

# The Pea Patch Post



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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Al Nodorft

It seems that the weather hasn't been too kind to us the last few months. In February we had a snow covered runway. In March it was gusty winds and the threat of rain . . . Actually I see a trend here -- things are getting better. Perhaps in April it will be perfect! In any case we had a great turn out. I don't know if it was the food or the presentation by Gary Ward that caused so many people to drive in.

Looking at the calendar of events (EAA Website) you can see that the fly-in and airshow season is upon us. I hope you all can take time to look and plan to attend a few events for yourselves. In addition to the normal Airventure and Boshears, on my list are:

- ▶ Triple Tree – both the RC and full scale fly in
- ▶ Vidalia Onion Festival
- ▶ Breakfast in Heaven at Heaven's Landing

I have no idea if I can make them all, but is good to have something to look forward to.

If you like Word War Two history you might enjoy this video of the signing of the peace agreement with Japan – contributed by Pierre Smith. I for one did not know how many different nations signed the agreement: United States, British, Canada, France, The Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, China, and of course Japan.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcnH\\_kF1zXc&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcnH_kF1zXc&feature=related)

We can be glad that this agreement is still working today.

The Augusta Masters will be going on from April 5 – 11. Please be aware that there will be a lot of additional air traffic in our area.

April Fools day – hope no one was fooled!

## Humor

Son: "Daddy, when I grow up I want to be a pilot!"

Dad: "I'm sorry son, you can't do both!"

## April

Next meeting is April 10th. (At 9:00 AM). I am looking forward to great weather and the breakfast provided by our members. The Trenton RC flyers will set up their radio control large scale planes for us to see. Not sure if they will fly or not.



Fly safe!

Al



## Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 Fish-Fry Fly-in March 13, 2010

Before the meeting the members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious meal of Alabama catfish and all the extras. The side dishes were set out by the Aerospouses. More than 80 members, family, and guests signed in.



**Al describing his flight in a paraglider.**

It was somewhat windy so there were only four visiting aircraft. At 12:30 PM Rev. Bill Farley gave the invocation for the meal and everyone ate. Club President Al Nodorft called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM. Al welcomed visitor Land Creson, a guest of Greg Connell. After the meeting Land joined EAA 172. Al thanked those who cooked the fish and fries: Dennis Allen, Ron Haley, Pierre Smith, and Steve Thompson. Al also thanked those who were at the March 6 cleanup day and those who helped in the pre-meeting clubhouse preparation on Thursday: Fay Allen, Sheila Connell, and George & Frances Weiss. Recognition was given to those who underwent surgery since the last meeting: Fay Allen and Sid Brown, who both had recovered nicely and were at the meeting. Al also recognized the person who was the March Member Spotlight – Ed Christian. President Al Nodorft then talked about the “pleasure” side of his European



**The cooks preparing the meal.**

business trip. Al said that he flew a paraglider for the first time. It was a six minute flight at 28 mph.

*Old Business:* Don Bush moved and Richard Fender seconded that the minutes for the last meeting should be approved. The motion passed. Treasurer Don Bush said that the accounts were in order. Because the day was somewhat blustery and we had 30-40 fewer fly-in attendees, there was not enough to pay for the fly-in food from the Kitty donations. There was \$356 in the Kitty and the meal cost around \$400. The club general fund paid the difference. There was much food left over which some members took home.

Club secretary John Magnan reminded the group about the newsletter being emailed. Next month (April) only those without email addresses as well as those who had email access but who still wanted the mailed copy would be receiving the *Pea Patch Post* in the mail. If you have email but still want the mailed version contact John.

*New Business:* Members discussed the upcoming fly-ins/meetings including the Breakfast Fly-in at 9:00 AM on April 10 and the meeting and meal on May 21 at 6:00 PM. This would be a day before the O. B. Brown Memorial Fly-in on Saturday, May 22nd. Young Eagles would be scheduled for the Wrens Fly-in for 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on May 22. Members approved September-October events: The Fall Breakfast Fly-in date was changed to October 2nd from the original date of October 9th. This will allow those who come to the Wrens Fall-Fly-in, now scheduled for pilots for September 29-October 2, to fly to the breakfast as had been done in 2007 and 2008. The fly-in dates for the public would be October 1-2.

Frances Weiss thanked those who helped at the scheduled clubhouse cleanup on March 6. They were: she and her husband, George, Ron and Heather Banning, Sheila Connell, Bill Farley, and Al Nodorft. Frances said the next one will be on May 1. EAA 172 will again provide the lunch.

Virginia Bush said that the next EAA 172 social meeting “Night Out” would be at T Bonz Steakhouse, 2856 Washington Road, Augusta, Georgia on March 25.

We had a raffle for a beautiful fern prepared by Mary Hembree. Dick Schoenfelder won.

Al Newman moved that the meeting should adjourn. The motion was seconded by Don Bush. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM.

*Program:* Gary Ward gave a very interesting talk and demonstration about aerobatic flight. He said that he took his first flying lessons at Daniel Field when he was 15. Gary participated in his first air show in 1998. He flew the Giles for eight years and the current MX-2 is an outgrowth of the Giles. Gary demonstrated the gyroscopic actions which affect aerobatic flight. Former club president Sheila Connell assisted him in the demonstration. The new act Gary participates in is *Team Chaos* which involves three separate acts involving his MX-2, Randy Harris in his Skybolt, and Neal Darnell in the Flash Fire Jet Truck.



**Gary Ward and Sheila Connell demonstrating aerobatic gyroscopic reactions.**