

The FlyPaper

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From the (New) President

I would like to take this time to introduce myself, as the new EAA 477 President. For those who don't know me, I am presently the operations manager for the Low country Regional Airport in Walterboro, SC. (Low country, the home of the EAA 477.) I am also a multi-engine pilot that loves to fly. I will fly at the drop of a hat, and I will drop the hat, which is what aviation, along with building airplane, is all about. Flying airplanes, which is what I would like to see more of for the 477. Now I know not every one has an airplane, but we that do, need to share with those that don't. Now ask yourself, when was the last time you went flying? I, along with a few of our other EAA 477 members that have airplanes need to share the fun. As many of you know we have a great Young Eagle program that flies lots of kids, and now it's time to fly some Eagles. So for our first official meeting in January I want to offer to any and all a airplane ride. I also encourage my fellow aircraft owners of the 477 to join in the fun. We will look at short flights to Summerville, Allendale, John's Island, etc. After which we will have a cookout and really have some good hangar talk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 10 - EAA Chapter 477 Meeting, Walterboro (RBW)

Jan 14-17 - US Sport Aviation Expo, Sebring, FL
<http://sportaviationexpo.com>

Jan 18 - SC Breakfast Club, Lake City, [51J](#)



Second, before we go flying we will have our business meeting in the conference room in the airport terminal and discuss some new ideas and plans for the upcoming year. I am excited about some new things I would to talk about and get your feedback and input. Also its time for yearly dues, so bring cash, and or checks, no wooden nickels accepted.

Mark your calendar now for the January 10th, 2015. Bring your headsets, cameras and let's fly. If you don't have a headset, no worries - I have plenty. If you don't want to fly, that's fine, wave at those who do. Wear your leather flight jackets, and hats. It's time to lift off and experience the thrill of flight.

Third and finally, I want to give a special thanks for our outgoing President Glen Phelps. Glen has done a remarkable job over the past seven to eight years serving and making sacrifices to keep this chapter strong and vibrant. Good Job, Glen, who by the way just got his ground plane to an airplane. (Whoa Raw!!)

Well enough said. I look forward to seeing you all here at RBW as we launch a new year for the EAA 477.

-Roger Medlin, President EAA 477



P.S. Don't forget to check out our new Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ea477

December Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Glenn Phelps, Kevin Thorp, Jeff Grigg, Ron Malec, Mike Brown, Roy Carson, Roger Medlin, Nick Ugolini, Kenneth Burkhalter, Bruce Huffines, John Kirk

1. Ticket sales were offered for the Sporty's drawing – John Kirk won the drawing
2. EAA 477 dinner was announced and Glen took a tally of those who were attending the dinner and those who might still want to attend
3. Review comments and reports from those who attended the AOPA fly-in at St Simon's in November
4. Officer elections:
 - Roger Medlin was elected without opposition for President
 - Jason Gruden was elected without opposition as Vice President
 - Mike Brown was elected without opposition as Secretary
 - Roy Carson and Lee Miller were nominated as Treasure. A secret ballot was held and Roy Carson was elected
 - Kevin Thorp will remain as webmaster
 - Jeff Grigg accepted Young Eagles coordinator position
5. Kevin Thorp will stop producing a monthly newsletter. He will maintain the EAA 477 webpage and create an EAA 477 Facebook page. It was recommended that Greg Horne and Lee Miller be assistants to Kevin for the webpage and Facebook sites.
6. 15 Young Eagles were flown that morning prior to the meeting by pilots Roger Medlin, Jeff Grigg, Roy Carson and Mike Brown. Air Force Capt Chris Kerker spoke to the Young Eagles

Congratulations to John Kirk, winner of our December \$100 Sporty's Pilot Shop gift card raffle!



Treasurer's Report:

A few members have paid their dues for the new year, but we are well short of goal. The net loss is a result of required minimum payment to EAA Chapter offices for our 2015 commitment. If you have not paid your dues for the new year, we really need to hear from you.

And please welcome our new Treasurer, Roy Carson.

Beginning Bank Balance =	\$2,559.26
Ending Bank Balance =	\$2,280.15
Beginning Petty Cash =	\$97.00
Ending Petty Cash =	\$97.00
Beginning Balance =	\$2,656.26
Ending Balance =	\$2,377.15
Increase or (decrease) =	-\$279.11

-Submitted for Lee Miller by Glen Phelps

Next Meeting:

Saturday, January 10th, Lowcountry Regional Airport, Waterboro (RBW)

We are having a 4-part agenda:

1. Some pilots are arriving at 8:00 am to fly Young Eagles. If you would like to participate, please email Jeff Grigg at jwgrigg@lowcountry.com.
2. Our regular Chapter business meeting starts at 11:00. We'll meet the new executive team and talk about what they hope to do over the next year.
3. If there interest, the members with aircraft would like to offer "Eagle" flights to members who are not currently able to fly on their own. If you haven't been aloft in a while, this is your chance!
4. Afterwords we'll either have a hamburger cookout or carpool over to dukes for delicious BBQ.

No More Newsletters!

This is the final issue of the Chapter 477 FlyPaper. But don't worry, we've replaced it with something even better; our new Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ea477. In addition to posting the latest Chapter news, we'll also have news from Oshkosh, local aviation stories, jokes, photos, Young Eagle reports, military and historical aviation and much more. You don't need to be a Facebook member to view our page, unless you want to leave a comment. Please give it a look-see.

-Kevin Thorp, Webmaster

Outgoing President's Report

I thought it appropriate to provide a “final report” from my perspective as President of EAA Chapter 477.



In November of 2007, it seems that nobody was going to step up to the plate to take the position of President of the chapter. Earl Fisher was Secretary and was trying to get someone to take the job. After elbowing me and saying, “What about you young man?” I agreed and as they say, the rest is history.

I had been associated with the chapter for a couple of years. We met primarily in the Air Force Aero Club building on the third Thursday night of each month. The crowd was about five regulars with a few others showing up on occasion. Everybody chipped in for pizza and drinks and enjoyed sharing past aviation experiences, but rarely more than that.

With my “election”, I set about to make some changes. Kevin Thorp was there that night in November and served as editor of “The Flypaper”, our newsletter that has served us so well over the years. What transpired over the next several years couldn't have been done without his constant support. We called on several others to assist too. Rich Hassel, John Disher, Greg Horne, Nick Ugolini, Bruce Huffines, Lee Miller, Brett Grooms and many other persons. All played a vital role in keeping the chapter going in those early days.

Nick gave several presentations on different aspects of aircraft instrumentation and wiring; his specialty. There were outside speakers that came in and gave presentations about their niche in aviation. Some with hands on, some speaking about aviation regulations, some like Col James Roberts who told about the Air Force involvement in the Afghan and Iraq wars. Along with this we changed the “menu” where members could really get enough to eat. The membership began to grow.

We took tours around the area, which included Rotomotion (rotary wing drone factory), Charleston Approach Control and Tower, Gulf

Stream and the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Savannah.

There were a couple of events we held at the Dorchester County Airport, DYB. We hosted the local Cub Scout pack, had Just Aircraft bring in a Highlander and Remos brought in their Light Sport plane. Several of the local builders at DYB opened their doors so that we could see what was going on.

We've hosted quite a few SC Breakfast Club fly-in at DYB, MKS and RBW, but we yearned for something bigger and that was the birth of the first Walterboro Wings and Wheels event in May 2009. Roger Medlin was “new” to the Lowcountry Airport at the time.. He was eager to help out in our effort and gave a lot of room for us to “do our thing”. We “pushed” pretty hard for that event, not being sure what was going to happen. At the last minute, we changed from our “BBQ” lunch to having someone bring in a canteen trailer, which was facilitated by Roger. Many pushed for getting cars there but it was something we “aviators” needed help with. But airplanes we had. The record still stands as 57 airplanes flew in from around the Lowcountry! I am sure the economic downturn has had a lot to do with getting people to fly in too.

This also started an ongoing relationship with the people at RBW. A couple of years later, we were having issues with keeping the traditional Thursday night meeting at the Aero Club. It was a setting where many would not fly in, both due to the airspace and the fact it was a midweek evening meeting. Membership began to “stagnate”. Something had to be done.

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When reviewing our options, we always got back to having a setting where members and guests didn't feel "rushed" to get home for the next days work and having an environment where people could bring their projects for others to see. Kick some tires and maybe do a little flying rather than just the "hanger flying" which can't be logged.

So, a couple of years ago, we moved our meetings to Walterboro and the second Saturday of the month. Since then we have hosted a number of great presentations regarding aircraft construction, history presentations, widgets and gadgets. All of which have been of great interest to the majority of our membership. Along with this, Bruce Huffines has been our "designated" chef for a burger and hotdog cookout most every meeting. Although we have had a couple of good chili cook offs as well. And of course, we had no idea at the time that the Aero Club would be closed, so we would have had to move anyway.

In addition, we started hosting December "socials", where our spouses or significant others can come out and enjoy a really good meal and entertaining speaker. Speakers included; Genevieve "Gen" Orange, who among other things, was a flight instructor before WWII; "Butch" Hills, retired Navy flight officer; Dr Art Schmitt, retired Navy Huey pilot as well as pilot of many other types in his career; Earl Fisher, a charter member of our chapter gave a vary interesting presentation on his aviation history involvement and our latest, Lt Karilyn Wise, current C-17 pilot.

Part of the EAA is sharing of knowledge. We have visited a number of projects on-sight, including my own Cozy Mk IV, Vans RV-8, Rans S-19, Zenith CH-701. And we've had hands-on technical presentations on composites, fabric covering, vinyl graphics, wiring, cabin ventilation, props, upholstery, iPad apps, and more. For those of you who volunteered to host a project visit or technical workshop, thank you for sharing the spirit of the EAA.

It has been a long run. A lot of changes have taken place. Change is both good and difficult; I know from experience. Although this is the last issue of the FlyPaper we are keeping up with the new technology by moving to Facebook as our primary communication tool. Please check out www.facebook.com/ea477 for the latest

Chapter news and other interesting aviation tidbits. But as long as the website is available, you can always go back over history, since The Flypaper editions are available from October 2007!

Even before we moved to RBW, Roger got involved in our chapter. He has been a constant supporter and invested many hours in promoting our goals, as well as having several elected positions. Roger is an EAA Flight Advisor and has served as our Young Eagles Coordinator for several years. He is also a member of the FAA FAST Team, which is of benefit to the chapter. I want to encourage all of you to continue supporting the chapter as you have in the past. Roger has some great ideas, and I am sure you will like them.

Oh, but I can't stop without the last "Cozy Report".



Well, I expect the reports really will continue in one format or the other As most of you know, I took the "maiden" voyage on December 3rd,.. There have been changes completed and hopefully will improve the handling, although it was not all that bad. Now it seems it is either the holidays or the rain that is keeping me from flying it again. Oh well, it took me almost eleven years to get to this point, what the heck is another week or so?

-Glen Phelps (former) President



Do Airplanes Make You Smile?



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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Glen Phelps' Cozy Mk IV takes off for the very first time (see page 3).