

The Mecklenburg Missile

Comin' Atchal!

Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

Organized August 5, 1952

P. O. Box 33573, Charlotte, NC 28233-3573

Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2009

Attendance: 15 members; 1 guest

Today's Program

Jeff Harris, a volunteer with Angel Flight, Inc..



Angel Flight, in our part of the US, is one of a number of members of the Air Care Alliance. This is a group of organizations, providing similar services throughout the United States.

Almost all members are volunteer pilots, flying their own airplanes. Finances come mostly from the members themselves, donating their time, airplanes, and expenses. There is never a fee to the patient or to the health care provider. Nor do they receive any funds from governmental sources. But they do accept donations from civic and philanthropic organizations.

To qualify, a pilot ordinarily must have at least a Private Pilot's license, with an instrument rating, and a minimum of 250 hours of flight time.

To learn more about the program, visit their web site:
<http://www.angelflight.com>

You'll find it both interesting and fascinating.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Golfer: "I think I'll just drown myself in the lake."
Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

Midyear Conference

There is a whole bunch of photos online from this late January District event. To access them, click on:

<http://www.carolinakiwanis.org/gallery>

Dr. Mark is in nos. 151 and 152, and Gerald Baysden at 153, 154, and 276. If there are others that I have missed, just remember that I'm getting(?) OLD!

My humble apologies. I didn't get a Missile launched after last meeting (March 9). That was the one we postponed from the week before because of the bad weather. Our scheduled speaker couldn't postpone, however; so we had a meaningful meeting planning for the Cow Chip Festival, with particular committees meeting individually.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 6 - regular time, regular place. + Board meeting, 11:30. BE THERE!

AIRPLANES and PARACHUTES

Our speaker, Jeff Harris, talked about his airplane, a Cirrus SR22, being equipped with a parachute to land the whole plane gently in case of an inflight emergency. A few have been known to use this means of getting down safely.

Here's another:

Cessna's new SkyCatcher, a "light sport" aircraft, also known as the Cessna 162, developed trouble March 19 during a flight test 15 to 20 miles northeast of Wichita, Kan., near El Dorado Lake. The pilot used the aircraft's BRS ballistic parachute recovery system to land; and he walked away uninjured from the "crash." The system uses an airframe parachute to float to a landing.

Meets 12:00 Noon, 1st & 3rd Mondays: Crowne Plaza Charlotte Hotel - 201 S. McDowell St.

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