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PREZ SEZ

Sid Brown

Happy Independence Day! I hope you get to celebrate the founding of our great country with friends and family this weekend. And that you get to enjoy the freedoms we have in the United States of America, especially flying!

Our July meeting will be on Saturday July 11 at 12:30 PM. I will not be attending due to a family reunion that I am cooking for. So the menu has changed. We will be having cold cuts. Please bring appropriate sides to go with these sandwiches. We will move the Bar B Q Chicken to August! We will also move our discussion of Boshears to the August meeting.

We had a great meeting last month. Mike Crymble talked about his adventures in the RAF and particularly about his time as a pilot for the British Royal Family. It was quite interesting and entertaining! He also flew in and talk about his Wilga 2000. If you haven't seen one I'm not sure I can describe it so you will just have to "Google" it.

I'm sure several of you are getting ready to head to Oshkosh. Please bring back stories to share with the club! I won't get to go this year but I hope to make it in the next couple of years.

Happy 4th! See you next month.

Keep 'em flying!

Sid



The meal will feature various varieties of cold cuts. So, please bring in side dishes that are appropriate for a cool meal on a hot day. Side dishes you could bring: cheese slices, cheese and nut platter, fruit slices, sliced watermelon, veggie tray, pickle assortment platter, chips, tortilla chips and salsa, macaroni or pasta salad, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad.

Frances Weiss noticed that most of our dish towels have disappeared! It seems that some members brought them home to wash for the club and forgot to bring them back. So if you happen to have them, please bring them with you to the July meeting. Or you might want to purchase new tea towels / dish towels for the club as a donation.

Also, when you are leaving the Pea Patch with your plane and back-taxiing toward Ken Rayburn's house so you can take off at that end of the runway, PLEASE turn your aircraft to the LEFT not right so the prop blast won't blow onto Ken's house and workshop and perhaps blow debris onto any fresh paint he might have.

Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 for June 13, 2015, 12:30 PM



Mike Crymble talking about his Wilga 2000 before the meeting.

The weather was quite warm with temperatures in the low 90s with a blue sky and few clouds. Three planes flew in including the featured Wilga 2000. Before the meeting 32 members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious meal of barbecue that had been prepared at the O.B. Brown fly-in and then preserved in the freezer for this meeting. At 12:35 PM club president Sid Brown gave the invocation and everyone ate. Sid started the business meeting at 1:04 PM. He welcomed the guests Mike Crymble, who flew in his Wilga 2000, and Regina Thomaston and David Harris, both from Sandersville, Georgia, who flew in with Mike. Also Sid welcomed James Maher who is the Chairman of Homebuilt Review for AirVenture Oshkosh.

Old Business: Don Bush moved for the approval of the minutes of the April 18th meeting and any business activity during the May 16th O.B. Brown Fly-in. Richard Fender seconded the motion, which was passed by the members.

President Sid Brown talked about the Wrens O.B. Brown Memorial Fly-in that took place Saturday, May 16th. He said that it was great that we had good weather as well as attendance by visitors and pilots. He said that 60 pounds of barbecue had been prepared. What was not eaten was packaged and frozen so that members at the meeting today would be able to enjoy it.

New Business: Sid brought up the upcoming Boshears SkyFest that is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th at Daniel Field in Augusta. He said that we have to redouble efforts to get as many pilots as possible to the fly-in. During the next meeting on July 11th we will talk more about how to increase pilot attendance.

James Maher, Chairman of Homebuilt Review for AirVenture Oshkosh, talked about getting more EAA members to work with the homebuilt aircraft review for the July 20 to 26 EAA event. In this newsletter is information about how to contact James.

Virginia Bush said that the social eat-out for Thursday, June 25th, would be at the De Novo restaurant at North Hills, on Martintown Road in North Augusta, South Carolina. Pierre Smith said that the new pilot/CFI Jerome Jordan at the Louisville, Georgia, airport will be having an open house at that airport on July 4th.

Steve Thompson moved to adjourn the business meeting. Richard Fender seconded the motion and those present approved the motion unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:18 PM.



Program: We had a very interesting and lively program presented by Michael “Mike” Crymble. He had flown in his Wilga 2000 – (The official name of it is the PZL-104 MA Wilga). Both before and after the meeting members had gathered around the plane while Mike answered questions about flying it and various unusual features it has. Note that the *Name That Plane* page in the [June 2015 Pea Patch Post](#) has a complete description of the Wilga 2000.

Mike was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and lived there until he was 17. Then he went to England and joined the RAF (Royal Air Force). He became a pilot and half of his RAF service was spent flying the British version of the [Hercules C-130](#), called the Hercules C.3. The [C-130](#) is the four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft that occasionally flies over us at the Pea Patch on its way to fly over the Fort Gordon U.S. Army base. Mike became a Captain at the age of 23 and first spent his time as an instructor at the [RAF College Cranwell](#), the British version of the U.S. Air Force Academy. Then he joined the group called the [Queen’s Flight](#). For the remainder of his military career he piloted various British Royals all over the world. He related many interesting tales of his various flights for the Royals. Crymble retired in 2000 and in private life he has restored aircraft and had a Quickie Q2 as well as a Beech Baron. He said he had a Piper Colt at one time. He now is a corporate pilot in the U.S. flying business jets such as the Gulfstream G550.



The Wilga 2000 taking off after the meeting.

