

The FlyPaper

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



Words From the President

Roger Medlin

Another year has passed and we are embracing a new year for the EAA 477 Chapter. I trust you were able to attend our Christmas lunch back in December at the Low Country Regional Airport and enjoyed the good fellowship and food. I also want to again, thank all our officers, pilots, coordinators, and all who have contributed to make 2015 a very successful year for the EAA 477. As I noted at our December meeting the accomplishments we as a chapter have achieved. We were able to fly over two hundred young eagles, with some moving on to get their pilot license. Because of our Young Eagle program, our chapter was credited with \$330.00, which enabled us to purchase tables and a printer for the chapter.

We also were able to bring in speakers who talked to us about aviation weather, aircraft maintenance and air traffic control. We have added four new members which brings us to twenty five.

As we look forward to our January's meeting we are blessed to have Todd Givens as our speaker. Todd is the founder and owner of Ace Basin Aviation, specializing in, Flight training, Tail wheel Training, and Aerobatic Training. Todd will be talking to us about preparation for Bi-annual flight reviews, getting re-current as a pilot, or initial flight training with time for questions and answers. This should be a very informative meeting you don't want to miss. Mark your calendar for January 9th at the Low Country Regional airport. (RBW). Young Eagle flights start at 09:00, with the senior meeting to begin at 11:00, with lunch to follow.

Looking ahead toward the spring and our eight annual Wings and Wheel air and car show, which will be held April 16th, here at RBW, I am excited about having Ron Malec as part of our team for recruiting WWII aircraft. Ron, who travels the air show circuit, has many contacts with aircraft owners and pilots who fly and demonstrate WWII aircraft, such as T-6's P51's C45's, C47's, SNJ's, Corsair's and many more. This should be our finest hour for Wings and Wheels.

That should cover it for now and like I always say, "keep those wings level and fly safe."



Upcoming Events

Next meeting will be **January 9th at RBW.**

Young Eagles will be flown starting at 9:00 and the meeting will be at 11:00

The speaker for our February meeting will be Lewis Blackwell.

“Department of the Treasury” Report

The monthly report is given below:

December Beginning Balance -----	\$2,382.98
December Expenses -----	\$549.86
December Deposits -----	\$144.00
December Ending Balance -----	\$1,980.12

I can give an itemized account of the expenses and deposits at our regularly scheduled meeting this January for those that are interested.

It is that time of year again, and the annual membership dues are due and will be collected during the January and February Meetings. The annual dues are still \$25.00. Remember that to be a participating member of Chapter 477, you need to be a member in good standing with EAA National. That is, your dues need to be up to date with them also.

Roy Carson,
Chapter 477 Treasurer

Young Eagle Year End Report

The **Young Eagle** program this year has been a rousing success. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the participants we have flown more youngsters than ever before. A typical day will include 12 to 20 kids. Except for our June flights where we fly up to 40 kids as our part of the University of South Carolina, Salkahatchie campus's Summer Aviation Camp for middle school students.

I would like to acknowledge the members and others involved;

Vondeste Fishburn "Fish". Fish is our coordinator with the Tuskegee Airman and is instrumental in getting the Young Eagles scheduled. This year we flew YE's from a 5 county area! Included in this was an aero club from the Vance area and a number of high school ROTC and aviation clubs. We have become the go to place for Young Eagles in the Lowcountry.

As always **Roger Medlin** has been there to man the airport on a daily basis. He has done a wonderful job coordinating with myself, Fish, the airport and pilots. Thanks Roger. As a side note he is right at the century mark for Young eagles flown.

Barbara Grigg stepped in and handles the paperwork the day of the flights. She also makes sure the T's are crossed and I's dotted and that each YE gets their logbook and certificate, which we print on site that day.



Without our pilots, their dedication, fuel and aircraft we can't do this. Hopefully I don't leave anyone out. Roy Carson, Jason Gruener, Jeff Grigg, Michael Brown, Timothy Lane, Scott Winkleman, Chris Minatelli, Roger Medlin, Dennis Dent, and Matt Lundeen.

There are others that have contributed in other ways including US Air Force pilots from Joint Base Charleston who gave up their Saturdays to mentor the Young Eagles. Josh Pugulise another USAF pilot who attended most flights until being transferred to St. Louis. And of course the many members of the Tuskegee Airmen.



On another subject we do receive credits from the EAA for YE flights. With this we have now been able to purchase three tables and a printer for our use at the rallies.

Also keep in mind you don't need to fly or be a pilot to participate. We always need a hand walking the kids to the aircraft, answering questions between flights and just showing support.

Once again a wonderful year and I am looking forward to more flights in 2016!



Not sure she loved the flight or was just happy to get back on the ground.



Jeff Grigg
Young Eagles Coordinator

December Meeting Report

The December meeting was a celebration of the year end. It included Duke's barbeque and several door prizes. A special invitation was given for not only our members, but to other groups in the area. The turnout was, as you would expect, greater than our normal meeting, with over thirty in attendance.

Our President did a recap of the year's activities, noting successes as well as how we would like to improve on a great year. This was followed with recognition of members for the work they contributed during the year, with EAA certificates.

If you were unable to attend, you missed a great day! But, we look forward to seeing many of you at our regular meetings throughout the year. If we do this meeting format again at the end of this year, you don't want to miss it.

