



Words From the President

A new decade and so far so good.

We have a pretty good line of items for the first quarter of 2020. A movie in the terminal building for January, then Burgers and dogs over to Hangar 20. For March we intend to do a Young Eagles Rally. February is open at this time.

Our Christmas dinner was real tasty. I counted a total of 31 that came through the door. Lots of new faces. It's great to see the chapter health getting stronger. A big round of thank yous to Lee and Jenet for the great hors d'oeuvres and table clothes with each table getting a poinsettia.

We have a new treasurer, Aimee Pereira, but if you still want to get your check to Glen, we will take it. By the way any dues past the last day of March this year puts you out in left field. \$25.00 should not be that hard to round up, but seems Glen spent a lot of last year chasing after some of it.

I will be talking a rate hike before the executive committee to discuss an increase in dues. An increase in dues for 2021 is pretty certain.

Another item I would like to bring before the membership is the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of our meetings. Is this something you would support?

Our field will be hosting the SC Breakfast club on the 19th of January lets hope for great weather.

Other things we would like to get some help with and new ideas on include:

- Helping Ron Malec with setting up a War Birds event at KRBW this year,
- Working with the Lowcountry Muscle Car Club that I have been in contact with to support events at KRBW,
- Finding persons that operate "food trucks" that might support events at KRBW or an alternative to a field restaurant.

That wraps it up for me for this one, Be safe out there...



Doug St Pierre
President EAA 477



Upcoming Events

EAA477 Chapter meeting

January 11th meeting:

A movie will be shown in the terminal conference room starting at 10:00 AM.

We will start then to ensure we are over in sufficient time to do the BBQ lunch at 12:00. A short business meeting will be held at the conclusion of the film.

Lunch will be in hanger 20.

South Carolina Breakfast Club:

Please use the following link to access the latest in scheduling:

<http://southcarolinabreakfastclub.com/2020-schedule>

December Meeting Summary

Glen Phelps

As you will read in Lee Miller's report on the Young Eagles, the weather did not cooperate with the event, and it was called off on the Friday before. Good decision, as the winds would have made it pretty rough, even though the ceilings were "in limits".

However, we did have our end of the year lunch with all of the trimmings! Ron Santos and Doug St Pierre worked many extra hours to get things set up in Ron's hanger. Many thanks for Ron making the hanger available for us.

Luncheon menu was from Old House Cafe in Walterboro. Although, the pies were provided by Lee and Jennet Miller, as well as the hors d'oeuvres and decorations. I'd like to give that credit to Lee, but if you were there, you would know in an instant that it had a creative woman's touch. This included the table cloths and even poinsettias. Kinda hard to even realize we were in an "airplane" hanger. And, as always, Doug made sure we have coffee and doughnuts (holes) to keep us from fizzling before the lunch. There were a total of 28 members and friends that came to our luncheon.



For those that chose to fly in, I noticed that they were checking the weight and balance of their aircraft before departure. A good thing, since it was ALL too easy to enjoy all of the good food and then some more.

As we were enjoying our lunch, our President, Doug St. Pierre gave out the awards that EAA provides for those that have donated their time and talent to make the chapter what it is. He also had awards, not provided by EAA that recognized others within the chapter that gave time make the organization always better. These awards were the spitting image of those provided by EAA, but were designed by Doug's good wife, Wendy. She is a very talented lady, and we do really thank you Wendy for doing this.



Remember, we have a Young Eagles Rally scheduled for March. Keep tuned in for updates. The website eaa477.org is the best place to get the most recent information regarding this.

As of this writing we do not have a subject for the February meeting, but that will follow shortly. Again, keep tuned for this and other things on the website.

Young Eagles Report

*Lee Miller
Young Eagles Coordinator*

Last month's meeting

It was good that the Young Eagles Rally scheduled for December 14th was scrubbed. It was a cold and blustery day with high gusty winds. It would not have been an enjoyable day for pilot nor passengers. One of the pilots quipped that he didn't have enough air sickness bags to handle first time flyers in those conditions. We want our Young Eagles to enjoy their introduction flight and for conditions to support the safest, smoothest ride possible.

The next Rally currently being planned is tentatively scheduled for March and will involve members of the area Jack and Jills clubs. Volunteers will be needed for all events so please consider coming out and supporting our area youth's introduction to aviation. Also don't forget that if you know of a youth that wants to take advantage of the Young Eagles program they don't have to wait until a rally takes place. You can go to the EAA.ORG Website under the Youth tab, look up a YE pilot near them or contact Lee with their request. He will help find a pilot that will provide the flight for them and answer any questions they or their parents have about the program benefits.

Upcoming Aviation Events

Ron Malec

FAAST Blast - FAA Safety Briefing News Updates

As a subscriber to the FAA Safety Team Newsletter I will periodically provide updates on information that I believe will be beneficial to all members.

General Information

Flight Service Update: HIWAS Sunsets and New Mobile Website and Voice Applications

Notice Number: NOTC9907

Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory Service Sunsets

As part of the FAA's efforts to modernize and streamline service delivery, Flight Service will discontinue the Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory Service (HIWAS) in the contiguous United States, effective January 8, 2020.

HIWAS is a legacy service with a continuous recording of inflight weather advisories broadcast over a limited network of VORs that provided pilots with meteorological information related to hazardous weather.

The FAA instituted Flight Information System Broadcast, FIS-B, as a replacement for this system that provides a broader range of aeronautical information products often in a graphical format, which is not available via HIWAS. For pilots who choose not to equip their aircraft with this new technology, a Flight Service Specialist is still available over a radio outlet.

Flight Service published a notice of [final decision](#) in the Federal Register on December 9, 2019, to discontinue the text-to-voice recordings of HIWAS. If you have any questions, please contact us at: 9-AWA-ATO-SYSOPS-FS@faa.gov.

Hyperlink to notice: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FAA-2018-0649-0029>

New Mobile Website and Voice Applications

The Flight Service website (1800wxbrief.com) now has a mobile-friendly version that supports ICAO flight planning, access to weather, and more. The recently deployed Mobile Web provides many of the same capabilities as the website but optimized for mobile devices, such as an iPhone, iPad, or Android.

In addition, Flight Service has deployed new capabilities available for use on Alexa and Google Assistant. Download the *Leidos Flight Service* voice application to see how it works.

Today there are multiple sources available to pilots that provide weather and aeronautical information, often presented in an easier to understand graphical format. Pilots no longer need to call Flight Service to adhere to 14 CFR 91.103 and maintain awareness of weather and aeronautical information. You can learn more about these automated flight services at 1800wxbrief.com.

New Animation @ Runway Safety Simulator

Notice Number: NOTC9897

The FAA is happy to release a new animation to the Runway Safety Pilot Simulator (www.runwaysafetysimulator.com). The new animation is titled “Heads Up, Eyes Out”. It focuses on best practices during taxi. Specifically, it highlights the importance of planning the taxi in a way that enables your continued vigilance.

We continue to make improvements based on valuable feedback from airmen like you. Another recent improvement is addition of a link to the Runway Safety Simulator course (ALC-573), available via the FAASTeam at www.faasafety.gov. By accessing the Runway Safety Pilot Simulator through this course, you can achieve WINGS credit! Completion of any Phase of WINGS satisfies the requirement for a Flight Review. The new link is located in the Resources Tab on the Runway Safety Simulator.

Check out the Runway Safety Pilot Simulator and the WINGS course today!

[Click Here: Runway Safety Simulator - ALC-573](#)

• ADS-B Information

Testing Your ADSB

How to test your ADSB before the Jan 2nd deadline (and after):

About 30-60 min after a flight, go to the link below on the FAA’s website and request a Public ADS-B Performance Report (PAPR). The PAPR will help you verify that your ADS-B equipment is functioning properly.

<https://adsbperformance.faa.gov/paprrequest.aspx>

• Airshow and Fly-in Schedule

- 2020 Airshows / Fly-ins
 - 31 Mar – 05 Apr: Sun-n-Fun Aerospace Expo - Lakeland Linder International Airport (KLAL) – USAF Thunderbirds
 - 25 – 26 Apr: JB Charleston Air and Space Expo – JB Charleston AFB (KCHS) – USN Blue Angels
 - 16 – 17 May: Shaw Air Expo 2020 – Shaw AFB (KSSC) – USAF Thunderbirds
 - **30 – 31 May: Anderson Regional Airshow – Anderson Regional Airport (KAND)**

Treasurer's Report

Glen Phelps

This will be my last report as Treasurer for the chapter. Aimee Pereira is the new chapter treasurer and will be making the future reports. We officially transferred the books in mid December. I am convinced that she will do a much better job than I. Expect to see some good changes in the next year.

The last month of the year and the first two months of the new year always are more active as membership dues come in. As of this writing, eight of our members have paid their dues for 2020. If you have not, you may do so by bring a check or cash to the next chapter meeting or send a check to Aimee at the following address:

Aimee Pereira
107 Timberlake Ct
Summerville, SC 29485

There was a total of \$212.00 deposited to the account in December. This represented dues for seven members renewal, (one of our members paid in November), and \$37 from the "Tip Jar" in December. There were three checks written for a total of \$681.16. They were: \$213.40 for the December luncheon, \$69.76 to reimburse expenses for previously purchased food items for our meetings and \$398.00 to reimbursement for the credit card payment of our dues and insurance to EAA National.

There were no transactions regarding the petty cash account.

The financial summary therefore is as follows:

Checking account:

Beginning balance = \$3,337.52

Ending balance = \$2,868.36

Increase or (decrease) = (\$469.16)

Petty Cash

Beginning balance = \$34.11

Ending balance = \$34.11

Increase or (decrease) = \$00.00

I would just like to emphasize again that we encourage our members to get their dues up to date as soon as possible.