



## **THE FORT SMITH NOON EXCHANGE CLUB**

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### **STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 24, 2008:**

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Buddy Acoach
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	George Beattie; no guests
50/50 Tickets	Ruth and Bill Pitts
50/50 Winner(\$59)	Janie Glover(\$29)
Birthdays/ Cake Winner(October)	

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP:** Currently at 123 active members

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

\*President Tommy Fowler has asked that all cell phones be turned off during the meeting once called to order as a courtesy to speaker(s) and members; potential, future action may be implemented by the Board if interruptions persist

\*Please don't forget to bring your donated items for the CAP basket, which will be an ongoing collection/donation made by the Ft. Smith Noon Exchange Club

\*Please remember to get your dues into Treasurer, Barbara Ulmschneider, in a timely manner

\*Tommy Fowler announced our fund raising event called "20/20" on Saturday, November 1 from 10 am-3pm, in the K-Mart parking lot; bring 20 lbs. of food for the Food Bank, or \$20; Noon Exchange will receive 25% of the net monetary proceeds

\*Herb Couvillion has entered rehab

\*Apples for \$50 a "bushel" can be purchased for support of the Community Rescue Mission; delivery will be December 1st

## PROGRAM:

Homer Ellis, retired OBGYN and avid aviator, introduced this week's guest speaker, John Parker, Director of the Fort Smith Regional Airport. Originally from Lamar, Colorado, a pilot, and having served our country as an Iraqi Freedom participant, Mr. Parker was, prior his current position, the airport Director of Operations. The airport is a municipal/regional entity, so runs independent of the city. The only connection to city government is the appointment of the 7 member airport board by the City of Fort Smith Board of Directors, each to serve 5 year terms. The airport has 14 employees responsible for the infrastructure and maintenance of the facility and grounds, and functions as a "landlord" to the income generating "tenants" that utilize the same. We currently are home to 3 airline companies, American Eagle (American Airlines), Atlantic Southeast (Delta Airlines), and Northwest Airlines, with the capacity for one more. All aircraft are currently regional jets, with the exception of one SAAB that Northwest flies to Memphis. With the current economy, all surrounding airports have reported a reduction in flights, however, Fort Smith has not. For more information, contact Mr. Parker at either [www.fortsmithairport.com](http://www.fortsmithairport.com), [john@fortsmithairport.com](mailto:john@fortsmithairport.com), or 479-452-7000, ext. 50.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS:

October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Medley
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Reutzel
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gene Rapley
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Freeze
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	THANKSGIVING – NO MEETING

## HUMOR:

Before the days when dogs were used to sniff out drugs at airports, many different animals were tried, including chickens, due to their superior sense of smell. Things went awry, however, when the Sergeant in charge of the Poultry Unit was arrested for drug trafficking. At his arraignment, the Press was scandalized when he pled guilty, but he remained indignant. "What did you expect? I ran a *fowl* of the law!"



**PARTING THOUGHT: VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! EARLY VOTING NOW OPEN!!!**

