



## **SPECIAL EAA 172 Meeting**

January 9, 2016

At the Daniel Field FBO building

Meal at 12:30 PM – come as early as 11:00 AM to look over the new FBO

**1775 Highland Ave., Augusta, Georgia 30904**

**Augusta Aviation FBO – Daniel Field (DNL)**

EAA 172 Meeting

### **Chili Cook-off**

February 13, 2016 12:30 PM

Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia

*Birthdays*

Mark SLONE	01-03				
Marcus JAKOB	01-08	Jamie SANDEFORD	01-02		
George WEISS, SR.	01-19	Susanne LEWIS	01-17		
Bobby BRASWELL	01-25	Mary Ann BRASWELL	01-20		
Terry STOUT	01-25				

*Anniversaries*

Keith & Lilly ROBBINS 01-04

## **EAA 172 Night Out**

Thursday, January 28: **EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting** 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. This month's location is **Eli's American Restaurant, 4446 Washington Rd #10, Evans, GA 30809** (across from Walmart). Phone number: 706-524-7152. Website: [Eli's American](#). Map and directions: [Eli's American directions](#).

For questions contact Sheila Connell 803-279-7250 e-mail: [conl6356@comcast.net](mailto:conl6356@comcast.net).

## **AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

**Answer to last month's question:** *You just earned your instrument rating and would like to purchase a home desktop training device so that you can stay current. You checked with the manufacturer and confirmed that you can log approaches for currency. Do you need to actually have a CFII present to log any of the approaches or instrument time for currency?*

**According to the FAA:** According to an [FAA interpretation letter](#) written August 6, 2010, a CFII must be present. This applies to [§61.51\(g\)\(4\)](#) of the regulations. However the letter did indicate that the rule presented a conflict with [§61.57\(c\)\(1\)\(i\),\(ii\), and \(iii\)](#) and is up for review. The updated linked-to regulations clarify that a CFII need not be present. However, if this is for an IPC (Instrument Proficiency Check), which was not the question, when using the "desktop training device", an authorized instructor, not necessarily a CFII, or a person approved by the Administrator to conduct instrument practical tests, must be present.

**This Month's Question:** On final approach to an airport at night, you see that the PAPI lights appear to be to the right of the runway. You panic and think you are lined up on the wrong runway because the PAPI lights are supposed to be only on the left. What should you do and why?



Al, "Baldo", working in his hangar.

# Aldine "Al" Patton

February 21, 1923 - December 9, 2015

Founder of EAA 172

March 8, 1966

National EAA #1782



Boshears "Aviator of the Year" 1993



During World War II, besides the Curtiss SB2C Helldiver and the Grumman F4F Wildcat, Al piloted a Corsair like this one he's standing next to at the 2012 Boshears.



LT. COL. USMCR (Ret.)

In the past, Al was a co-owner of a printing company and brought his publishing skills to EAA 172 as the founder and first editor of the EAA 172 newsletter, now the *Pea Patch Post*.



Al next to an APF which he had said means "Al Patton's Folly", an aircraft he designed and has been built by a couple of club members, in this case Greg Connell.

Augusta, GA - Aldine "Al" Patton, son of the late W. R. and Grace Shell Patton of Morganton, N. C., died Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the age of 92. He had been a resident of Augusta, GA since 1961. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years, Hazel Greene Patton.

Al graduated from Morganton High School and was attending Lenoir-Rhyne College at the outbreak of World War II. Having already received his private pilot's license through the Civilian Pilot Training program at Lenoir-Rhyne, he was accepted as a Naval Aviation Cadet. Upon completion of his training he transferred to the Marines as a dive bomber pilot earning the Air Medal for combat missions flown in the Pacific until the end of the war. He remained in the Marine Corps Reserves as a fighter pilot until his retirement as a Lt. Colonel. After the war, Al was co-owner of Art Craft Printers in Morganton, N. C. and Anderson, S. C. He then got back into aviation as a contract flight instructor at Spence Air Force Base in Moultrie, GA and as an air traffic controller for 20 years at the Bush Field Tower in Augusta. During this time he continued to instruct and provide pilot services to several Augusta area companies.

Al was also very active in sport aviation. He designed and built several airplanes and assisted many others in their projects. He was the founder of Experimental Aircraft Assoc. Chapter 172 and a member of the Antique Airplane Assoc. Among his many awards was his induction into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame in 2005.

Al was also preceded in death by brothers, Bill, Fred and Dick Patton, and his sisters Sara Saunders and Diane Patton. He is survived by his daughter, Billie Black, his sons Tom (Sally), Larry (Kay), Brad, and Bob (Beth), grandchildren Will (Megan), Andy, Brant, and Grace, and sisters Grace Swann, Polly Wall and Peggy Levesque and dozens of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was Saturday, December 12, 2015, 2:00 P.M. in the Chapel at Thomas Poteet & Son with Dr. Greg DeLoach officiating. Interment followed at Westover Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank his caregivers, Felisha Chambers, Dedra Graham, Monique Chambers, and Cheryl Mack for the loving care they provided him for the last three years.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Augusta Warrior Project, 4115 Columbia Road, Martinez, GA 30907.

The family received many friends one hour prior to the service beginning at 1:00 P.M. at Thomas Poteet & Son Funeral Directors, 214 Davis Rd., Augusta, GA 30907 (706) 364-8484. Please sign the guestbook at at [Thomas Poteet](#).

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