking more on this matter.

Mr. Reynolds then opened the floor for discussion. After the discussion session and general hanger talk, Mr. Reynolds closed the meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 7th, 2004
7:00pm