



The President's Corner

December is a great month. I like the chance to celebrate Christmas, in the traditional style. This year, we did as we have in some past years; no gifts, but to help others. We did this in many ways. We try to help others that may not be as fortunate as we are. And believe me, as difficult as we might think it is, many others have a lot less.

We had a great time at Ed's, celebrating with a wonderful dinner. You can read a little more detail about the evening further on in the newsletter. I want to thank Ed and his wife for opening their home, again, for a bunch of "wing nuts" to share fellowship.

This is January! Hey, New Year's resolutions! The big thing about them is that we are supposed to forget what is in the past and start over anew on our goals. (Of course, we should always remember each day is a new day, and we can always strive forward, forgetting what is in the past). Not only do I intend to do that with my Cozy project, but also I intend to do that with my commitment to EAA477. Along with that, I will be encouraging those that are "fence sitting" on projects to take the plunge. I think the programs we have in store and the project visits will encourage you to "stretch your wings". I hope they stretch mine!

Now for my progress report on the Cozy project:

While not monumental, I did finish a lot of little things regarding finishing and assembly. The weather was really conducive to that. However, the engine



Glen and his "DAR" inspecting the engine mount.

mount, which has plagued me over the past couple of months, has been junked in lieu of a different design. I had pushed and pushed to get the first mount done, and the further I went the less confident I became with it.

Some of you might identify with this in parts of your projects. The further you go, the slower the progress until you are just a little depressed with what you have. That is what happened to me. But now that I have made the decision to start over again, I almost feel refreshed. I don't look at it as wasted time (although I would like it back), but as a learning experience. I am ready to move on with the new one!

-Glen Phelps, President

Upcoming Events

Jan 11 – SCBC, Eagle Aviation at Columbia Metro (KCAE)

Jan 17 – Chapter 477 Meeting
Painting demo at John Disher's shop. See page 2 for details.



Jan 22-25 - U.S. Sport Aviation Expo 2009, Sebring Regional Airport, Florida.

www.sport-aviation-expo.com



Jan 25 – SCBC, Greenwood County Airport (KGRD)

Feb 14 – (tentative) Flight Design
CTLS demo & chili cook-off

Dues are... due

It's time to renew your membership!
See Rich's Treasurer's report on page 4.



Christmas Dinner

On December 11th once again Ed Roberts and his wife Lee opened up their home to host the annual Chapter 477 Christmas dinner. About 17 attended. As usual, Ed grilled up some delicious steaks. Along with that guests brought many tasty covered dishes & desserts. It was good for the members to get together with their spouses in this friendly relaxed gathering. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and no one went home hungry!



I think Mel took some photos; I'll try to get those posted on our web site.

-Kevin Thorp, Secretary

Next Meeting: January 17th

Technical Presentation on Aircraft Painting

Date: Saturday, Jan 17th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: J & L Auto Body, 408 Old Trolley Rd., Summerville (map link on www.eaa477.org)

Hosted by John Disher (actually his daughter & granddaughter will be presenting) with Rich Hassell assisting.

Topics:

- Theory
- Safety
- Preparation
- Sanding
- Masking
- Priming
- Painting
- Cleanup



This will be very interesting presentation!

We should wrap up about 12:00, then serve hot pizza and cold drinks.

Treasurer's Report

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| Bank Balance as of Jan. 1, 2009 | \$2161.30 |
| Petty cash and Postage | 96.15 |
| Total Cash Assets | \$2166.30 |

Note: it's that time of year again – time to renew your membership in Chapter 477. The dues are \$25 and checks should be made payable to “LowCountry Sport Aviation Inc.”.

An application is included on page 5, but if your personal information hasn't changed, all we need is a check (please write your EAA number in the memo field).

-Rich Hassell, Treasurer



FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENT

We're currently firming up plans with AirplanesDirect, a Flight Design dealer in Asheville NC, to fly one of their new CTLS aircraft down to Charleston, tentatively scheduled Saturday February 14.



In addition, we'll also have a chili cook-off competition with the Holly Hill EAA Chapter and the East Cooper Pilot's Association.

Sounds like a fun day, doesn't it?

The Year In Review

January

We started off with a new year and new officers. And we had a pretty exciting event planned, with Rans Aircraft scheduled to bring their S-7 and new S-19 through Charleston on their way to the Sebring Sport Aviation Expo. Unfortunately they had to cancel due to weather in Kansas. However Earl came through with his connections at Rotomotion – a manufacturer of rotary-wing UAVs just north of Daniel Island. We had a very interesting factory tour and flight demo.



February

Nick Ugolini did a very informative technical presentation on aircraft wiring. Nick is one of our own members and continues to be a source of motivation and information. We also welcomed Grey Minshew as a new member.

March

Remos aircraft demo & cookout at DYB. Thank you Richard Hill and Peter Radding for showing your neat LSA. We had a good turnout due to great weather and a postcard mailing to advertise the event. Picked up a new member, George Tyler.

April

As usual, this was a very busy month for aviation groups. It started with Sun n' Fun in Lakeland, Florida, followed by the Charleston AFB Expo. We hosted the South Carolina Breakfast Club at Summerville, which was hampered by rain the day before and marginal flying conditions on that day. Then our regular meeting featured Col. James B. Roberts, USAF Ret with a presentation of the air wars of recent years. It was a full month with good attendance at our events.



May

We went out to Glen's house to see his Cozy project & have a nice outdoor dinner. That afternoon was a milestone for Glen; the first time he had the wings mounted on the fuselage. It looked like a real airplane!

June

Genvieve Orange gave a delightful talk at our regular meeting regarding her very interesting aviation experiences during WWII and post-war. A wonderful and captivating evening. This was also the month that Glen visited Alaska and had the opportunity learn a little about flying up there (as presented in the July Flypaper).



July

Chapter 477 hosted a "mini" fly-in/cookout, inviting a local Cub Scout Den 725. The Scouts had a great experience building and flying balsa & tissue models. They were also treated to a great impromptu Aerobatic show put on by Lee Graves in his Pitts and a visit by Pat Wechter in his recently finished Marquart Charger. And of course, this is the month that EAA Airventure starts.



August

Nick Ugolini put on his first of two technical presentations on propeller design and construction. We also hosted the South Carolina Breakfast Club at Monks Corner. The weather this time was great, resulting in good attendance.

September

Our very own John Disher had his RV-9 is certified! Now all he has to do is start flying off the restriction. Nick Ugolini gave the second of his two-part presentation on propeller construction. Some of our members also attended the Holly Hill fly-in hosted by our friends at Chapter 1465.

October

We hosted the DYB open house. The first scheduled date was canceled because of horrible weather, with a rain date planned for the following Saturday. On Friday we received record rain in the area (actually washing out a section of highway near the airport), but kept the schedule for Saturday.



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The morning was marginal but even so, we had a number of interesting aircraft and pilots visit. Naturally the weather improved about the time the event ended!

November

For our regular meeting we watched the excellent documentary, "One Six Right" and ate chili brought by Glen & Karen. Kevin also visited the Just Aircraft factory in November and presented his experience in the December Flypaper.



December

A chance to sit back and have a leisurely Christmas Dinner at Ed Roberts' house (see report on page 2)

It was a good year with a lot of great opportunities. To read more detail on any of these activities look at the past issues of the FlyPaper newsletter. These can be found on our website, www.eaa477.org

(compiled by Glen Phelps & Kevin Thorp)



Angel Flights

I'm now doing Angel flights again and need a Co-Pilot from time to time. I would like to have some names I could refer to when and if needed. Flights could be anytime to anywhere. I will foot ALL expenses; just need someone in the right seat of my Lance.

Doug Shorter

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Aviation on the Brain?

Are you a pilot? Building a project? Thinking about building a project? Or just interested in sport aviation? Check out our web site and drop in on one of our chapter meetings. See ya there!

Piper Tri Pacer



Photo by Phil Vabre

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Membership Application

You must be a current EAA Member to join Chapter 477

Name _____ EAA # _____ Exp.Date ___/___/___

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone; Cell _____ Home _____ E-mail _____

Send you meeting notices, newsletters, etc. via your e-mail? Yes [] No []

Today's Date _____ Adult Membership [] Student Membership []

Annual dues: Adults \$25.00 if paid by Dec. 31 or \$20.00 if paid by Dec. 1. Students \$12.

New members after Dec 31 pay dues pro-rated at \$2.00/month adults, \$1.00/month students.

Make checks payable to "***Low Country Sport Aviation, Inc.***"

EAA 477 membership dues paid; Cash [] Check [] Amount \$ _____ Date Paid _____

Pilot Ratings (if applicable) _____ Types _____

Total Hrs. PIC _____ Experimental _____ Last Biennial ___/___/___ Hrs. since last _____

Aircraft you have owned or own now _____

Aircraft you have built or building now _____

Aircraft you would seriously consider building/restoring _____

Skills you would be willing to share/help other members in their homebuilt project _____

Other skills/talents that can help our chapter _____

Comments/suggestions, including membership in other EAA Chapters _____

Thanks, and welcome to Chapter 477!