

# The Pea Patch Post



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**December 2017**

**President's Desk**

**Al Nodorft**

The end of the year is coming up fast. As I write this, Thanksgiving is just a couple of days away and it feels like the end of the year is right after. I am sure the time will go fast.

After many years of service as chapter officers, John Magnan and Don Bush will be retiring from their official duties with Chapter 172. In the times I have been president they have seamlessly done their work with me often not even knowing what was done. They will be missed in that role, but we hope and plan to see them in 2018 as members who can come to just enjoy. See the more detailed articles later in the newsletter. Thank you, guys!

As usual, in January we will have the chili cook-off. When you come to the December meeting we will be asking for volunteer contestants.

We are also looking for feedback and guidance from the members on how to improve our organization. We will be asking about this at the December meeting as well, so think about it before you come.

Finally – we will be collecting toys for deserving children again this year for those who wish to participate. Charlie and Sheila Connell will collect them and distribute.

### DECEMBER MEETING:

The December meeting will be a time of fellowship as well as honoring John Magnan and Don Bush for their years of service as Secretary and Treasurer of EAA Chapter 172. If you have any special stories to tell, come prepared.

This meeting will be at the Pea Patch with lunch starting at 12:30. The menu will be Turkey. Please bring an appropriate side dish.

**Fly Safe!**

*Al*



### For the Christmas Party:

Please bring a new unwrapped toy for a boy or girl for children served by a worthy organization who will distribute the toys to deserving children.

**EAA 172 Dues due! Only \$30 for the year 2018.**

**Minutes of the Meeting of EAA Chapter 172 Members for November 11, 2017 12:30 PM  
Pea Patch Aerodrome, Blythe/Augusta, Georgia**

The weather was mostly cloudy, damp, with the temperature around 50 degrees. No planes flew in. Secretary John Magnan had purchased sodas, tea, and ice for the club and set them out and prepared the buffet table. Many club members prepared the clubhouse dining area and set out the tables and chairs. Before the meeting 20 members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious hot dog & hamburger meal as well as side dishes and desserts. Member Mark Slone ably grilled the hot dogs and burgers. Club president Nodorft started the meeting at 1:03 PM. He thanked Mark Slone for grilling for the excellent meal.



President Nodorft asked for a motion approving the minutes for the October 14, 2017 meeting. Nandi Shetty moved and Richard Fender seconded the motion. The members approved the motion unanimously.

There was some discussion about the Keurig coffee maker that had been brought in. After more talk about the coffee maker, a motion was made and seconded to purchase the device. Those present approved the motion. A couple members made comments that they could obtain K-Cup coffee pods, filters, etc. for it.

We also talked about the unwrapped toys for children that we usually have members bring in to the December meeting. In the past they were donated to the Children's Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. This year Charlie & Sheila Connell might choose another worthy organization, such as the Toys-For-Tots group, to whom to give the toys.

President Nodorft gave away a few flightline caps left over from the last Boshears fly-in.

**Elections:** Members unanimously re-elected Allen Nodorft as president of EAA 172 for 2018. Then, after a small amount of discussion, the members voted for and unanimously approved the election of Nandi Shetty as Vice-president of EAA 172, Alex LaFave as Secretary of EAA 172, and Sandy Walther as Treasurer of EAA 172. President Nodorft re-named Nandi Shetty as Young Eagles Coordinator. He also named Alex LaFave as Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, and Sandy Walther as Media Coordinator.



After the meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM we had an excellent presentation by Michael Nodorft about his aviation experiences in Alaska this past summer. Michael said he logged 38.2 hours of flight time in Alaska. He described in detail, using a video projector at times, various aspects of his flight training. The most interesting parts of his presentation were his anecdotes about flights to "hidden" airports, especially the sod/grass airfields, as well as the unusual Alaskan characters he met. He had met and talked with several "bush" folks who lived alone with just a ramshackle home on a dirt airstrip in the middle of the Alaskan wilderness.

After the regular meeting, the new officers for 2018 gathered and discussed future plans for 2018.

