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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Al Nodorft

Finally we had a perfect day for our fly-in. I was happy even though the crowd was down a little due to other competing events. We all enjoyed the talk about R/C aircraft given by Doug Johnson. It is amazing the amount of technology that goes into these aircraft. After the talk the guys put on a demo of their aerobatic planes and helicopters.

On April 3rd I flew down to the Metter fly-in. They were celebrating the extension of their runway and there was a festival in town as well. I got my first ride in a Cub there. It was a blast to fly low and slow with the door open. I cannot do that in the Eagle at all. Flying over town I could easily see all the blooming trees and beautiful back yards. Then out in the country we had a close up view of the farms. It is a whole other type of flying than what I do. I enjoyed it very much.

It was also great to meet some of the EAA members from Vidalia. They reminded me that we are all welcome to attend the Vidalia Onion Festival on April 23 - 25. The Blue Angels will be the main attraction..

Volunteers

We have the need for two volunteers for the following:

Advertising coordinator: The board has noticed that other chapters have been successful in selling advertising space in the newsletter. We'd like someone to volunteer to solicit and manage the advertising. Reference can be made to Chapters 242 and 690.

Recruiting coordinator: We need someone who is able to make a few phone calls and potentially send out some mailings. While we all can encourage friends, family and coworkers to join, there are other opportunities as well. We could easily contact every aircraft owner in the CSRA. National EAA also makes available a list of all members at the national level. We could check that list against the local members. I am sure there are other ways we could reach people as well.

Board meeting

The board met to discuss our financial situation. Unfortunately it is not as healthy as it needs to be. A number of measures will be taken to remedy this and we need and appreciate the support of our membership. You can find more details further in the newsletter.

May

There won't be a formal meeting or social night in May, but all are welcome to the O.B. Brown fly-in at Wrens on May 22. This is a Chapter event, not just a Wrens event, so it would be great if many of the EAA 172 pilots could fly in. On the evening before all are welcome to come to eat out. Bring your own meat to grill and the Chapter will provide the rest.



Fly safe!

Al



Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 Breakfast Fly-in April 10, 2010

Before the meeting the members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious breakfast of eggs, grits, sausages, bacon, and all the extras prepared by Sid and Cathy Brown and other club members. The side dishes were set out by the Aerospouses. More than 40 members, family, and guests signed in. There were six visiting aircraft. At 9:14 AM Al Newman gave the invocation for the meal and everyone ate. Club President Al Nodorft called the meeting to order at 9:55 AM. Al welcomed his guest, Rich Wallace, who also works at John Deere. Al thanked those who cooked the breakfast: Sid and Cathy Brown. Al also thanked those who were at the April 8 cleanup day: Fay & Dennis Allen, Charlie Connell, and George & Frances Weiss. Condolences were given to the family of former member, Phil DeWitt, who recently died.



Sid Brown frying eggs while Fay Allen stirs grits.

Old Business: Don Bush moved and Sid Brown seconded that the minutes for the last meeting should be approved. The motion passed. Treasurer Don Bush discussed the accounts. Many members have not yet paid their dues and also often the Kitty was not enough to pay for the food at a meeting. The EAA 172 Board will meet after the regular meeting to discuss the accounts. There was \$220 in the Kitty.

New Business: President Nodorft reminded everyone about the club cleanup day at the Pea Patch on May 1st. Among the items to be worked on were cleaning the refrigerator and stove, putting skirting on the clubhouse roll-up door, cleaning up Boulineau Road from Highway 88 to the clubhouse. EAA 172 had assumed responsibility for cleaning up Boulineau Road. The time for the work would be 9:00 AM to noon. The club will provide the lunch.

Sid Brown talked about the Wrens O.B. Brown Memorial Fly-in May 21-22. The food trailer would be there on Saturday. Fay Allen said she needs people to help out in the food trailer. There would be Young Eagles flown that day. Sid needs volunteers to handle registration. He also needs pilots and planes to fly the youngsters. Besides Dennis Allen and Bill Couch, Pierre Smith volunteered to fly them. More pilots are needed. The scheduled time for the Young Eagle flights is 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Sid said that there would be a Wrens clean-up day Saturday, May 15. He needs people to help cut the grass and clean up the lounge, hangar, and the area around the hangar.



Doug Johnson talking about RC planes.

Jim McBurney moved that the meeting should adjourn. The motion was seconded by Richard Fender. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM

Program: Doug Johnson of the Trenton RC Flyers gave a very interesting talk He discussed his early childhood, partly spent in South Africa. He said he became a pilot even after his father had flown into a mountain in California. Doug has had many planes over the years and now has a Grumman. He discussed the various RC (radio controlled) aircraft. He gave explanations of the types of RC aircraft and that many were now going to electric powered ones. Doug talked about the various RC events, one big one being at the Triple Tree airport in South Carolina. Afterwards members went outside to watch several large RC models "do their stuff" in the air.



The RC planes on the field.



Wrens Fly-in Prep Day

Saturday, May 15, 2010, 9:00 AM at the Wrens airport.

If you wish to help prepare the airport for the fly-in contact Sid Brown at 706-814-8853 or email sbrown@catg.com

O.B. Brown Memorial Fly-in

May 21-22, 2010, at the Wrens Memorial Airport (65J), Wrens, GA

(for May 21 it is the meeting/meal at 6:00 PM.

The main fly-in date is May 22)

EAA 172 Meeting

June 12, 2010, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA