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Sid Brown

Well, Spring has come and gone already. And it is HOT! Hopefully we will get a blast of cool air for the Wrens O. B. Brown Memorial Fly-in this month. Our supper 'bring your own steak' will be Friday night June 13 and the main fly-in day is Saturday June 14. We will supply the salad and potatoes for the supper and will have a grill ready for you to cook your steak. Please bring sides and desserts!

We will have the old Wrens Mill engine. I always love seeing that thing run! As many of you know, my Dad, O. B. Brown, helped restore that old engine shortly before he died. He always loved old engines, old tractors, and all types of flying machines! I hope you will join me in remembering 'O. B.' by spending a day enjoying the things he loved!

We will have the concession stand with hotdogs and hamburgers. We will also have free Bar B Q sandwiches for pilots and crew.

We had a great meeting last month. I really enjoyed the stories told by Ret. Col. James W. 'Pete' Booth about the forming of the 68<sup>th</sup> and 197<sup>th</sup> Armed Helicopter Companies in Vietnam. Like I wrote previously, just riding around in an old Huey was rough stuff, but to be getting shot at and 'Returning Fire' is another thing all together. Ben and I bought one of his books: *Returning Fire*. I am looking forward to reading it.

Hope to see you on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be plenty to do. So come ready to help. But most of all, bring you airplane ... It's a Fly-in!



Keep 'em flying!

Sid



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**Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172  
May 10, 2014**

Before the meeting 33 members, their families, and guests enjoyed the delicious hamburger and hot dogs prepared by Sid and Ben Brown. It was warm but there was threatening weather so no aircraft flew in. However we did have members and visitors with four motorcycles come in! At 12:39 PM club president Sid Brown gave the invocation and everyone ate. At 1:05 PM, before the business meeting, we welcomed our speaker, Col. (ret.) James "Pete" Booth who discussed his book [Returning Fire: In the Beginning](#) about the Huey UH1-B being the first armed helicopter. Col. Booth spent 30 years in the army and in 1965 he commanded the 197<sup>th</sup> Armed Helicopter Company in Vietnam. After Vietnam he was on the Pentagon army staff, then became the commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Division. Following that he was the commander of the Lightning Brigade at Fort Knox, then G3 8<sup>th</sup> Army, Korea until his retirement in 1981. He wrote the book in 1994. His talk was very informative with many anecdotes about the Huey UH1-B and various situations in Vietnam. Col. Booth talked about "bizarre" combat humor and various Huey configurations. The short business meeting started at 2:07 PM. Sid thanked those who came to the meeting.



Col. James "Pete" Booth

*Old Business:* Steve Thompson moved to accept the minutes for the April 19th meeting. Don Bush seconded the motion and the club members approved the motion unanimously.

*New Business:* We discussed preparations for our activities at the O. B. Brown Memorial Fly-in at the Wrens Airport June 13 & 14. President Sid Brown said that we would have our usual "bring meat to grill" meal around 6:00 PM on Friday, June 13, at the Wrens airport. The club will provide salad and baked potatoes. Members should bring side dishes. The fly-in will start around 9:00 AM at the Wrens airport on Saturday, June 14. We will need members to volunteer to help out with various activities including cooking at the concession stand.



One of the delicious side dishes at the meeting meal.

The May club social eat-out will be at 6:30 PM on May 22nd at the French Market Grille, 425 Highland Ave. in Augusta, Georgia.

Joe Britt moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Fender seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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**EAA 172 BOARD MEETING MAY 10, 2014**

At 2:30 PM there was a short Board Meeting after the meal and regular meeting. The focus of the meeting was the sale of the Aerosport Scamp and the Taylor Monoplane now stored in Al Patton's open hangar at the Pea Patch. Both are now considered "projects" since they have been non-flyable for more than thirteen years and are in pieces and/or have deteriorated. The Scamp project was originally approved for sale in January 2001, by the EAA 172 Board of Directors after it was determined that none of those who donated funds for the project had any objections. In fact, the majority of the funds were from EAA 172 itself. The Taylor Monoplane project was donated to the club in January 1999. It had been severely damaged by gunfire in January 2008, and now is in pieces in Al Patton's open hangar at the Pea Patch. The proposal was to get the projects into willing buyers' hands so that the projects would not deteriorate into scrap. The Board unanimously approved the sale of the projects for a "best offer" price. Within that day the two projects were sold to EAA 172 club members.