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Since hurricane Matthew was still pummeling the South Carolina coast and some counties in Georgia and South Carolina where EAA 172 members live, we had a low member turnout at the October 8th club meeting. Some members' homes may have been flooded and had trees and branches strewn on their houses and the roads. So, at the informal meeting of the eight members who were there, we decided to push the elections to the November meeting. Also we decided not to have a meal but to offer coffee, soda, and pastries at the 10:00 AM meeting on November 12th at the Pea Patch Aerodrome rather than meeting at Daniel Field. Please note the changed time.

EAA 172 officers and Dennis Allen attended the joyous and uplifting Memorial Service for Jean Hildebrant on October 22nd at the Poteet Funeral Home.

Because we have had a low member turnout at the last few meetings, especially the Fall Fly-in where we had nearly 200 visitors and more than 50 aircraft, and there seemed to be less interest of the members in club activities, past president Al Nodorft wrote an excellent "Letter to All" about the current status of our EAA chapter. He wrote that he is saddened "... to see the current status of our chapter. In the past several year I have witnessed the reduction in our chapter membership and participation. Since the time I was president we have had many of our older folks die. That leaves us 'younger' folks to carry on. Yes – commitment is required. Doesn't have to be a lot or full time, but you may have to take a small role to help keep this going." **Please read the complete letter on the next page.**



Past EAA 172 president Keith Robbins (1993 - 1995) has donated more than 50 pounds of aircraft parts to us.

These are cables, wires, aircraft bolts and fittings, gauges etc. that someone working on his own plane might just need. They are **free** -- just come to the November meeting!



AIRCRAFT PARTS [BOX 1](#)



AIRCRAFT PARTS [BOX 2](#)

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Open Letter to EAA 172 Members



Al Nodorft was the president of EAA Chapter 172 from 2010 through 2012. He has attended most of our meetings and has these comments about our Chapter, EAA 172.

Letter to all:

At this time we are looking for a president and vice-president to help lead our chapter. My understanding is that no one is stepping up to fill these roles. Each person has their reasons, but it is indicative of the overall condition of our chapter. EAA 172 is a chapter run by volunteers. If there are no volunteers, there is no chapter. Even if two people volunteer to fill the open roles, a total of 4 officer volunteers are not enough to make the chapter go on. An EAA chapter needs many volunteers to make it run.

In the past several year I have witnessed the reduction in our chapter membership and participation. Since the time I was president we have had many of our older folks die. They were the ones who started this chapter or joined many years ago and remained active as long as they could. Back in the day we ran four fly-ins each year (Boshears, O.B. Brown, Fall Fly-in, and Millen). We had a food trailer and Young Eagles pilots, etc. A very active and dynamic group. Today we have 2 fly-ins minimally run by a handful of chapter members – no food trailer and no Young Eagles.

Chapter meeting attendance has declined significantly. The food is just as good as it has always been, so that is not the issue. I believe we have lost our purpose for gathering. What makes us want to get together? Do we need guest speakers, fly-outs or project visits? Our own members have great stories to tell or projects to see. Could be educational topics. I don't know. What would make you want to come? You need to let the chapter officers know what makes the meeting worthwhile to you.

I understand the culture has changed since the chapter was first created. The internet has allowed us to do many things that we used to have to do face to face. I still believe that meeting for food and fellowship is important to us. There is no greater group of people than pilots and their families.

As a past president it breaks my heart to see the current status of our chapter. Many of the dedicated in the past have gone on. That leaves us “younger” folks to carry on. Yes – commitment is required. Doesn't have to be a lot or full time, but you may have to take a small role to help keep this going. You will also have to help decide what makes this chapter valuable to you, and tell someone. I hope that all of you will help revive this chapter.

Blue skies,
Allen Nodorft



In this newsletter is the 2016 EAA 172 Membership form. The \$30 dues for 2017 are due by December 31, 2016.

You should . . .

make out any check or money order only to **EAA 172** with no other words on the “Pay to the order of” line. Please mail or give the dues and form to Don Bush, the Treasurer. Include the membership form so that we may have accurate updates, changes, etc.

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Only \$30 if paid before January 1, 2017!

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