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PREZ SEZ

Andy Lee

Hello and welcome to EAA 172. I hope that you are enjoying the company of fellow pilots.

Aviation accidents, why do they happen, and what causes them? That is the major question that all of us as pilots ask. I have been doing a lot of article reading and have noticed that inflight emergencies are starting to skyrocket. Now I'm still a student pilot and every time I go up with an instructor to do regular maneuvers I end up doing emergency maneuvers. I once met an air force pilot, and he was talking about taking short cuts and rushing in on things that you do -- all his examples were about what not to do in aviation. So, in short, all I want to say is to take the time to read and go over your check list. It is made for a reason. The list could mean the difference between life and death.

Your President,

Andy Lee


July 25 - 31, 2016



Here are some possible side dishes and desserts you could bring to the Saturday, July 9th, meeting. We will be having hot dogs & hamburgers in the air-conditioned comfort of the EAA 172 clubhouse.

Cucumber salad, potato salad, watermelon salad, tomato salad, corn on the cob, macaroni and cheese, biscuits, deviled eggs, grilled corn, black eyed peas, corn bread, pickled watermelon rinds, cookies, sweet rolls, pound cake, cakes of all types, fruit salad, jello, lemon meringue or coconut cream pie, fruit cobbler, strawberries, grapes.

Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 for June 11, 2016, 12:30 PM

The weather was quite warm, but still comfortable, in the low 90s with a blue sky. Before the meeting 20 members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious barbeque meal. Two and a half hours prior to the meeting Secretary John



Magnan had heated up two large pans of Sid Brown's barbecue that had been frozen and refrigerated after the May fly-in. Members said that it tasted fine. One airplane, an RV-10 flown in by Pierre Smith, was on the airfield. At 12:37 PM club president Andy Lee gave the invocation and everyone enjoyed the excellent meal. Club members had brought in many side dishes as well as delicious desserts. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes and desserts and prepared the dinner tables. President Andy Lee then welcomed the guests Charlie Tankersley, from Augusta, Georgia, Clifford and Frank Johnston from Blythe, Georgia, Ben Miller, and Shelby Jimenez, Jean Hildebrant's great-granddaughter. Jean said that Shelby wants to become a pilot. Andy started the brief business meeting at 1:03 PM. He had a minute of silence in honor of our

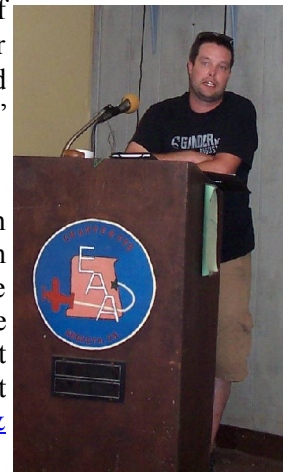
recently deceased member, Greg Connell, who had passed away while performing an aerobatic routine on May 14, 2016, at the Good Neighbor Day Airshow at DeKalb Peachtree Airport in Atlanta.

Old Business: Jim McBurney moved for the approval of the minutes for the April 16th meeting as well as the May 14th fly-in report. Richard Fender seconded the motion, which was passed by the members.

New Business: Virginia Bush said that the next social eat-out would be on Thursday, June 23rd, at the Southbound Smokehouse, 1855 Central Ave, Augusta, GA 30904. She would be handling the details.

There was a discussion led by President Lee about Greg Connell and the various facets of Greg's life and the admiration that other aviators had for him. A member said that perhaps for next year we could have Greg's name emblazoned on the special [EAA Memorial Wall](#) that had been set up at the Oshkosh, Wisconsin, fly-in site to "Honor the memory of someone special" who had a great passion for aviation.

John Magnan brought up the collision of the two F-16 fighter jets near Louisville in Jefferson County. This happened Tuesday June 7, 2016, around 9:15 PM. Pierre Smith, who lives in Louisville and has his aviation business at the Louisville airport, gave many details about the crashes and the aftermath. Both pilots had ejected safely but it would take up to a month for the nearly 200 armed U.S. Air Force personnel to recover all of the highly classified top secret wreckage including inert missiles and weapons strewn throughout woods and swamps just southeast of the Louisville airport. The local weekly Jefferson county newspaper, the [News & Farmer](#), had much better details about this collision than did the regional and national media.



Club President Andy Lee talking about Greg Connell.

Al Nodorft moved to adjourn the meeting. Terry Stout seconded the motion and those present approved the motion unanimously and the business meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM.



Pierre Smith talking about his RV-10 with two Pea Patch visitors, Clifford and Frank Johnston.