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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Al Nodorft

Club VP Sid Brown and I realized that neither of us would be available for the original May meeting date of May 12th. We have decided to hold it one week earlier on May 5th, so please mark your calendars. Appreciate your flexibility.

Finally – the roofing work has been started. The crew was able to put up half the roof after the breakfast meeting. I appreciate those who were able to help out, contributing their time, expertise and tools for the job. Look forward to having it completed soon. Maybe by the time you actually get to read this it will be done.

Fly-in season has started. On April 7th we went to our first fly in at Metter, Georgia. It is a good fly in drawing a lot of diverse aircraft. The Vidalia EAA chapter folks support this event, so good to meet some of them again. The big draw – free food! 😊 Actually I go because often you can snag a ride in some aircraft that I haven't flown before. You also can go into town to the festival, but who wants to do that when you are at the airport!?

I got to fly the there. This is the Aircraft that Piper had into Light Sport aircraft and I have to Bob Smith from it from the ramp back many aircraft that I first time.



Piper Sport aircraft while aircraft from Czech Sport partnered with as an entry aircraft. It is a pretty say it flies nice as well. Vidalia aviation let me fly to the ramp. There are not feel that comfortable in the

The Rotax 912 runs super smooth and quiet. The biggest challenge comes with taxiing. The rudder pedals and nose wheel are not interconnected, so you must steer using brakes. Just takes a few moments to realize that the rudder pedals do nothing. I know this is common in other aircraft also, but not many that I have flown. The flying portion was completely conventional and I could see owning something like this versus the Cessna Skycatcher, which honestly was not as nice.

May Meeting

The next meeting will be May 5th. We will be having hamburgers, so please bring an appropriate dish to pass. The second Al Patton scholarship recipient will tell us about his flight training status and experiences.



Fly safe!

Al



Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172
Breakfast Fly-in
April 14, 2012

There was excellent weather for this meeting. The air was clear and the sun was shining. Before the meeting President



The clip-on name tags spread out on the table.

Nodorft set out the new clip-on name tags so that members could use them and identify who they were. Then 31 members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious breakfast of eggs, grits, bacon, country ham, sausages, and rolls. These were prepared by chief chef Sid Brown, with assistance from Sam Hart, Nico Hoernle, John Magnan, Al and Michael Nodorft. Two aircraft flew in: Sam Hart in his RV-6A, and Pierre Smith in his RV-10. We welcomed visitor, and speaker, Al Patton Scholarship winner Nico Hoernle. We also welcomed Bibiana Falatova, Debia Freyre, great granddaughter of



Sid cooking the eggs. The already-prepared pot of grits and pan of country ham are in the foreground.

Jean Hildebrant, as well as granddaughter Leslie Freyre and her fiancé, Tony Clocker. We welcomed Wave Vidmar, a friend of Frank Christian. The club especially welcomed guest, and at the end of the meeting, new member, Tom DeGroodt who was at the meeting, along with his wife, Ely, and son, Dakota, at the personal invitation of our club president. At 9:38 AM Pierre Smith gave the invocation and everyone enjoyed the bountiful meal. Club President Al Nodorft called the brief business meeting to order at 10:11 AM. Al welcomed the guests and visitors and thanked Sid Brown and the others who prepared the meal and helped out cleaning up before the meal. Al especially thanked Frances Weiss for the preparation work she accomplished before the meal.

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

New Business: Al Nodorft reminded everyone about the roofing party that was going to be held after the meeting finished today. He also said that the name tags were made and a board for them is being readied. He asked that members pick up the name tags before meetings and then return them before leaving.

Al asked if anyone wanted to talk about what happened at Sun'n Fun (held March 27 – April 1st). Pierre Smith talked about the original RV, the RV-1, which was there. He also said that Team RV will be at Oshkosh this year for the first time (July 23 - 29). Ron Haley said that the weather was better than last year. He said the night show Friday night was great. He was impressed with new aircraft that were there, especially the [BK-1](#). Ron said that Thurmon Kent was also at the air show.

Ed Christian, the Pea Patch Corporation president, talked about the Pea Patch wind sock support replacement. He showed us a drawing of the planned support framework and asked that those present donate to assist paying for the cost. Secretary John Magnan passed around a donation pan and members contributed. Donations will also be requested at the next meeting.

Frank Christian introduced one of his guests, adventurer Wade Vidmar, who discussed, among other things, his solo trek to the North Pole. He also talked about his planned solo kayak trip, starting May 1, from San Francisco to Oahu, Hawaii.



Program: Nico Hoernle, an Al Patton Scholarship winner, talked about his flight training. He said he's 17 years old and goes to Richmond Academy in Augusta. He's nearly finished with his training. The scholarship money helped out "a lot." He said that his flight instructor, Heather Kasubowski, from Augusta Aviation, at Daniel Field, was an excellent teacher. Nico said the most difficult part of his training was the landings. He has not yet done any soft field training. He said he hopes to become an instrument rated pilot. For his future plans he hopes to go to medical school.

Joe Britt moved that the business meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Richard Fender and the business meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM. Afterward, some members went out to start work on the clubhouse re-roofing.

The meal for Saturday (May 5) will be hamburgers. Please bring some side-dish 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!

NOTE THAT THE MAY MEETING IS A WEEK EARLY SINCE TWO OFFICERS HAD APPOINTMENT CONFLICTS WITH THE SCHEDULED MAY 12 MEETING DATE.
