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PREZ SEZ

Sid Brown

We had a good turnout and some great food at our last meeting! I look forward to the same this month. As I am writing this we are getting ready for the Winter Storm of 2014. I hope it isn't too bad! We don't do snow well in Georgia.

We had a three way tie for our Chili Cook Off! The Allens, the Britts, and the Thomsons tied for first. Everyone did a great job and we had some really good chili.

February is our Winter Soup Party. So button up your coat and come on out to the Pea Patch on February 8th. We will need some help at this meeting. We voted last meeting to move the refrigerator from the "food trailer" to the Club House to replace the one that has quit working. I will bring an appliance dolly.

I would like to give an update on my son Ben. He has finished his Aviation Maintenance degree from Middle Georgia and passed the first of his three written tests. He plans to take the other two and the oral and practical soon. The FAA loves those tests!

Please look at the 2014 Calendar on the last page. We made several decisions at the last meeting that should be reflected in this month's newsletter. We will still be having the fish fry in March. But depending on the price of fish and how much fishing y'all do ahead of time, the price could be more for the meal at that meeting. We voted to charge up to \$8 depending on expenses.

But this month is Soup. I will be making a "15 Bean Soup" -- one of my favorites my dad used to make. Hope to see you all there on February 8th at 12:30 pm or a little earlier if you want to socialize!



Keep 'em flying!

Sid

Happy
Valentine's
Day



For side dishes you could bring some rolls, assorted varieties of crackers for the soup, macaroni & cheese, deviled eggs, vegetables, salads, or any type of dessert.

Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172

Chili Cook-Off

January 11, 2014



The pots of chili.

The weather was wet and very stormy so no planes flew in. The temperature was in the low 60s. Before the meeting, 32 members, their families, and visitors enjoyed the delicious chili prepared by six expert chefs from among our many talented club members. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes and decorated the tables. At 12:32 PM club president Sid Brown gave the invocation and everyone ate. The short business meeting started at 1:02 PM. President Brown welcomed visitor Danny Glover. Sid thanked those who brought their favorite chili allowing others to enjoy them. He also thanked the Aerospouses for the meal setup and for decorating the tables.

Old Business: Steve Thompson moved to accept the minutes for the last meeting. Ed Christian seconded the motion and the club members approved the motion unanimously. More members paid their dues to Treasurer Don Bush. Secretary John Magnan recorded their updated membership and address information.



Dennis Allen

New Business: Sid Brown asked Dennis Allen to talk to the members about his successful open-heart surgery and rapid recovery. The members applauded as Dennis walked up to the lectern. After he talked about his hospital stay he phoned member Bob Rhodes who was convalescing at home from having broken three ribs. Club members called out "Hello" to Bob by way of Dennis' iPhone.

Next we spent more time deliberating about the Fish Fry Fly-in that EAA 172 has had every March since before 1996. We always lose money for that meal! Treasurer Don Bush said that the fish fry usually costs about \$200 more than we receive with the \$5 per-plate donation. After much discussion Don Bush, Charlie Connell, and Dennis Allen moved and Richard Fender and Sheila Connell seconded to have the March 8th Fish Fry and require an \$8 donation unless members were able to catch enough fish before that meeting. The membership approved the motion unanimously.

We also decided other events for the 2014 calendar. Don Bush moved and John Magnan seconded that the April breakfast meeting would be on April 19th not April 12th to avoid a scheduling conflict. The members passed the motion unanimously. The O.B. Brown Memorial Fly-in would be June 14th and the Wrens Fall Fly-in would be October 24-25. The membership agreed that there would be no regular October 11th club meeting. The Boshears Committee had decided not to have a second airshow (during October 2014) but only the April 26-27 Boshears SkyFest that made up for the cancelled 2013 SkyFest. [*The updated calendar is the last page of this newsletter.*]

Sheila Connell said that the January club social eat-out would be on Friday (not Thursday) in January. It would be on the 24th at Sticks Bistro in North Augusta, South Carolina.

Sid Brown said that at the next meeting members would move the working refrigerator from the food trailer into the clubhouse to replace the current defunct one in the clubhouse. Someone will have to bring a hand-cart for this move.

A poll was taken to determine which chili recipe was the favorite among those presented to, and tasted by, the club members. Three members' chilis tied for the winning spot: Fay & Dennis Allen's, Cindy & Joe Britt's, and Johna & Steve Thompson's.

President Brown talked about the February 8th Winter Soup Party. He asked for volunteers to prepare and bring their favorite soup. Four members volunteered. Those members were Joe Britt, Sid Brown, Sheila Connell, and Al Nodorft. Sid said he would check with Don Murphy about bringing his Green Chili.



Club members enjoying the chili.

Rich Gabor related that an article he wrote about his Ultra Ace aircraft completion is in the December, 2013, *Sport Aviation* magazine.

Don Bush moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Fender seconded the motion. The members approved the motion unanimously and after a short reflective prayer by Sid Brown the meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM.



Michael Nodorft showing how much the heavy rain had ponded on the Pea Patch airfield.