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PREZ SEZ

Sid Brown

Ever had just "one of those days?" Well if you are like me those days seem to turn into one of those weeks! You know. You have some big event planned and you have everything laid out so you can get it done ahead of time. That way you won't be stressed out as the big event approaches. Then all of a sudden those "best laid plans" just start to fall apart, usually at the last moment, and at the worst possible time! Then as the plans unravel you come unglued! Well, it has been one of those weeks.

I have the uncanny ability to cram too many of those big events into the same time period and usually grossly underestimate the amount of time needed for each. This makes my overall time estimate severely inaccurate! And it certainly doesn't account for the Murphy Factor! You know. That 'Awww Heck' moment that always happens when you least expect it and can least handle it.

As you know we are planning for the fly-in on June 8. Grass cutting for that starts about 2 weekends ahead and runs pretty steady for the next 2 weeks. So that usually keeps me (and my son, Ben, and Rick Revels) pretty busy this time of year. Well, this year I decided I would add to the normal stress by adding a few additional big events into the mix: my daughter Bethany's graduation from high school and of course with graduation comes celebration so we are set to sail on a cruise! Wooo Hooo! All great stuff. Except for that timing thing. The cruise leaves port the morning after graduation ... from Port Canaveral! It leaves on Sunday and gets back on Thursday. While we are in Florida, we will do the requisite visits with my wife Cathy's family. Oh and did I mention that Bethany has been accepted to Valdosta State? Yeah!! Except she moves in on Sunday exactly 1 week and 1 day after she graduates! Yep!! So it is cut grass, graduation, pack car, drive to Florida, get on cruise ship ... Wait!! What was that you said Ben? The dog ate WHAT? A latex glove!?!?

Theres the 'Awww Heck' moment I was talking about!! Murphy strikes again! Cars packed and we are loaded up and ready to roll! 4:00 on the dot. About three hours late ... as usual. And an 8 hour drive to Cocoa Beach ahead ... and the stupid dog ate a latex glove! Don't ask!! Call the vet. Yep! "Bring her to us there's a shot for that! It will make it come out the way it went in!" How long will that take?? "Oh... a couple of hours!"

Long story short ... well at least less long. This is when it's great to have friends. The dog heads to the vet. We head to Florida and all comes out OK, literally. As I write this we are a couple of hours from boarding the ship for a week of relaxing. You know cruise, drive back home, pack, drive back to Florida, well almost, drop Bethany off in Valdosta for college, did I say college?!?! Oh and plan and prepare for a fly-in. Ok, so I don't expect you to feel bad for me while I'm cursing ... but I could use your help while I'm gone.

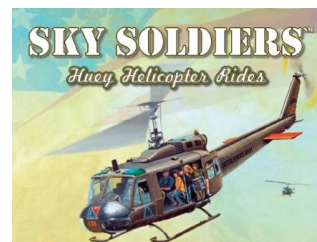
Get those planes out wash 'em up and get 'em ready! I want to see all of you at Wrens on June 8th. If I can make it, so can you!! And this year we have a great opportunity. The Sky Soldiers are going to 'pilot' their grass roots tour with us at 'The O. B. Brown Memorial Fly-In.' Bring some bucks and support these guys by taking a flight on the Huey!!!

In closing I want to send a special THANKS to all of you who serve or have served in the armed forces as we remember those who gave all in the service of our great Country! Thank you for the freedom you protect and we all enjoy. I am truly grateful and I am enjoying it this week more than most!

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

Keep 'em flying!

Sid



Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 May 11, 2013

Although it was cloudy the weather was nice and comfortable, with temperatures in the low 80s. Before the meeting 34



Tanner Grose,
Charlie's grandson

members, their families, and guests enjoyed the barbecue prepared by Sid Brown and his family. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes. At 12:21 PM Al Newman gave the invocation and everyone ate. Seven planes flew in. At 9:49 AM Al Newman gave the invocation and everyone ate. At the short business meeting, starting at 12:49 PM during the meal, President Sid Brown welcomed many visitors, among them Wise Ziyo, an exchange student now at Hephzibah High School. His home is in [Tajikistan](#), a country in central Asia. Sid also welcomed Kerri Tyson, Amber Nothdurft's daughter, Tanner Grose, Charlie Connell's grandson, Noot Irvin, a guest of Phillip Blanchard, and Lester Sheafe, Richard Fender's guest. President Brown thanked those who helped prepare the barbecue.



Kerri Tyson,
Amber's daughter

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

Don Bush asked about those who wanted the new EAA 172 T-shirts. Ben Brown, Sid Brown, Bruce Hitt, Bill Johnson, and Rick Revels ordered shirts. Others had ordered shirts at the previous two meetings. Don already gave them their shirts.

Steve Thompson said that he is planning to get a crew together to finish re-roofing the clubhouse. At first the date for doing this was June 1. Then, after some discussion, the date the members decided on was the next Saturday, May 18. Steve said to be there at 7:30 AM. Among the volunteers were Steve Thompson, Dennis Allen, Don Bush, Charlie Connell, Sandy Howard, Al and Michael Nodorft, Aaron Ramsey, and Terry Stout. Charlie Connell said he would handle getting any food for the workers.



Aaron Ramsey and
Don Bush were two
of the 9 volunteers
for the re-roofing
work.

New Business: President Sid Brown talked about the upcoming Wrens, O. B. Brown Memorial Fly-in on June 8. Fay Allen, Cathy Brown, Sheila Connell, and Al Nodorft volunteered to work in the food trailer. There might be more volunteers later on. Sid said three cooks are needed. Shane Nothdurft and Rick Revels volunteered to be cooks. There would be no Young Eagles since there is a difficulty obtaining Young Eagle pilots. There would be the usual "bring your own meat to grill" meal the Friday evening before the fly-in. It would start around 6:00 PM under the tents at the Wrens airport.



For a school report, Wise Ziyo
(at right), an exchange student
from Tajikistan, interviewed
Greg Connell about aviation.

Virginia Bush reminded everyone that the club social eat-out for May 23rd would be at the Chop House restaurant, on Wrightsboro Road in Augusta.

Al Nodorft said that he is building a new plane (to possibly replace his Christen Eagle?). It is a [DR-109](#), a two seat low wing aerobatic monoplane.

Richard Fender moved to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Hitt seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM.

BOARD MEETING

There was a Board of Directors meeting starting around 1:40 PM. Treasurer Don Bush said that we are changing banks because of increased costs at the current bank, as described at previous Board Meetings. Don noted that the March electric bill was more than \$70! This might indicate someone had left the heating or stove on during March.

Member Bill Johnson discussed the possibility of having the "Sky Soldiers" -- Army Aviation Heritage Foundation -- at the Wrens Fly-in. They could bring a Huey helicopter, offering 15 minute rides for \$60 a head. They could also bring a Cobra helicopter but those rides would cost a minimum of \$275. Bill said this is "short notice" but it might increase attendance at the fly-in. Bill had previously contacted the officers on May 5 about this. Bill was in the EAA Advisory Council and had worked with the Sky Soldiers activities in the past.