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**March, 2014**

**PREZ SEZ**

**Sid Brown**

Last month as I was writing this, we were preparing for Winter Storm Pax and I said I hoped it wouldn't be too bad! Well it was bad! My power was out for six days and I work for the power company!! Go figure. In all fairness those guys did an awesome job! I also have a hole in my roof right over my son Ben's bed. Lucky he wasn't in it. We evacuated to my mom's in the big city of Wrens. She had power at the time but it soon went out. Hers was only off for a couple of days. But she had water. Hot water! And we had a generator to run the important things like the TV! So we were fine. I hope each of you found a place of refuge during the storm. It sounded like a war zone at our house with all the trees falling and tree limbs breaking. We are still cleaning up!

We had a great time at the Winter Soup Party. I enjoyed all the soups! Thanks to all who cooked. And a special thanks to the ladies for the Valentines decorations. We will be having our Fish Fry Fly-in this month. Just a reminder the meal may cost a little more. We voted to charge up to \$8.00 to cover the costs. We won't know what that will be until we get a head count. Our meeting is this Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>. It is early in the month because the month started on a Saturday. We will be discussing the upcoming Boshears Sky Fest and what we need to do to prepare.

Last month I talked about the FAA proposed testing for sleep apnea strictly based on weight. Thankfully the FAA held off on that rule change. Also a bill passed one of the houses of Congress that requires that any change related to his issue will have to go through the complete rule making process. I hope you are keeping up with the events by reading Sport Aviation or going to the National EAA website.

I look forward to seeing you Saturday!



Keep 'em flying!

Sid



**For sidedishes you could bring appropriate fish sidedishes -- which could include hushpuppies, an almost required adjunct to a Southern seafood meal, deviled eggs, lemon wedges, sliced cucumbers, black-eyed peas, cole slaw, and other Georgia fish fry garnishings.**

## Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172

### Winter Soup Party

February 8, 2014

The weather was cool and rainy earlier in the day but by 11:00 AM there were blue skies with temperatures in the low 60s and a light wind -- perfect flying weather, according to Billy Couch who came in his Cessna 185. Three planes were



on the field. Before the meeting, 34 members, their families, and visitors enjoyed sampling delicious soups prepared by five club members. The soups were vegetable soup, 15 Bean Soup, chicken soup with dumplings, Green Chili stew, and lima bean soup. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes. Frances Weiss had been in earlier in the



week to start setting up the tables with a Valentine's Day motif. At 12:30 PM club president Sid Brown gave the invocation and everyone ate. The short business meeting started around 1:05 PM. Sid thanked those who brought their favorite soups allowing others to enjoy them. Among those preparing soup were Cindy & Joe Britt, Cathy & Sid Brown, Sheila Connell, Don Murphy, and Frances & George Weiss. No soup poll was taken since all the soups were great! President Brown welcomed visitor Bryson Jimenez, Jean Hildebrant's great-grandson.

*Old Business:* Don Bush moved to accept the minutes for the last meeting. Al Nodorft seconded the motion and the club members approved the motion unanimously. Sid Brown said that his son, Ben, only has his third oral and written exams remaining before finishing his aircraft A&P education and training.

*New Business:* Commercial pilot Vice-president Nandi Shetty and airline first officer Ed Christian discussed the new FAA policy that commercial pilots wishing to become airline first officers now have to obtain an ATP certificate and to have logged 1500 hours experience. They also have to be "type rated" for the aircraft they fly in airline service—i.e., receive special training and testing on operation of that specific aircraft type. Because of the low pay for pilots especially for the regional airlines (sometimes as little as \$20,000 a year for first officers, about what a McDonald's server earns), this may decrease the number of available airline pilots in the United States because of the increased requirements and costs to obtain the first officer rating.



Ed Christian



Getting ready to move the refrigerator.

Shirley Harden said that the February club social eat-out would be at 6:30 PM on the 27th at Emilio's Italian Eatery, 461 Parkwest Drive, in Grovetown, Georgia. Members discussed where the restaurant is in relation to I-20.

President Brown talked about the Wrens fly-in, the O.B. Brown Memorial Fly-in scheduled for June 13 (for the evening meal) and June 14 for the main day of the fly-in. He said there is a possibility of getting a powered parachute group there for the fly-in.

Don Bush moved to adjourn the meeting. Al Nodorft seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM. After the meeting some members moved the low-functioning clubhouse refrigerator out and, for a replacement, brought in the working refrigerator from the food trailer into the clubhouse.

There was a short board meeting before the meal and regular meeting. The officers discussed the financial report that was in the February newsletter. They determined that we could spend an increased amount for youth flight training with the Al Patton Scholarship if the club had more funds. So it was decided that future printed newsletters, starting with the April Pea Patch Post, will have two, not five, double-sided pages. There will be the main page – the Prez Sez along with the Name That Plane and the phone numbers & addresses of the club officers and contact information for the Club Division Leaders. The printed newsletter will also have the Minutes and photos for the last meeting or event. Then it will have the information about the Name That Plane aircraft as well as the South Carolina Breakfast Club locations for the next five or six weeks. There will be no other pages besides the mailing address page. This is expected to save the club \$600 - \$700 annually which can be more appropriately spent on other club activities.