

Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 February 14, 2009



Club members enjoying the Valentine's Day meal.

It was raining so no aircraft flew in. Before the meeting the members, their families, and visitors enjoyed the delicious meal of bratwurst, peppers & onions grilled by Steve Thompson and Greg Connell. The side dishes were set out by the Aerospouses. There were at least 60 members, family, and visitors at the meeting. At 12:28 PM Rev. Bill Farley gave the invocation for the meal and everyone ate. The Club President, Sheila Connell, started the business meeting at 1:03 PM. Everett Parks moved that the minutes for the last meeting should be approved. The motion was seconded by Don Bush and passed. The Treasurer, Don Bush, said that the accounts were in order and that there was \$277 in the Kitty. Sheila welcomed the many visitors and guests. These included a group brought in by Jim McBurney. They were members of the Royal Rangers which is a ministry that motivates boys spiritually through Bible study and memorization, devotionals, and Christian role models. Sheila

also welcomed new members Bruce Hitt, Robbie McMillan, and Jerry & Dorothy Crawford. Sheila also thanked those who had worked on the Valentine's Day preparations earlier in the day as well as on the past Thursday when they prepared and decorated the clubhouse. These included Mary Hembree, Fay Allen, Maureen Rhodes, Don Bush, George & Frances Weiss, Ben Covington, Charlie Connell, Ginger Connell, Al Patton, Bruce Cameron, Blythe Dant, and Phil Colman.

Old Business: President Connell recognized Pierre Smith, the member of the month for February.

New Business: Shirley Harden said that the next social gathering would be on February 26th at P.F. Chang's China Bistro on Wrightsboro Road in Augusta.

Sheila discussed the Fish Fry Fly-in which will take place on March 14th. Steve Thompson volunteered to head up the cooking crew. Pierre Smith said he would handle getting the catfish.

We had the raffle for caps, an aircraft print, and a \$50 gift certificate. Bruce Hitt won the two "airline" caps. Ed Booth won the aircraft print and Jon Dunn won the GRAND PRIZE, the \$50 gift certificate for The Chop House.



Tom Reilly and his B-25 at Boshears 2008.

Blythe Dant talked about his aircraft training.

Program: Tom Reilly, who won the Best Warbird Award at the 2008 Boshears gave a motivating talk about his work with the reconstruction of warbirds. He passed around original pieces of damaged and crashed warbirds and told how their group in Douglas, Georgia, reconstructed the old aircraft using the pieces as templates. Toward the end of his talk Tom said that after looking at the Pea Patch field



Tom Reilly talking about warbird reconstruction.

he could probably make a trip here with his B-25. He invited us to the breakfast fly-in they are having at 9:00 AM on March 7th at their Douglas, Georgia, airfield.

At 2:19 PM Don Bush moved that the meeting should adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved.
(AS AMENDED 03/06/09)