

Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 Club Meeting July 11, 2009



Before the meeting Sid Brown and his son, Benjamin, made ice cream to be enjoyed during the meal.

Before the meeting the members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious meal of cold cuts - subs. The side dishes were set out by the Aerospouses who also decorated the table with a 4th of July motif. More than 60 members, visitors, and guests signed in for the meeting. We also had nine visiting aircraft. At 12:29 PM Rev. Bill Farley gave the invocation for the meal and everyone ate. We enjoyed the fresh-churned ice cream provided by Sid and Benjamin Brown. Club President Sheila Connell called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Ed Booth moved and Charlie Connell seconded that the minutes for the last meeting should be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Don Bush said that the accounts were in order and we had \$290 in the Kitty. Sheila welcomed visitors Tim Burchett and his



Sheila congratulating Will Christian who soloed in a Cessna 152 on July 9. His CFI was Jason Freeman.

grandson, Garrett Carter. Tim is interested in obtaining his Sports Pilot certificate and possibly a light plane. He joined EAA 172 after the meeting. Sheila gave congratulations to the Members of the Month, Bill & Marlyn Couch. President Connell also congratulated Will Christian who soloed on July 9th.

Old Business: Secretary John Magnan brought up the People Mover seat issue which had been tabled at the last meeting. The seats need refurbishing or replacement. These are seats which sit on 16 foot trailers pulled by John Deere tractors at the Boshears Skyfest. They haul visitors around the Skyfest area. John said that he had made estimates for various methods for replacing them. These ranged from \$1825 for new chairs to \$440 for the expenses for welding and attaching bus seats donated by Gerald Ballard's salvage yard. After some discussion Sid Brown said that he thought that Rick Dant would be able to pick up the seats (after John disassembled and removed them from buses at Ballard's salvage yard). Rick also volunteered to weld them together. After some discussion Steve Thompson moved and Ed Christian seconded that a maximum of \$440 could be spent for removing and refurbishing the seats. The motion carried.

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.

Sheila brought up the funds donated by Allene Brown. After some discussion members seemed to agree that the money would be used for a plaque of some type at the Wrens airport and also an award which could be given at the next O. B. Brown Memorial Fly-in at the Wrens airport. John Magnan moved and Steve Thompson seconded that this would be done. The motion passed.



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New Business: Wooten York talked about his son-in-law, Dusty Magner, who was severely injured in an IED attack in Afghanistan several weeks ago. The members discussed the new landing fees possible at Augusta Regional - Bush airport. Pilots said they would not purchase gas or land at Bush if the landing fees were implemented.

Social Coordinator Shirley Harden said that the next club eat-out would be on July 23rd at the French Market Grille on Highland Ave. in Augusta.

Sheila congratulated Al Patton for winning the EAA national Major Achievement Award which will be given out on August 1st at Airventure Oshkosh. Members congratulated Al. Then they discussed how he would get to Oshkosh to receive the award. After the meeting the officers decided that the club would pay any costs for gas for an automobile for the trip to and from Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Program: Harley Drew, radio personality from the WGAC Radio Station, was our guest speaker. He said that he knew Frank Christian well. Also Harley started out flying with a Taylorcraft and was taught to fly by Forrest Boshears. Lately he has pushed flying aside for his other activities. In 1962 he joined what is now WBBQ radio. After the very interesting talk Al Newman moved that the meeting should adjourn. Don Bush seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM.