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**March, 2012**

**PRESIDENT'S DESK**

**Al Nodorft**

I have appreciated those who were willing to share with us some of your WWII experiences. I also appreciate those whom I have only talked with privately and are not comfortable speaking to the whole group. We all appreciate the sacrifices you have made that allow us to have the freedom we have today. I don't know everyone that well, so if I have missed anyone who participated in the war in any capacity that would be willing to share your experiences, please let me know. There are not many years left to tell your stories.

**Boshears Planning**

Many of you volunteer to help out at Boshears, but are probably unaware of all that goes into making the show successful. The show is still 8 months away, but already the planning committee is working on it. This year is the 20th anniversary for the show. Like many things, it is getting more and more difficult to put on the show. There are just so many other events vying for people's time, attention and money. The last 2 years the event lost money, despite near perfect weather. The show is dependent on sponsors and gate receipts to finance it. Some of our members are already sponsors, but we are in need of much more if we are going to offer this show in the future. Two nearby shows have already canceled this year due to money problems: Vidalia and Peach Tree City's Great Georgia Air show.

The key to Augusta having an air show this year is more sponsors. Without more sponsors the show is in danger of also being canceled. If you have a business and enjoy the show, please consider sponsoring it this year. You also may work for a company that might be interested in sponsoring the show. There are many levels of sponsorship available, so if interested, please contact me.

**Work Day**

Last year we collected a lot of money to replace the roof. Now is the time to actually do the work. We need volunteers to come out on 24 March to help. Please bring whatever tools and expertise you can. Lunch will be provided. Extra workers can be assigned to other general clean up tasks. I am looking for a large contingent of volunteers, so please clear out your calendar for this event.

**March Meeting**

The next meeting will be March 10th. We will be having fish for lunch, so please bring an appropriate dish to pass. Charles Lewis will be our guest speaker, talking to us about Naval Aviation.



Fly safe!

*Al*



**Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172  
February 11, 2012**



Winner of the Chili Cook-off - Chris Rhodes

Before the meeting 49 members, their families, and visitors enjoyed savoring several chili recipes prepared by five club members. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes. Because of high winds only Greg Connell flew in with his Pitts. We welcomed visitors Chris and Tommy Rhodes as well as Boshears Essay Contest winner Nico Hoernle. At 12:30 PM Al Newman gave the invocation and everyone enjoyed the meal. Club President Al Nodorft called the business meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Al thanked all who participated in the chili cook-off including the Rhodes family, Sheila Connell, Virginia Bush, Jim McBurney, and Steve Thompson.



*Old Business:* Richard Fender moved to accept the minutes for the last meeting. Joe Britt seconded the motion and it was approved.

*New Business:* Al Nodorft and the club wished V.P. Sid Brown "Happy Birthday". Then Al announced the winner of the Chili Cookoff – Chris Rhodes.

Virginia Bush said that the next EAA 172 eat-out would be February 23 at Sheehan's Irish Pub in Augusta.

Joe Britt moved that the business meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Richard Fender and the business meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM. Members then stayed to listen to Al Newman, Sr. talk about his Navy adventures in World War II.

*Program:* Al Newman, Sr. gave an outstanding history of his involvement in World War II. Al said that he's 86 years old and throughout his membership in the club he has restored seven aircraft and rebuilt four. He then discussed his service in the Navy during World War II. He was stationed on two ships while in the Navy: The S.S. Yukon, and the U.S.S. Unimak. See more about his adventures in a separate article.



Al Newman, Sr. with a photo of himself when he was in the Navy.

There was also a Board Meeting after the regular meeting. During that meeting a modification to the 2012 EAA 172 Calendar was again made changing the August 11 meeting from a noon meal to a fly-in breakfast. Also, for the Wrens Fall Fly-in, there will not be a fly-out from Wrens to the Pea Patch for breakfast. Instead, the breakfast will be at the Wrens airport around 9:00 AM on October 6. Also the Board discussed the upcoming roofing work and possibly having a Sport Tech Counselor.

**The meal for Saturday (March 10) will focus on catfish and the usual trimmings. Please bring some sidedish or salad or a sweet (cake, pie, rolls, cookies, etc.) that will enhance the meal for your fellow club members. Having a wide selection of sides at a meal certainly embellishes our club fellowship!**

**SHORT FINAL**

*Alweb January 23, 2012*

*Whitted Ground:* "N12345, clear of the active, taxi to the Hangar Restaurant."

*N12345:* "345 cleared to the restaurant via 'Bravo.'"

*Whitted Ground:* "They're featuring five dollar hamburgers today."

*N12345:* "Five dollars? I thought it was a hundred-dollar hamburger!"

*Whitted Ground:* "For you, it's a hundred dollars. For me, it's five dollars."