

The Pea Patch Post



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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Al Nodorft

Ever hear of the "airport kid?" The one who hangs on the fence looking in, or volunteers to help wash a plane, etc. Anything to score a ride in a plane. I think there is a little bit of that in all of us. The Young Eagles program is great to introduce kids to flying, but it does not hold them there. A kid that is hooked doesn't want just one ride. He will be looking for the next one as well – that fuels the fire.

A pilot and plane have incredible power to bring joy – to anyone. About ½ of our members do not have planes and many do not, or no longer have licenses to fly due to age. Why do they continue to support the club? Actually I am not sure why. But consider this, for those who are past the time where they can fly themselves anymore – has anyone taken them up recently? I am sure the joy they knew in the past would still be there if someone could take them up one more time.

Others belong to our club fully capable of flying, but without aircraft. Some will rent planes. Some are thinking about building. Others are trying to decide what kind of plane they want. If our members with planes could offer a ride occasionally it would keep these folks encouraged to continue with their dream of aircraft ownership.

Then there are folks like me. Have one or two airplanes, but always interested in experiencing something new. This keeps life exciting, plus you never know, we might find another type of airplane or type of flying more interesting than what we already do.

Finally, the kids. An occasional ride in a plane may keep them coming. As all can notice, we have very few youth that come to a chapter meeting. One reason may be that we don't give them anything to look forward to except adult entertainment.

Now I have to make a disclaimer. My son has been shamelessly trying to get a ride in anyone's airplane. This column is not meant to increase his odds, but rather point out the kid that is in all of us and encourage pilots with planes to share the joy of flight with kids or adults as often as possible. Life is too short to keep it all to ourselves.

Remember, if you are flying in you can always bring a friend. They just might be the next pilot to join our ranks.

Dues

We have over \$700 outstanding in dues for people that we are counting as members. I know many cannot make the meetings, so please take time to pay by check. When writing checks, please make them out to EAA 172 only. Other fancier titles only get us in trouble with the bank.

August

Our August meeting will be on August 14th at the Pea Patch. Tim Wright from EAA Chapter 780 will come and give a presentation on Ben T. Epps, Georgia's first aviator.



Fly safe!

Al



Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172
Cold Cuts Fly-in
July 10, 2010

Before the meeting the members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious meal of submarine sandwiches. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes. Approximately 54 members, family, and guests signed in. There were four visiting aircraft. At 12:30 PM Al Newman gave the invocation for the meal and everyone ate. Club President Al Nodorft called the meeting to order at 12:58 PM. Al welcomed the guests. Al thanked Sid and Cathy Brown for purchasing and bringing the food. Al also thanked those who were at the July 8th meeting preparation day. He reminded everyone about the aerobatic performances this evening by Greg Connell and Gary Ward for *Thunder Over Thurmond*. He reminded everyone that we should separate the aluminum cans from the rest of the trash so that we can get some recycling money for the cans. Also, his children are collecting the pull tabs from the cans for their school. Al said that at the next meeting Tim Wright from EAA Chapter 780 would present a program about the Ben Epps Day. Also there still is a need for someone to handle advertising for the newsletter. Some members still need to pay their dues for 2010.

Old Business: Don Bush moved that the minutes for the last meeting should be approved. Steve Thompson seconded the motion and it was approved. Treasurer Don Bush said that there was \$253 in the Kitty which covered the food expense. Don said that is leaving a couple of DVDs in the clubhouse library. These are about fighters and bombers in World War II.



Stuart Hembree

New Business: President Nodorft and Frances Weiss reminded everyone about the club cleanup day at the Pea Patch on Saturday, August 7. The time for the work would be 9:00 AM to noon. The club will provide the lunch. Virginia Bush said that the next club eat-out would be on July 22 at Rae's Coastal Cafe, 3208 West Wimbledon Drive, Augusta, GA 30902.

Ed Christian talked about and showed a photo he has from Arnold Palmer. Benjamin Brown said that he was changing his major to aviation maintenance technology at Middle Georgia College.



Benjamin Brown

Stuart Hembree talked about the Leadership meeting he went to. Sheila Connell said that Stuart was nominated to attend the National Forum on National Security for the National Youth Leadership Forum. She said that the cost would be \$1500 to \$2000 for the week-long event. Sheila asked for donations from the club members to help Stuart attend this prestigious forum.



Ed Christian and Arnold Palmer photo

Al Newman moved and Don Bush seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion was accepted and the meeting adjourned at 1:21 PM.

Program: We enjoyed an informative talk and demonstration by Pierre Smith about how the iPad can now be used to replace VFR sectionals and approach plates in the cockpit resulting in hundreds of dollars of savings each year. Much of the information can be downloaded free from government Websites.



Pierre Smith and iPad sectional

EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, August 26: EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. This month's location is Crum's On Central restaurant, 1855 Central Ave., Augusta, GA 30904 (4 blocks from Paine College). Contact Virginia Bush for more details 706-554-5618 e-mail: donr.bush@yahoo.com. For a map and directions go to the Web and put in this URL: nightout.jcmservices.net