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PREZ SAYS

2012 is here. We had a very good board meeting Tues night, the 3rd. Outlining our schedule for 2012 of what we need to do and want to do. We are happy that Jamie Smith will be our 2012 Young Eagle rep. Pam did a great job at our Young Eagle event in the spring and a big thank you Pam for all that you did.

Saturday, we will have a video(s) on aviation related topics and our meal will be pancakes and sausage at 11 am.

We look forward to seeing you there. It 's a great time to re-visit with friends and hangar talk.

Thank You.

Garry Hodges, President EAA 1047

MINUTES

EAA Chapter 1047

Minutes 12-3-2011

Meeting called to order at 10:05 by Gary Hodges.

20 members and 3 guests were present.

Next year's officers were named: All officers will remain for 1 more year.

Tom Gregorski will be Technical Advisor, and Guilford Mooring will be Flight Advisor.

Christmas party will be the 17th in the chapter room. Decorations will be done by Roger and Eileen Shanks. Janie Hodges will cook a beef roast, and all others will bring a covered dish or desert. The club will supply all the drinks and plates and utensils.

We will play dirty Santa again this year. Gifts should be \$25.00 range.

Gronna Jones will check with the city as to the status on the wiring for the stove in the chapter room.

Guilford donated a double sink for the kitchen area.

A motion was made by Billy that we spend up to \$1,000.00 on the kitchen upgrade, and Roger 2nd it.

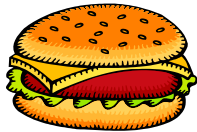
A reminder was given by Keith that the yearly dues are due before January.

Keith challenged all members to bring at least 2 guests to a meeting next year.

Our guest speaker was Ryan Ellis from the National Weather Service. He explained how they forecast the weather for the aviation community. He explained how they determine what info to put in all briefings and how to determine when to issue alerts. All in all it was very informative and interesting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Following the meeting, hamburgers were served to all.



CHAPTER NEWS
Kitchen Project Report

We are happy to report that the wiring for our new electric stove and hot water heater was finished by the building maintenance department of the City of Wilson in time for use at our annual Christmas Party.

Roger Shanks and Keith Daughety cut out the counter top for placement of the sink and the plumbing contractor installed the sink/hot water heater. The job was inspected by the City Inspector so that the system was in operation for the party.

It should be noted that the sink, hot water and electric stove got a good workout during the Christmas Party. All of the effort and expense for this project really paid off immediately.

Now with the improved kitchen, we look forward to even better meals and clean up with ease.

The entire membership of Chapter 1047 deserves a

pat on the back for making this project reality.

Also, it is important to remember that our President, Garry Hodges spearheaded this project and was a key player in making it come to fruition.

We also want to thank City Airport Manager Gronna Jones and the City of Wilson Building Maintenance Department for all their work and support to make the project reality.

Thanks Gronna!!!!

Thanks Garry!!!!



Eileen & Janey admire the new sink and stove!

Christmas Party

Approximately 25-30 members/guests attended the Christmas Party and enjoyed lots of good food, fellowship and the game of gift-exchange.

A big thanks goes to Garry's wife Janey for cooking the roast and working diligently all night at the new kitchen sink.

Gifts were opened, stolen by others and replaced with something different. In the end everyone that brought a gift took a gift home and had a good time playing "Dirty Santa".

If you could not attend, we hope you can be there in 2012!

Tail Dragger News

As you all know, many pilots say you are not flying until you fly a tail dragger!

Well let's all agree that it is different than tri-cycle gear by a big margin. One of our members has put another notch on his aviation belt with a "tail dragger" endorsement. Well I guess we can say that Jamie Smith is really flying now. Congratulations Jamie. What's next?

Thought to Ponder

In 1931, William T. Piper purchased the assets of Taylor Aircraft Corporation for \$761. Shortly after Piper's purchase, an improved frame for the Taylor E-2 was introduced and outfitted with a 37-HP Continental A-40. The airplane was rebranded the Cub and awarded a type certificate in July 1931. Twenty-two Taylor E-2 Cubs were sold that year. And the rest is Piper History!

Super Cub Arrives At W03



Frank Kidd pilots in a Super Cub that will live on at W03. The new owners, Frank Kidd & Jamie Smith were all smiles as they taxied in front of the big hanger where they went to work washing and cleaning! Hey guys, it makes W03 proud.

Coming Events



Sun & Fun

March 27 – April 1, 2012

www.sun-n-fun.org



FEATURE ARTICLE

The Push For Driver's License Medical

Many of you I am sure have been reading in different aviation news magazines about the effort underway for EAA & AOPA to request an exemption from the FAA to allow pilots who fly recreationally to use the driver's license medical standard currently available only to Sport Pilots for some planes not in the LSA category. Information regarding this indicates that the request will be made sometime early in 2012.

Additionally, the process will require pilots to

complete an online course on aeromedical factors and self-certification. If the FAA approves this request, it could be a big boost to some aspects of general aviation. This exemption would be limited to single engine aircraft, 180 hp or less, four seats, fixed gear, day flying only, VFR and with only one passenger. However, this would substantially increase the number of aircraft that a sport pilot may fly such as Cessna 150's and 172's. Hopefully this would increase the business in the general aviation arena. It will be interesting to see how this plays out over the next months or years.

2012 Dues

A reminder that we are taking in membership dues for 2012 and if you have not paid your dues for this year, you can still do so. You may pay Keith Daughety or Eileen Shanks. Don't forget to renew your membership with the National EAA Office!

Don't forget our monthly meeting this Saturday Jan 7th at 10:00AM. Lunch will be served. Do you like pancakes?

Your Newsletter Editor,
Keith