

The Pea Patch Post



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November, 2010

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Al Nodorft

Well, two of our Fall events are past us. The gyroplane event at Wrens was quite a success! There were also quite a few fixed wing pilots that flew in as well. Both of my two older kids scored a ride on a gyroplane and loved it! They are even willing to trade the Eagle for a Gyroplane, but I am not!

Boshears weather was about as perfect as it can get. Wish all our events were like that. There was a great line-up of performers, and as always, it is a treat to see our members, Gary Ward and Greg Connell, perform again.

The end of the year is coming up quickly. Only one more fly-in and one more meeting:

- November 13th – No meeting, fly-in at Millen
- December 4th – Chapter meeting/Christmas Party

Remember that our job for the Millen fly-in is to bring airplanes! I hope that many of our members can fly into this event. If you have extra room, take a friend.

We have finally collected the \$1000 needed for the Al Patton Scholarship fund. A big thank you to all who contributed what they could. Haven't found out yet who the winners were, but hope they have a great career in aviation.

We will continue collecting money to go towards the roof fund. We are just shy of \$500 at this time, reaching for the goal of \$3000. Many of you cannot always come to the meetings, but we need your support also. Please consider writing a check for whichever you want to support and send to Don Bush (address is at the left). Remember when writing checks, please make them out to EAA 172 only. Other fancier titles only get us in trouble with the bank. Further in the Newsletter you will find a graphic showing our progress towards our goals.

May seem a little early, but December 4th will be here soon enough. You will have to vote for new officers for 2011. All the current officers are willing to continue in their current positions, but if someone has a desire to help out in one of these positions, they are always welcome.

Sid Brown announced at the last meeting that the food arrangements will be handled a little bit differently in 2011. Volunteers will be asked to find groups of 3 people to handle the meals. Please find a group of folks you'd like to cook with and volunteer for a month. Sid will help advise what to cook that is inexpensive.

Aviation Dictionary

Glide Distance: Half the distance from the airplane to the nearest emergency landing field.

November

There will be no meeting in November. Instead all are invited to fly down to Millen for their fly-in. Please take a plane and a friend or friends.



Fly safe!

Al

Keith Brock in Millen, November 2005



Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172
October 2, 2010
The Breakfast Fly-in

Before the meeting the members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious meal of eggs, grits, sausages, biscuits and other breakfast trimmings. These were cooked by Sid Brown and Ed Christian with assistance from Rick Dant. The desserts and side dishes were set out by the Aerospouses. About 42 members, family, and guests signed in. We welcomed the visitors from the Wrens Fall Fly-in. About fifteen were there. Seven gyroplanes flew in from the Wrens airport. They landed about 9:15 AM. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes. The visitors really appreciated and enjoyed the meal. Afterwards one wrote "Thanks to the Pea Patch gang for their hospitality and a great breakfast." Another wrote "The EAA Chapter 172 put on a really great breakfast for us. Those folks was what they had in mind when they told us Yankees about the 'friendly South' when we was jus' pups growin' up."



At 9:30 AM Al Newman gave the invocation for the meal and everyone ate. Club President Al Nodorft called the short meeting to order at 10:13 AM. Al welcomed the visitors. He welcomed two visiting Englishmen. One was an air traffic controller from Southamton, UK. He was visiting his brother who now lived near Savannah. Al thanked Sid Brown and Ed Christian for preparing the food. Al asked people to pass around buckets to collect money for both the Clubhouse Roof fund and the Al Patton Fund. He spoke about the club's condolences upon the death of member Earl Hildebrant.

Old Business: Ron Haley moved that the minutes for the last meeting should be accepted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Al Nodorft talked about the Al Patton Scholarship and club roofing fund. The updated chart would be in the next club newsletter.

New Business: Virginia Bush said that the next club eat-out would be on October 28th at the Frog Hollow Tavern, 1282 Broad Street, Augusta, Georgia. She was told that the dress code was "business casual dress".

Secretary John Magnan introduced Barry Kropelin, the EAA 1313 president. Barry eloquently thanked EAA 172 for inviting his chapter to participate in the Wrens Fall Fly-in.



Al Nodorft discussed the Boshears Skyfest event coming up October 16-17. He said that those who had signed in as volunteers at the last meeting were on the list and would have no admission charge. Unfortunately those who volunteer afterward will still have to pay admission since the Boshears folks had already made their volunteer list by the end of September and it could not be added to at this time.

Sid Brown said that starting in January he will be asking for people to sign up for a three person team to cook meals.

Members also talked about the Keith Brock Memorial Fly-in at the Millen airport on November 13th. Al said that since the city of Millen would be handling most details, all our club needed to do is bring aircraft. He said there would be no club meeting that day.

Al Newman moved that the meeting adjourn. Mary Hembree seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.

After the meeting everyone went outside to watch gyroplane demonstration flights. Then many drove to the Wrens airport to see the aircraft at the fly-in. After the meeting there was a short Board meeting where members discussed our planned activities for the Boshears Skyfest to be held October 16-17.

"Tex", a visitor from Rockwall, Texas, demonstrates his gyroplane:



DUES NOTE: IF YOU PAY THE 2011 DUES BY JANUARY 8, THE FIRST MEETING OF 2011, THE DUES WILL ONLY BE \$30! AFTER THAT DATE THE DUES WILL INCREASE TO \$40 FOR 2011.
MAIL YOUR DUES TO DON BUSH – ADDRESS ON THE FIRST PAGE. MAKE CHECK OUT TO "EAA 172"