

# The FlyPaper

March 2016

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



## Words From the President

February is gone and now we are into March. Wow this year is moving right along, though I must say February has been an exciting month. The Low country Regional Airport experienced a couple of days of campaign fever, with GOP candidate Donald Trump stopping in with his Citation ten, C750. The front leader for the GOP presidential race landed at RBW with his staff and campaign personal for a couple of campaign rallies. For two days the terminal was occupied by fourteen secret service personal, a number of Colleton County deputy sheriffs and law enforcement from around the state. It was quit the experience not only working with the secret service, and local law enforcement and parking the jet and for me the personal pleasure of shaking Mr. Trump's hand. No big deal unless you're a Trump supporter, but it was quite the experience.

Moving on to bigger and better things, such has our March EAA477 meeting with Dr. Ronald Hargrave, Sr. Aviation Medical Examiner. Dr. Hargave will be our speaker for our March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting here at the Low country Regional Airport. This will, be a very informative meeting you don't won't to miss. Dr Hargraves will be giving us an update on the third class medical exemption and hopefully answering all your questions. Mark your calendar for March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am. Lunch as always will follow after the meeting.

Also mark your calendar for this year's Wings and Wheels air and car show. April 16<sup>th</sup>. At, you guessed it RBW. We have had a number of our members step up and offer to volunteer to help us with the event, but we still need more. Please see me at the next EAA477 meeting if you can help in any way. I am very excited about this year's air and car show. A lot of planning and work has gone into making this year's Wings and Wheels the best yet.

There you have it lots going on in the Low country, and like I always say "Keep those Wings level and fly safe"

Roger Medlin



## Upcoming Events

**EAA477 Chapter meeting**  
**Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**South Carolina Breakfast Club:**

March 6 Pelion, SC **6J0**

March 20 Manning, SC

**SC41**

**Sun & Fun** April 5 - 10

**Upcoming:**

**Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> RBW**

## *EAA 477 Meeting Minutes*

13 February 2016

1100 start time

17 in attendance

Taken by: Diana Belknap  
Secretary

- From President Roger Medlin
  - Welcome to current and new members, and visitors
    - Pass out 2016 pilot directories and charts
    - 18 young eagles this morning
      - Roy gives treasurers report, discusses 477 \$25 dues (are due) and current finances
    - Next meeting with Ron Hargraves
      - Is a medical screener
      - Will discuss updated medical ?'s
  - Wings and Wheels Festival update
    - Helicopters are set up
    - C-54 is not
    - Aerobatic and formation planes are coming
    - W and W website is up
      - Can be found on the lowcountry regional website
      - Cannot be found on the EAA 477 website: is getting set up, though
  - Info to Glen for the newsletter
    - Sent him photos, stories, articles
  - Other events
    - 20 March, Wally Maran, 10-12 at Summerville airport, FAA safety brief
    - 20-21 May, Shaw AF base, Thunder over the Midlands with Thunderbirds
      - Huge and open to the public
  - Young Eagles in March, Channel 5 PR coverage here
  - Patrick Shields: welcome and thank you for presenting today
    - Will discuss ATC and air space
      - Concerning Charleston ATC moving to Atlanta?
        - Is on hold for now.
        - Charleston ATC will have new technology installed by 2017
        - The airport is expanding with a new terminal
        - Things are being shifted around at airport
        - Runway 90 will be fixed by end of summer
      - There's Approach, Tower and TraCon upstairs, and the radar room downstairs
      - Soon a bill will be going through the house floor that is looking for ATC to be a part of the government like the US post office is.
      - ATC training is generally 2 years, sometimes 2-5 years.
      - ATC training school is in OK
      - Retirement age for controllers is 56
      - When you squawk 1200, ATC can still see you.
      - Currently there are 21 certified controllers and 8 trainees.
      - Weather observers are contracted
      - Before flying, call national weather service and ask what they are seeing
      - When speaking with ATC, be aware of what they might be going through
      - Come visit! We can visit the tower and radar room for a tour
        - Thank you to Patrick and close the meeting at 12:20



## **Treasurer's Report**

The Department of Treasury Report:

February Beginning Balance ----- \$2,153.67  
February Expenses ----- \$84.47  
February Deposits ----- \$233.00  
February Ending Balance ----- \$2,342.87

It is short and sweet this month, but I know there are members that still need to get their dues to me. If it has been difficult for you to get to our meetings, you can send a check into our Walterboro address at:

517 Aviation Way  
Walterboro, SC 29488

*Roy Carson*  
*Chapter Treasurer*

## **Young Eagle Report**

by Jeff Grigg

Two of our pilots have hit milestones at the February rally. Roger Medlin went over the 100 mark and I have gone over the 50 mark in youngsters flown. This is great for our Chapter.

The EAA Young Eagle program has a component where once 10 kids are flown they start accruing "points". These "points" are then used by the Chapter to help fund scholarships, supplies or in our case hardware for the Young eagle program. We used our points this last year to purchase a printer to print our certificates at the rally and also purchased three 6 foot tables so the kids and pilots have room to do their paperwork.



As some of you know the EAA is changing how the Young Eagle program is being run in regards to contact with youngsters. As such they have come out with 10 pages of rules and regulations including online courses and testing, and background checks on all pilots and volunteers.

Since the rollout the EAA has revised a number of points and removed the requirement for Social Security numbers for the background check. There is a substantial number of pilots that have objected to the program in it's present form. Many feel it is unnecessarily intrusive, combersom and unworkable.

So the long and short of it is the pilots and officers of our Chapter will sit down and re-evaluate the program. If you want to see what other Chapters and pilots are thinking there is quite a conversation on the EAA forum <http://eaaforums.org/forumdisplay.php?2-Hangar-Talk> with over 55,000 views and as of now about 68 pages!



Normally I wouldn't bring this up publicly but I would like the opinions of you, our members, on this. The Young Eagles are a large part of our Chapter. What suggestions do you have? Should we proceed under the EAA or independently? Feel free to contact me or even post on the forum.

If you have a son, daughter, grandkid or family friend why not bring them out for a Young Eagle flight? All you need is a signed waiver from the parent or legal guardian. Waivers are kept at the airport office, just see me or Roger and we'll be glad to give you one. We will be flying in March but no flights in April due to Wings and Wheels.

One final note. If you have an aircraft, please bring it out for Wings and Wheels. If you have or know someone with a collectible car, whether a hot rod, classic, sports car anything cool, bring it along. The car show stages at 9am. No entry fee! Call me if you need more information.

Till next time.... Jeff



### *Comments from your Newsletter Editor*

*Glen Phelps*

I have been in search of items for the newsletters and this month **Ron Malec**, our member that is very involved in the airshow circuit, sent me the following list of upcoming events:

- March 11-13 - TICO Warbird Airshow, Titusville (KTIX)
- April 05-10 - Sun-n-Fun, Lakeland (KLAL)
- April 16 - KRBW Wings & Wheels
- 30 Apr 30 - May 01 - MCAS Cherry Point Airshow (KNKT)
- May 14 - DeKalb-Peachtree Good Neighbor Day (KPDK)
- May 21-22 - Thunder in the Midlands, Shaw AFB (KSSC)
- Jun 11 - NCAMHOF Fly-in, Asheboro (KHBI)
- Jun -25 Greenwood Aviation Expo (KGRD)

This was too much information to put in the "Upcoming Events" block on the first page of the newsletter, but it is good information for those of you wanting to get out and see some amazing stuff. Many of us are looking forward to the SNF event in April.

I have been getting back to the Cozy project and intend to have an extensive write up in the next newsletter. It has now been flown with the new prop and the performance is very much improved.

And again, get your sightings and trip reports for our newsletter. It always helps to have more things to put in it.