

The Pea Patch Post



EAA CHAPTER 172
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September, 2010

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Al Nodorft

Some of us were fortunate to attend AirVenture at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. I have been going for about 25 years now. Until 9 years ago I lived near enough to drive there when I wanted to – very convenient. When I lived near it I did not go for the whole week, didn't feel the need to, but now to make the trip up worthwhile, I go the whole week. My family couldn't go this year, so I flew up in the Eagle and stayed with friends.

This year there were some very strange sights there. Where you normally would see hundreds of planes with tents under the wings, you saw only a handful of tents. Heavy rains just prior to the event made it impossible to park planes (in some areas) in their normal places until the second or third day of the event. Campers also had much difficulty, with many parking in the parking lots of shopping centers for the week.

I did attend one event for chapter leaders on how to increase membership. Some good ideas from other chapters, but it takes people with time to initiate. I realized how fortunate we are as most of the chapters there were around 20 or so members! The new EAA President, Rod Hightower, kicked off the event. It was good to hear some of his thoughts about the organization too.

It was great to see the newest planes, electronics, etc., but the best part is to reconnect with friends, many of whom this is the only time of year that we see each other. I have posted some photos from this year to whet your appetite for next year.

There was one well known accident there this year of a private jet flown by Jack Roush. I had left for the day and did not see it. Later in the newsletter is also a photo sequence of the crash, that I did not take. According to reports, Jack will recover everything except the vision in his left eye. He is determined to return to the cockpit when able.

Although I am not a seaplane pilot, my favorite place to visit at Oshkosh is the seaplane base. Perhaps it is because it is on the lake shore in a heavily shaded area, so a nice place to get out of the heat. Or perhaps it is the perceived freedom they have, not being tied to a runway. There is a wide variety of float planes there and you can get quite close to the action.

At our meeting we passed a couple of buckets around for donations to the Al Patton Scholarship Fund and a roof fund. Thanks to those who generously contributed. Most of our members cannot make all the meetings. I appeal to you also for support of these two funds. Please consider writing a check for whichever you want to support and send to Don Bush, (address is at the left). Remember when writing checks, please make them out to EAA 172 only. Other fancier titles only get us in trouble with the bank. Further in the Newsletter you will find a graphic showing our progress towards our goals.

Dues

At the August meeting it was asked what we are going to do about those who have not paid their membership this year. Our first action will be to email directly those who have not paid. After that we will consider a phone campaign. Many unpaid members are regulars and are quite unaware that they are behind.

September

Our next meeting will be on September 11th at the Pea Patch. We will be having grilled or barbecued chicken. I am still working on something for our entertainment. I hope you will join us!



Fly safe!

Al



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**Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172
August 14, 2010**

Before the meeting the members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious barbecue meal cooked by Sid and Benjamin Brown. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes. Everyone appreciated the "Back to School" theme which Frances Weiss arranged on the tables. Approximately 52 members, family, and guests signed in. Because of the overcast weather and threat of storms no aircraft were able to fly in. 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 1:03 PM. Al welcomed the guests. Al thanked Sid and Benjamin Brown for preparing the food. Al also thanked those who were at the August 7th clean-up day. He also asked people to pass around buckets to collect money for both the Clubhouse Roof fund and the Al Patton Fund. 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: Richard Fender moved that the minutes for the last meeting should be approved. Dan Scukanec seconded the motion and it was approved. Treasurer Don Bush said that there was \$265 in the Kitty which covered the food expense.



Frances Weiss discusses the clean-up day.

Frances Weiss thanked everyone who came out on the club cleanup day at the Pea Patch on Saturday, August 7. Elsewhere in this newsletter there is a list of those who helped. She said that when there is a Saturday clean-up day there is no Thursday meeting preparation day.

New Business: Virginia Bush said that the next club eat-out would be on July 22 at Crum's On Central restaurant, 1855 Central Ave., Augusta, Georgia. Don Bush said that Craig Fuller will be at the Athens Van Epps airport this coming Wednesday.

Al Nodorft congratulated Will Christian for obtaining his pilot's license. Will said that he started one and a half years ago and that his favorite moment was soloing.



Will Christian talking about his pilot's license.

Sid Brown talked about the Low Country Boil planned for the next meeting, September 11. He said that the cost would be \$10 since shrimp was getting expensive. (*Ed. Note: see elsewhere in this newsletter that the food for that meeting has been changed.*)

Everyone wished Al Nodorft's son, Michael, "Happy 10th Birthday" and enjoyed his birthday cake.

Al Newman moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Program: Because of the weather, our speaker, Tim Wright from Chapter 780 in Athens, Georgia, was not able to be at the meeting.



The Birthday Boy

REMINDER: Frances Weiss is asking for volunteers to come to the Pea Patch on Thursday, September 9, between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM to help prepare the Clubhouse for the meeting.

**SPECIAL FOOD UPDATE
RE: SEPTEMBER 11**

Because currently shrimp has skyrocketed in price, we will not have a Low Country Boil meal at the September 11 meeting.

Instead, we will have some fine grilled or barbecued chicken.

We may have the Low Country Boil meal at the Wrens Fall Fly-in perhaps on Friday, October 1.