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PREZ SEZ

Sid Brown

Spring is finally here ... I think! I hope all the freezing weather is gone. I trust each of you had a Happy Easter Celebration.

The fly-in season is upon us with Sun 'n Fun just around the corner. The organizers promise that Sequestration will not affect the fly-in or the airshow. Although, I did notice on the Thunderbird's calendar that they canceled their remaining airshows starting April 1. This may just make room for many good private performers like our own Gary Ward and Greg Connell!

Sequestration is hurting General Aviation as well. Many airport control towers around the country are slated for closure. So far it looks like the tower at Bush Field is continuing to operate but Hilton Head, Macon, and Athens towers are on the closure list.

In spite of this, I have seen more activity in the air lately so I know the spring flying season is cranking up. I even had a member 'buzz' my house the other day! We quite often get buzzed by the fighters as we live in the MOA. But I always enjoy seeing airplanes fly so 'buzz' over anytime. Just be sure to keep an eye out for bogies!

Work on my Challenger is progressing and I hope I can take 'er up Saturday. As you wrap up your winter airplane projects keep safety in mind. Check everything at least twice. But get those planes in the air and bring them to our Breakfast Fly-in.

Our meeting may seem a little late in the month this time as April started on a Monday so our meeting is on the 13th. We will be having eggs, grits, bacon, sausage and biscuits.

Speaking of breakfast I could use some help cooking so give me a call if you can help out or just show up about 7:30 that morning.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Keep 'em flying!

Sid



Please bring side dishes for breakfast!

Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172

Fish Fry Fly-in

March 9, 2013

Before the meeting more than 60 members, their families, and numerous visitors enjoyed a delicious meal of catfish, fries, onion rings and many sidedishes and desserts. Our masterful chefs Dennis Allen, Ron Haley, Gary Harden, and Steve Thompson prepared the fried foods. Pierre Smith had purchased the fish. The aerospouses, including Fay Allen and Frances Weiss, set out the side dishes and prepared the serving and meeting room tables with a St. Patrick's Day motif. Six planes flew in and a seventh plane, an RV-8A, took off and flew around the patch and landed. It's pilot was Charlie Connell and



it was the first time he flew it since his unfortunate roof mishap June 15 of last year. At 12:38 PM Al Newman gave the invocation and everyone ate. Club President Sid



Brown called the short business meeting to order at 1:12 PM. He thanked those who prepared the catfish, fries and onion rings. Sid also welcomed Richard Fender's guest Lester Sheafe and Frank Christian's guests Leon Walden and Leon's grandson Grady. Ed

Christian had flown young Grady as a Young Eagle before the meal. Sid also welcomed Charlie & Sheila Connell's guests Carl and Michele Connelly, George & Frances Weiss' guests Fred and Mary Jordan, and Sandy & Barbara Howard's guests Rob and Aubrey.

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

New Business: President Sid Brown said that he would not be able to be at the Breakfast Fly-in on April 13. Vice-President Nandi Shetty would handle that meeting. Sid also said that he wants to expand the Tech Counselor program and passed a paper around to be signed by those interested in becoming a Tech Counselor.

Secretary John Magnan said that Joe Miles had called him. Joe's wife, Pearl, had a stroke the past Sunday and got back from the hospital on Thursday. Joe told John that Joe would not be able to make that many meetings since he would be taking care of his wife who had difficulty walking and speaking. Joe said he would still remain a member of EAA 172 even though he might not go to the meetings.

Sheila Connell reminded everyone that the eat-out for March 28th would be at Malibu Jack's Surf Grill on Fury's Ferry Road in Augusta. Don Bush talked about an August, 1962, issue of *Sport Aviation* featuring Al Patton and the APF 1.

Program: Toward the end of the meal all enjoyed the spirited presentation by aerobatic pilot Greg Connell. He said his "True Pitts" is the greatest "Raise Hell" airplane. Its redline is +240 mph. It has "tons of torque" and its fuel burn is 13 gallons an hour in cruise. Greg said his first airshow this year is April 6.

Al Newman moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Bush seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM.



BOARD MEETING

At 1:50 PM there was a short Board Meeting after the regular meeting. The Board again discussed honoring the Founders of EAA 172. As promised, Al Patton had given Secretary John Magnan a sheaf of information about the founders of EAA 172. Other members also gave him old newspaper clippings about the early EAA 172 members. Treasurer Don Bush said that the accounts are all in order but because of increasing fees by our current bank he was considering a change of banks to hold our funds. President Sid Brown still does not know whether the Modelers (model airplane people) would be coming to the O.B. Brown Fly-in June 8. Sid might just invite one group of Modelers.
