

## Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 Club Meeting August 8, 2009



The "sexy" table decoration for the meeting.

Before the meeting the members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a Surprise meal consisting of heaps of fried chicken. The side dishes were set out by the Aerospouses. 49 members, family, and guests signed in. There were seven visiting aircraft. At 12:31 PM Rev. Bill Farley gave the invocation for the meal and everyone ate. Club President Sheila Connell called the meeting to order at 12:57 PM. Ed Christian moved and Al Newman seconded that the minutes for the last



The AirMed Ecurevil AS355F2 landing before the meeting.

meeting should be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Don Bush said that the accounts were in order and we had \$279 in the Kitty. Sheila welcomed visitors Mitchell Smith, Blythe Dant's cousin, as well as Russ and Becky Appleton. Russ, assisted by his wife Becky, was the speaker at the meeting. She also introduced her sister, Mary Land, who had come to the meeting. Sheila gave congratulations to the Member of the Month, Frank Christian. She thanked John Magnan and Rick Dant for working on the People Mover seats. She also passed around cards to be signed for Dusty Magner who had been severely wounded in Afghanistan, and a condolence card for Wade Hammer whose wife, Betty, died earlier this month. Sheila thanked Fay Allen, Charlie Connell, Jim McBurney, and Maureen Rhodes for helping out on the clean-up day on Thursday.

*Old Business:* Secretary John Magnan said that he had removed some of the seats from a school bus at Gerald Ballard's salvage yard. He said that Rick Dant had volunteered to weld the seats together. John said that he would be getting the rest of the seats sometime toward the end of August.

Treasurer Don Bush reminded everyone about donating to the Al Patton Scholarship fund. This is the fund used to give free flight training to a deserving young person who wins the award. It's awarded at the Boshears SkyFest October 17-18. By the end of the meeting Don had collected \$222 toward the fund.

*New Business:* Social Coordinator Shirley Harden said that the next club eat-out would be on August 27th at the West Side Bowery Restaurant in Aiken, South Carolina.

Bob Rhodes said that the Rhodes Family Barbecue would be the second Sunday of September.

Members discussed getting new EAA shirts like we did several years ago. Al Newman volunteered to handle getting new shirts.

Sheila said that several items needed to be taken care of in preparation for EAA 172's work at the Boshears Skyfest. Sheila asked if we were going to use the food trailer at Boshears. After members said that we would Sheila asked about those who would be running the Food Trailer at Boshears. Fay Allen, assisted by Maureen Rhodes, said that she would handle that. Sheila said that the Food Trailer is leaking. Don Bush suggested that caulking is needed. Steve Thompson volunteered to handle that. Sheila said that at the next meeting there will be lists to be signed by those who would be helping at Boshears. Besides signing they would need to put down their Boshears shirt sizes.



Our speaker, Russ Appleton, Chief Pilot for AirMed.

*Program:* We enjoyed guest speaker Russ Appleton, Chief Pilot for AIR MED air ambulance company. Russ had flown to the meeting in the Aerospatiale Ecurevil Air Med helicopter. He talked about his flying experience which started in 1973. Russ had belonged to EAA 242 in the past. He had about 14,000 hours. Russ talked about the "Golden Hour" and how the Air Med helicopters can get people to medical help within that hour. During his talk, as if by cue, an Air Med Agusta 109E helicopter flew overhead. Members went outside to see this. Russ said that most insurances cover the cost of the air ambulance service which can run many thousands of dollars. After the talk Don Bush moved that the meeting should adjourn. Sid Brown seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.