

# The Pea Patch Post



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**March, 2010**

**PRESIDENT'S DESK**

**Al Nodorft**

What a strange day to have a Chapter meeting. I think we could have hosted the ski fly-in that the national EAA tries to have every year. With 4 - 5 inches of snow on the ground, many called and asked if there would be a meeting or not. It was hard to know what to do as some would be able to make it and some not. I appreciate the 30 or so hardy souls who made it. No planes flew in. I guess no one has skis for their plane in this part of the country.

I didn't make it myself, but not for weather reasons. I flew to Europe that day for a 2 week business/pleasure trip. Due to the weather problems from the day before, I had to stand in the check-in line for 3 hours at Atlanta. I reached the check-in desk the same time my flight was leaving. Fortunately I was able to get a later flight and things worked out well.

I spent one week of work in Europe and the other week skiing in the French Alps. Not flying related, but it was good to get out into the fresh air and away from work for a while.

I did actually try a new form of flying for me - paragliding. It is something that I have always wanted to do in the mountains and finally did it. It was every bit as much fun as I expected and the 6 minute glide was too short. I can tell you more at the next meeting.

Flying on the airlines is nearly the only time I get to read books. This time I read *From Balloons to Blue Angels*. It is the story of aviation in Augusta from the beginning until 2002. Augusta has a very interesting aviation history! I was also pleased to see the names of some of our members in there as well. I recommend that you get a copy to read.

## *Humor*

The odds against there being a bomb on a plane are a million to one, and against two bombs a million times a million to one. Next time you fly, cut the odds and take a bomb.  
- Benny Hill

## *March*

Next meeting is March 13th. I am looking forward to the annual fish fry provided by our members. Gary Ward will be our guest speaker to tell us about his new act, *Team Chaos*, plus other stories.



Fly safe!

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## Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 February 13, 2010

Before the meeting the members, their families, and visitor enjoyed a delicious feast prepared by Mary Hembree. The repast was a good old-time meal with pot roast, fresh cooked green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, some greens and other vegetables, and desserts (sweet potato pie, cakes, chocolates, etc.). Since Mary had planned for about fifty people, we had plenty, and much left over. The side dishes were set out by the Aerospouses. Even though they had just been through a snowstorm, 30 members, family, and a guest signed in. There were no visiting aircraft because there was 4-5 inches of snow on the runway. At 12:35 PM Rev. Bill Farley gave the invocation for the meal and everyone ate. Because President Al Nodorft had to take a business trip, Club Vice-President Sid Brown called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Sid welcomed the visitor, Mary Crom, a guest of Wooten York. Sid thanked Mary Hembree for preparing the pot roast. He also thanked those who helped prepare the clubhouse for the meeting and decorate it for Valentine's Day: Fay & Dennis Allen, Don Gay, and George & Frances Weiss.



**Mary Hembree setting out the delicious entree.**

*Old Business:* Richard Fender moved and Ron Haley seconded that the minutes for the last meeting should be approved. The motion passed. Treasurer Don Bush said that the accounts were in order and we had \$149 in the Kitty. Don said that there was one EAA calendar remaining.



**VP Sid Brown conducted the meeting.**

Wooten York said that his son-in-law, SSG Dusty Magner, and wife Rebecca, now had a home in Tampa. Dusty's wife, an Army 2nd Lieutenant, was now permanently assigned to the VA hospital there. Dusty had been severely injured in an IED attack in Afghanistan last year.

Sid Brown, Don Bush, and John Magnan talked with the group about the newsletter being emailed. They repeated what was in the newsletter: if someone did want it mailed by the USPS they would have to let John know. The members were also told that they did not use email they would still get the mailed newsletter. Of the 30 people there 10-12 wanted the newsletter by e-mail only. The members there who received the e-mailed newsletter enjoyed it. Don Bush said he enjoyed the high definition color.

*New Business:* Sid Brown brought up the Wrens O.B. Brown fly-in. After a bit of discussion and suggestions from the members, the vote was 14-2 that in May there would be no club meeting on May 8th, the scheduled date. Also there would be no separate Social "Night Out" in May. The Wrens O.B. Brown fly-in would have a short business meeting on the 21st (Friday), perhaps around 6:00 PM, followed by a meal under the tents (if it's not raining) and the main fly-in on May 22nd. The going away day, for anyone who stayed Saturday night, would be Sunday, the 23rd.

In preparation for the fish fry on March 13, Vice-President Brown asked if anyone had fish fryers. Also he would contact Pierre Smith, who was not at the meeting, about obtaining the fish. He would also contact those who usually prepare the fish, fries, etc. Those people were unable to attend the meeting.

Frances Weiss scheduled clubhouse big cleanups/fix-ups every other month starting Saturday, March 6, at 9:00 AM and ending around noon. Lunch will be bread, lunch meat, soft drinks, etc. provided by the club. This will go throughout the summer. This is not the same as the regular meeting preparations the Thursdays before a club meeting.

Sheila Connell said that Dot Colman (Phil's wife) has improved (she had a stroke) and is temporarily in a nursing home for a week before going home. Virginia Bush said that the next EAA 172 social meeting "Night Out" would be at Harbor Inn Seafood, on Wrightsboro Road in Augusta on February 25.

Since Pierre Smith was not there, Greg Connell made a very short report about the RV-10: "Flies great." We had a raffle for a \$50 gift certificate for dinner(s) at a restaurant. Sid Brown won. Don Bush said that the club made \$11 on the raffle so it paid for itself.

Jim McBurney moved that the meeting should adjourn. The motion was seconded by George Weiss. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM.