

The FlyPaper

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The Official Newsletter for EAA Chapter 477, Charleston, South Carolina



From the President

With the holidays, there has not been too much talking about building or flying, unless you used that "magic carpet" to do some traveling. Hope you all got just what you wanted for Christmas, I know I can't complain. And now the days are officially getting longer so we can get more done on our projects!

Pam and I had to make an unexpected trip to the Houston, TX area after her uncle passed away, and I was not able to make the meeting. I heard that it went well and you can read more about that in the pages that follow.

We had a number of people show up for our social at Gilligan's. Then again, some got the flue for Christmas and had to cancel. Those that were there enjoyed a good meal and great fellowship.

But, speaking about the holidays, some of you might remember the short article I wrote for the November newsletter about gross weight at take off. I now have to adjust my weight and balance calculations since I have really "enjoyed" the holidays (somehow I don't think I am alone on that).



For our January meeting we are going to have a chili cook off, do some tire kicking and probably watch the EAA Chapter video again.

The members seemed to enjoy the Chapter video last month. Keep up with last minute changes through our website at eaa477.org

Roger might have an interesting speaker lined up for the February meeting. We'll confirm on the website & next months newsletter. In March we will have the next (& final) installment of Pat Wechter's fabric covering workshop. Our April meeting coincides with the Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels, an event that gets bigger and better every year, due to the work of Roger Medlin and the folks at RBW.

Now for my Cozy report: I did get some things done, but not as much as planned. But, family is important! Details here, details there, they never end, but the list is getting shorter. I think that someone once said that the last 10% of the project takes 90% of the time. OK, I hope that is not for real, but it sure feels like it. However, my Christmas gift arrived on Christmas eve (see photo). I can't wait to get it installed!!

-Glen Phelps, President

Upcoming Events

Jan 5 – SC Breakfast Club, Aiken [AIK](#)

Jan 11 – EAA Chapter 477 Meeting, Walterboro [RBW](#)

Jan 16-19 – U.S. Sport Aviation Expo, Sebring, FL



Jan 19 - SC Breakfast Club, Lake City [51J](#)

December Meeting Report

On December 14 the weather was pretty questionable, but cleared up enough to fly five Young Eagles. Great job Roger, Roy (any anyone else I might have missed).

Since we didn't have a formal agenda and our illustrious leader was out of town, we chose to watch the December EAA Chapter Video Magazine. For those of you who haven't seen these, they are very interesting 20-25 minute videos that feature aircraft building/restoring projects, special EAA members and news from HQ in Oshkosh.

The December video featured an Eagle Flight, and two other topics:

Gee Bee Q.E.D.: Project patrol with Jim Moss and friends who built a flying replica of the gigantic vintage racer.

Flying Light to Oshkosh: 17-year-old pilot Landon Clipp flies his powered parachute to Oshkosh.

We really enjoyed the video AND the delicious Dukes barbeque after the meeting!



Gee Bee Q.E.D. photos from www.antiqueairfield.com



Next Meeting: January 11

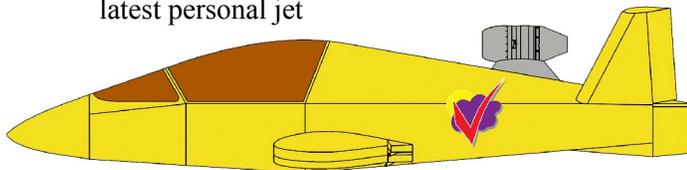
Saturday 11:00 am, Walterboro (RBW)

Officer elections will be held at our January meeting. Four positions are open: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. In addition there are a few appointed positions: Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Young Eagles Coordinator. If you think you might be able to help the Chapter in one of these roles, please call Glen Phelps at 729-9836.

Speaking of Glen, he hopes to have his new prop mounted and might be doing taxi testing by the 11th.

We don't have a formal speaker lined up, so we'll watch the January EAA Chapter Video Magazine, featuring:

- **News from HQ**
An update from EAA Chairman of the Board Jack Pelton
- **Lil Cub: Valdez STOL Champ**
Take a flight with EAAer Frank Knapp, winner of the 2013 Valdez STOL competition
- **SubSonex JSX-2**
Features and progress update on John Monnett's latest personal jet



For lunch we're having a chili cook-off! Think you have the best chili recipe in town? Bring it! We'll take a vote and present a fabulous trophy to the winner (Okay no trophy, but you will have bragging rights).

Let Glen know if you can bring chili, cornbread, "accessories" (scallions, cheese, ketchup, etc.) or tea.



Attention: As part of our 2014 membership drive we're raffling off a **\$100 Sporty's Gift Card** at our March meeting. Tickets can be purchased at any meeting for \$1, but as an added bonus we're giving away a free raffle



ticket to each *current* Chapter 477 member attending our January, February and/or March meetings!

Treasurer's Report

Welcome to the new year. We usually figure December will be our "BIG" money making month since we have the Christmas get-together and everyone usually catches up on their dues at the dinner. Also because of the \$5 reduction in the annual chapter dues during December. This time (probably at least in part because of the short period between Thanksgiving and Christmas) it seems like a lot of folks had conflicting schedules (I know all about that as I miss about half of what we do) that didn't allow them the opportunity to show up for the dinner. We missed everyone in that category but enjoyed the company of those whom were able to attend.

This was our first time having the dinner at Gilligan's Seafood Restaurant in Ladson so to boost interest we advertised a \$5 subsidy for a member and one guest to assist in covering their meals. Anyway, due to the subsidies and the fact that our usual jet blast of dues payers did not materialize we didn't make out like the bandits we are used to being in December. Don't forget that Chapter dues are due and payable in January. You can pay at the January meeting at RBW (see website for details) or send your \$25 check (made out to EAA477) to:

EAA Chapter 477
c/o Lee Miller Treasurer
207 Glebe Rd
Summerville, SC 29485-8317



Be sure to ask for your e-mail or paper copy receipt as we are trying to better track our financials for tax and business purposes (it will also help in case we go into one of those "Who was that guy that gave you his dues two months ago?").

December Financial Numbers:

Beginning Bank Balance = \$2,346.20
Ending Bank Balance = \$2,381.20

Beginning Petty Cash = \$80.00
Ending Petty Cash = \$75.00

Beginning Balance = \$2,426.20
Ending Balance = \$2,456.20
Increase or (decrease) = \$30.00

-Lee Miller, Treasurer

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If you're not already a member of EAA Chapter 477 we'd love to have you join us!

Fill out the application on our home page (www.eaa477.org).

Or just drop in on one of our meetings & see what we're all about.

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Jim Moss' Gee Bee Q.E.D. (see page 2)