

April 10th Board Meeting

Attending this month's board meeting were Al Patton, Don Bush, Steve Thompson, Dennis Allen, John Magnan, Allen Nodorft, and Sid Brown.

Don Bush showed us the cash flow for the first quarter of the year and we have a deficit of \$1,100. We are still missing the dues from over **70** of our members. This would put us in a positive situation, but not a very strong one. It is only fair that you should have visibility to where the money is going. Please see the summary on the next page in this newsletter. The board has recommended the following actions:

1. Raise the dues to \$30 immediately after the June meeting. To avoid the increase, you can pay \$25 any time prior to that. The dues will remain at \$30 for the next years as well. According to Al Patton there is an unwritten policy that dues are to be paid in the months of January through March. I understand that we have not enforced this so well in the past and there are potentially all sorts of understandings about dues. In the future we will try to be more clear about the expectations.
2. We often do not receive the average of \$5 per person for the food we serve at our chapter meetings. About half the time this causes us to lose money at our meeting meals. There will be 3 actions taken to improve this situation:
 - a. Most of the time we will serve meals that cost less. This may mean hamburgers and brats, cold cuts, soup, barbeque, etc. This will help us control our costs. When we choose a more expensive meal such as low country boil and the fish fry, we will charge more as appropriate. Of course you can eat as much as you want.
 - b. Next, each person will have to pay \$5 to receive a plate to eat. This will ensure that all pay an equitable amount for the meal. The only exceptions will be guests that we invite to speak or entertain us. Members who bring guests will be expected to pay for their guest or work it out with their guest. We appreciate those who spend additional time and money to bring the side dishes, but they also will have to pay for a plate. We will be asking for volunteers to manage the plates and money.
 - c. In order to not discourage families with children, it was decided that children would only have to pay \$3.
3. We have already implemented the emailing of newsletters. This will also save the club much money in printing and mailing fees. If anyone has an email that they use and is still receiving the newsletter via mail, please email John Magnan at jcm2@earthlink.net and tell him you wish to receive the newsletter only by email.
4. The board approved the opportunity to put advertising into our newsletter the *Pea Patch Post*. We only need a volunteer to make this happen. This could also generate revenue.

We hope you understand that we must take these actions in order to make our chapter financially healthy. If anyone has other ideas that can help us, please bring it up.

The board also discussed the possibility of EAA 172 members helping to maintain Pea Patch Corporation property. The board felt that this would be OK for special clean up days. When possible, a combined list of work items will be published. Visitors to our EAA meetings do not know the difference between the EAA chapter and the Pea Patch corporation. Together we need to make our facilities an inviting place.

Al

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DUES ARE DUE!

That time of year has come! Please pay the annual dues of \$25 at the May meeting or send a check made out to *EAA 172* to:
EAA 172 Treasurer
4511 Boulineau Rd.
Blythe, GA 30805



PLEASE give or send your EAA Number, address changes, phone number, e-mail changes etc. to the Club Secretary.

EAA 172 Banking Summary - YTD

1/1/2010 through 4/9/2010

| Category Description | 1/1/2010- 4/9/2010 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| INCOME | |
| Income | |
| Donations | 20.00 |
| Dues | 510.00 |
| Meeting Food Kitty | 853.00 |
| TOTAL Income | 1,383.00 |
| Raffle | 46.25 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 1,429.25 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Clubhouse Maint. | 97.00 |
| Clubhouse Supplies | 381.85 |
| Elect. Bill | 140.00 |
| Expense | |
| Meeting Food | 749.63 |
| Trailer Fees | 43.09 |
| TOTAL Expense | 792.72 |
| Insurance | 626.00 |
| Member or Officer Awards | 85.60 |
| Membership in National EAA | 50.00 |
| Newsletter Print. & Post. | 285.00 |
| Printing Supplies | 60.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 2,518.17 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | -1,088.92 |

WAAS SATELLITE FAILURE CUTS SIGNAL TO ONE IN ADDITION, SOME GPS SATELLITES ARE SOON TO FAIL

The Wide Area Augmentation System, which broadcasts GPS corrections used by aviators across North America, is powered by just two satellites, and one of them has failed. Intelsat, the company that provides the satellite service to the FAA, lost control of the satellite on April 3. WAAS enables pilots to fly IFR without reliance on ground-based navigation aids; LPV approaches rely on WAAS signals. In addition, The U.S. Government Accountability Office has said that many of the older GPS satellites currently in use could reach the end of their operational life faster than they can be replenished, resulting in a drop below the number of satellites needed to meet some GPS users' needs, as early as this year. But if the WAAS signals are lost, as well as the GPS satellites, as well as ground-based instrument approaches, then IFR pilots would lose IFR access to many airports.

"Without ground-based instrument approaches, pilots flying aircraft not equipped with an IFR-certified GPS wouldn't be able to access certain airports under instrument conditions," said Craig Spence, AOPA vice president of regulatory affairs. "We will continue to monitor the FAA's cancellation of instrument approaches to ensure that pilots continue to have ground- and satellite-based approaches in the near future."

