



EAA 172 Election Meeting (was postponed from October 8)

November 12, 2016

10:00 AM

Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia

EAA 172 *CHRISTMAS PARTY*

December 10, 2016 12:30 pm

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Birthday

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| Timothy RISCBIETER | 11-02 | Cathy MULHERIN | 11-04 |
| Roy WICKER | 11-02 | Joyce JAMES | 11-05 |
| Bruce CAMERON, Jr. | 11-03 | Cindy BRITT | 11-06 |
| James REEVES | 11-04 | Valerie BELL | 11-08 |
| Robert ROBERTSON | 11-09 | Donna HENDRICK | 11-24 |
| Nandi SHETTY | 11-12 | Shirley McBURNEY | 11-29 |
| Marc WILMOTH | 11-18 | | |
| Michael HENDRICK | 11-28 | | |

Anniversaries

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| Richard & Valerie BELL | 11-01 |
| Gene & Janeen MOHR | 11-14 |
| Mark & Rhonda SLONE | 11-17 |
| Frank & Jackie CHRISTIAN | 11-23 |
| Richard & Cindy ZGOL | 11-26 |

EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, November 24: EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. Because of all the holiday happenings this month (Today is Thanksgiving!) and next month, there will be no EAA 172 social "get together" this month. The next one will be January 26, 2017, when Shirley Harden will be handling the details.

For questions contact Shirley Harden 706-855-1553 e-mail: ghardensr@comcast.net.

AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: *You rented a Cessna 172 to take your friends on a short flight, and you want to maximize your time in the air. Can you start taxiing while they get situated in their seats, as long as you, the pilot, have your seat belt fastened?*

According to the FAA: No. Passengers must be briefed about seat belts and also notified to put them on. Then, according to [14 CFR 91.107](#), "(2) "... each person on board a U.S.-registered civil aircraft must occupy an approved seat or berth with a safety belt and, if installed, shoulder harness, properly secured about him or her during movement on the surface, takeoff, and landing."

This Month's Question: While working on your instrument rating in an aviation training device, your instructor was present, but you didn't wear a view-limiting device. Can these hours be counted toward the 40 hours required for your rating?

Minutes of the Meeting for EAA Chapter 172 for October 8, 2016, 12:30 PM

The weather was cloudy with winds only at 15 mph, but rain-free, with the temperatures in the lower 70s. We were still under the outer rain band of hurricane Matthew that had just hit Charleston on the South Carolina coast. Hurricane Matthew's center was only 140 miles away, with the actual edge of the hurricane force winds about 100 miles from Augusta and tropical storm winds now 60 miles away. No planes flew in. By the end of the meeting blue skies were showing through the trailing edges of the last rainband of the hurricane. Since tropical storm force winds and rain had hit some close-by South Carolina counties as well as several nearby Georgia



Hurricane Matthew's outer rain bands were overhead at 11:00 AM. But they were not dropping any rain and the wind was light.

counties perhaps this was a cause of the low meeting attendance. Before the meeting, in the comfortable clubhouse, only eight members and family were present. The members at the meeting were Joe & Cindy Britt, Don & Virginia Bush, John Magnan,



George & Frances Weiss, and Gary Jones who came in toward the end of the meeting. At 12:30 PM club vice-president Joe Britt gave the invocation and everyone enjoyed a fine Potluck Meal. Potluck entrées and sidedishes as well as delicious desserts had been brought in by club members who attended.

Because we had so few members present we had an informal meeting during the meal. We decided not to have a fly-out to Augusta Aviation at Daniel Field (Augusta, Georgia) in November since there did not seem to be much interest in having a meeting there. We could have had a speaker from Augusta Aviation possibly talk about avionics or aircraft maintenance at that meeting. We also decided not to have the election of officers for 2017 at this meeting. We would have that election at the November 12th meeting.

The principal topic of discussion was the lack of participation of members at club events, now only the two fly-ins – the Spring and Fall ones. We wondered whether it was the quality of the food – but some mentioned that we should not have an aviation club meeting just for the food and that the food we usually had was excellent, though fewer members were bringing side dishes and desserts. Maybe the disinterest of members was caused by the lack of aviation activity at the Pea Patch. A few thought that any aviation topics we might have were just not the right ones for newer, and younger, club members. Maybe it was the location – was the Pea Patch too far away for most? Would they prefer to have meetings at a different location? We decided to find out from club members what they wanted from EAA 172.

Virginia Bush said that the next social eat-out for members would be at T-Bonz Steakhouse 601 North Belair Office Square, in Evans, Georgia, on October 27.

Vice president Joe Britt remarked that we needed EAA 172 volunteers to help out at the official unveiling of the new Augusta Aviation hangar doors at Daniel Field on October 26. Those helping should be there around 9:00 AM.

We agreed to have the November 12th meeting at 10:00 AM and to have only coffee and pastries. Possibly the need to bring food was affecting the meeting attendance over the past few months. We would charge a \$3 donation at the November meeting since besides the food, we also have to pay for electricity, LP gas, and other fees each month. Perhaps we could have a meeting with a meal only a few times a year.



Hurricane Matthew's outer rain bands were gone by 3:00 PM allowing some blue sky to be seen.

Secretary John Magnan said that past president Keith Robbins was sending over 50 pounds of aviation parts that could be offered, free, to club members. John said he would have those boxes of parts at the November meeting.

