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**October, 2011**

**PRESIDENT'S DESK**

**Al Nodorft**

For those who missed our last meeting and their chance to nominate new officers, you'll be happy to know that your current officers will be serving you again through 2012. We have enjoyed doing this and would appreciate feedback on how we can serve you better.

October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> is the fall fly-in at Wrens. This is a chapter sponsored event in conjunction with PRA Chapter 13, flying mostly gyros. Come see the fun everyone has and fly-in if you can. This is what it is all about.

October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> are the dates for Boshears Skyfest this year. Often this conflicts with the start of deer season, but not this year, so please plan to come and enjoy the day while supporting the area's premier aviation event. Greg Connell and Gary Ward will both be flying and I understand that Ashley Battles (an Augusta native) will be doing a wing walking act. Don't miss it!

I really appreciate those who volunteer to help out with the Boshears event. Over thirty people from our club help out. It makes a big difference on the success of the show. A big thank you also to those who bring their planes for display. What would an air show be without airplanes???

**More Tragedies**

Seems like every time I sit down to write this there is a bad weekend of air show tragedies. This time Jimmy Leeward crashed his P-51 (Galloping Ghost) at the Reno Air Races. Unfortunately his plane crashed in the spectator area. This is the first time a spectator has been killed in the US in 60 years. You can be sure the FAA will be looking to make changes to these events.

At a West Virginia air show one of the T-28s went down. It was flying with the Trojan Horses formation team.

I hope this is the end of air show tragedies this year. Too many excellent performers have lost their lives for various reasons. You all be careful out there!

**Humor**

*You might be a redneck pilot if...*

... your stall warning plays "Dixie."

... your cross-country flight plan uses flea markets as check points.

... you think sectionals charts should show trailer parks.

... you've ever used moonshine as avgas.

... you have mud flaps on your wheel pants.

... you think GPS stands for going perfectly straight.

... your toothpick keeps poking your mike.

**October Meeting**

Our next meeting is a breakfast meeting on October 8th. Don't forget to go to Wrens in the afternoon for the fall fly-in.

Daniel Field (DNL), Augusta, Georgia



**October 15 - 16, 2011**

Fly safe!

*Al*



Wrens Memorial Airport, Wrens, Ga.  
October 7-8, 2011. Early Bird Days October 5-6, 2011.

## Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 September 10, 2011



Sid Brown and Mark Chapin grilling the hot dogs & burgers.

Before the meeting 43 members, their families, and visitors enjoyed delicious hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by our fabulous EAA 172 grillers, Sid Brown and his friend Mark Chapin. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes. Six planes flew in, including two Pitts and a Beech Baron. At 12:29 PM Al Newman gave the invocation and everyone ate. Club President Al Nodorft called the business meeting to order at 12:55 PM. Al thanked Sid Brown and his friend, Mark Chapin, for grilling the hot dogs and hamburgers. Al also welcomed back CFI Mike Morris who had moved away several years ago.



Two Pitts flying in.

*Old Business:* Richard Fender moved to accept the minutes for the last meeting. Steve Thompson seconded the motion and it was approved.

*New Business:* Virginia Bush said that the September 22nd EAA 172 “night out” will be at Villa Europa on Deans Bridge Road in Augusta.

Members talked about the upcoming EAA 172 Wrens Fall Fly-in October 7-8, as well as the Breakfast Fly-in on October 8, and Boshears SkyFest October 15-16. Steve Thompson volunteered to be the Head Chef for the Breakfast Fly-in.

We had the election of club officers for 2012. There were no other nominations so the current officers volunteered to continue serving the club in 2012. Steve Thompson made a motion to that effect and Richard Fender seconded the motion. The motion passed with only one “nay”.



Richard Fender moved that the business meeting adjourn. Al Newman seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

*Program:* Our guest speaker was going to be World War II veteran Ray Nault who was going to talk about his life and his book *The Silvery Mustang in War and Peace*. He had mailed a copy of his book to club president Al Nodorft. Unfortunately, Ray Nault passed away two days before the club meeting.

Al Nodorft’s daughter, Mikayla, read moving words related to the 09/11/2001 terrorist attacks.

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## Open Letter From The EAA's Founder: Food for Thought

September 20, 2011 – Having just passed my 90th birthday, I know firsthand time really flies. I want to say thanks to all the chapter folks who sent cards and well-wishes; it’s sincerely appreciated.

When I look back at the many years of my involvement with EAA, its members, chapters, and divisions, working with the Department of Commerce, CAA and the FAA, and other government agencies, it’s been quite a learning lesson. I know organizations would like to build the pilot population, support the airports, innovations that EAA has accomplished in developing the homebuilt and light plane field – recognizing the need for reliable, cheaper powerplants to propel us along the way. From the early days of homebuilding when there were so many surplus military engines, Continental engines could be bought for some \$25-\$50, but not so today. When one considers the kits of today for some \$100,000, that amount could buy four automobiles at \$25,000 each with a brand new reliable engine.



Looking back at an editorial featured in *Sport Aviation* magazine one could also ask, where are our chapters headed? I think that each chapter should review its future, stability, purpose, and goals. From time to time, we lose a chapter for various reasons (sometimes due to a lack of leadership), but I’ve often said that should EAA fail, our chapters would continue to exist in the aviation community. People sharing a common interest and passion in aviation, maintaining its high standards, enjoying each other’s company and fellowship. I, too, would be interested in receiving any comments relative to what you think of your organization, i.e., where EAA is headed now and into the future. It’s good to review our past, present, and future for the overall good of the aviation community. Let me hear your thoughts. Email your thoughts to [chapters@caa.org](mailto:chapters@caa.org) with “Thoughts for Paul” as the subject line.

Paul H. Poberezny

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