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PREZ SEZ

Sheila Connell

It is with a tinge of freedom mixed with a bit of sadness that I begin my final PREZ SEZ. I must thank all of you wonderful folks who gave me a most memorable experience of serving as your president for the past 3 years. Your support has been phenomenal! Hearing comments from members who've been around other clubs that our club is one of the best has made me very proud of you guys and gals and served as a reward for this non-paying (in greenbacks, that is!) job! I solicit and anticipate your continued support for President-Elect Allen Nodorft. Congratulations to him and VP-Elect Sid Brown, who will pick up the reins on January 1, 2010.

Our Keith Brock Memorial Fly-In, held at the Pea Patch versus its normal site in Millen, brought in about 20 aircraft and 110 attendees. All enjoyed BBQ & stew prepared and served by the boys from Broken Shackle Ranch. David Cobb, leader of the pack, educated our members and visitors on the establishment and activities of this non-profit organization, which caters to re-building/strengthening lives of troubled young men from neglectful/abusive family situations. Some of these young men were able to take their first flight in the air thanks to the contribution of member Patrick Kirkland. Many thanks to you, Patrick, for the use of your aircraft and time in what may have impacted positively the life of a young one! The crowd enjoyed watching Greg Connell and Allen Nordoft show off some of their skills in the air, also. In addition to providing boiled peanuts at the November event, Sid Brown presented a few words on LSA safety. And, as much as we enjoyed our visitors, it was great to see some of our members who'd been "out of the loop" for a while (i.e., Don Gay, Don & Joan Silliman, Dot Colman, Amber & Shane Nothdurft, Marlyn Couch, Ron Haley, Bernie Loyer).

John Magnan, who has served as EAA172's representative/manager of the Wrens airport for the past 15 years retires from that position effective December 31, 2009. As he leaves that work behind to pursue other activities, he certainly has our best wishes and appreciation for all the hard work he's invested thru the years. Lucky for us, he has agreed to remain as club secretary and webmaster. On January 1, 2010, Sid Brown will step into those big shoes John is vacating.

It's hard to believe Christmas is upon us already. Our Christmas party is scheduled for the first Saturday in December - that's December 5th, at 12:30. We'll be having fried turkey (thanks to Dennis Allen), ham, dressing and ask for appropriate sides from other members. Business meeting will be brief and if we're lucky we'll have a bit of entertainment. Members Larry & Rita Gamer will be collecting toys for children hospitalized in MCG, so please keep that in mind and bring a toy or two.

Most of you know about Don Murphy's accident and hospitalization. At this time his condition has deteriorated a bit. Please keep him and the family in your prayers. As we reflect on the past year and the upcoming holidays, let's remember those who are less fortunate due to health issues, economic reasons, etc., and try to spread a little kindness as much as we can. Also, don't forget the real reason for the season - the celebration of the birth of Christ!

I love you all and hope to see a few of you on Thursday, December 3, 10:00 sharp, to help ready the clubhouse for the party!

Signing off as EAA 172 President, I remain an active member.



Call me if you have any questions.

Sheila Connell

