



The President's Corner

As you will see in the report on the March meeting, we scrambled to "save the day" and in the end, came up with a pretty entertaining and informative event. Even the weather was an improvement, although it could have been better. Read about it on page 2.

To pull off the March event, we were blessed to have some people really come through for us. I want to take this time to personally thank some of them:



- ◆ Norman Garland arranged to have Jay Stanford bring the Breezer up from St. Mary's, GA (4J6). A friend of Jay's actually owns the plane but allowed him to fly it here for the meeting. Norman also arranged to bring his Father-in-Law's (Sam Bass) 1931 Ford Model A to the gathering.
- ◆ Our own Bob Beckett was not able to attend due to travel, but allowed us to use his hanger in his absence.
- ◆ William Kiegans, Atlantic Air Manager for JZI assisted in moving aircraft to and from Bob's hanger and provided logistics for the event.
- ◆ Henry Minshew brought his excellent 1932 Ford Roadster to the event.
- ◆ Ben Robertson pulled his Stearman from the hanger for all to see and for some photos w/the antique Fords
- ◆ Bruce Huffines and Mac Boatwright were on hand to make sure we had enough to eat
- ◆ Jack Lynch of Sporty's Pilot Shop (www.sportys.com) worked with me so we could have the latest Garmin GPS, the 695 available for all to see and "play with"
- ◆ Kevin Thorp arranged to have both the Xooter bike and the Amazon Kindle for us

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Upcoming Events

Apr 4 - EAA Chapter 1083 First Saturday Lunch, Rowan County Airport (RUQ) Salisbury, NC.

Apr 5 - SCBC, Summerville (KDYB). Hosted by the Omar Shrine

Apr 14 - "An Evening on the Yorktown". Dinner and a presentation on the Doolittle Raiders. Sponsored by the East Cooper Pilots Association. Contact Neal Walsh (843) 330-3787.



Apr 16 - EAA Chapter 477 Meeting, 6:30 pm at the CAFB Aero Club (see page 4)

Apr 19 - SCBC, Broxton Bridge, Ehrhardt, SC (SC55)

Apr 21-26 - [Sun n Fun](#), Lakeland, FL



May 16-17 - EAA Chapter 1465: Harold W. Evans Memorial Fly-In, Holly Hill

May 30 - Walterboro Airport open house (see page 4)

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- ◆ Grey Minshew had his own Bendix/King 80A GPS on display to go along with the Garmin I brought. Grey was also there early to help hook up electrical.
- ◆ Rich Hassell, give him a task and then you can forget about it; it is done
- ◆ Jack Wilhelmson flew his Cozy over from Mt Pleasant to put on display

And of course many thanks to all of our members and guests that came out in the cold to make this event great.

There were others that had intended to fly in, but the weather was a bit windy and gusty on Saturday. It is easy to see why some chose to drive. We will see if we can arrange better weather next time.

We are planning a great event for May and are really going to "stretch" on it. Check www.eaa477.org to see how this develops.

My Cozy update:

It took me two attempts to get the motor mount done in an acceptable manner. It has taken me three attempts on the cowling. But, things are looking really good.



About all I have to do is carve foam and make the cowling over that. That will be a big job done. Prop is to be finished in April and hopefully, the first engine start before the end of the month.

-Glen Phelps, President

March Meeting Report

Well... we had another event that didn't go off as we originally planned, but turned out to be a pretty good day, none the less. We originally hoped to get the Flight Design dealer to fly one of their CTLS aircraft up from Jacksonville, and we'd have a chili cook-off with the East Cooper Pilot's Association (and possibly the Holly Hill EAA chapter) at the East Cooper Airport. Unfortunately the Flight Design dealer couldn't make it and because some of the key ECPA members were out of town they had to back out too. What was that saying about the best laid plans of mice and men? However we were able to quickly put together an alternative agenda at an alternative location - the Charleston Executive Airport (JZI).

It looked like we were going to have beautiful weather (for a change) but it turned out to be a little chilly and a lot breezy, with 20+ knot gusts. Some of the guys planning to fly in decided to drive. The few that did fly had a handful on landing!



Once again Bruce Huffines volunteered to be our head chef and did an outstanding job grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs. We even had a few vegetarian burgers but for some reason no one seemed too interested in them. So I took the veggie burgers home. They weren't half bad... but I still prefer beef.

I think we had about 35-40 people show up at various times; some from our chapter and some "outside" visitors. I got there late (I had some sort of feeble excuse about a prior meeting but I also avoided having to help set up). Here is some of the neat "hardware" we got to see:

Jay Stafford flew in a very nice looking Ikarus Breezer, from St Marys, GA. He avoided the gusty weather by flying in the day before and staying with Norman & Juli Garland. This also gave Jay and his wife Suzanne time to do some interesting tourist stuff in Charleston.



The Breezer is an aluminum LSA manufactured in Germany and powered by a Rotax 912. It has a composite turtledeck with an integral vertical stabilizer, adding some nice curves to this mostly metal aircraft. The sliding bubble canopy provides outstanding 360° visibility. Looks like a fun aircraft!

Jack Wilhelmson flew his slippery Cozy MKIII over from Mt Pleasant. Glen tells me this was the 2nd one flying, after the Nat Puffer's (the Cozy designer). Jack's has been flying for 22 years. I think is provided some inspiration for Glen on his Cozy project.

It was pretty cool seeing Ben Robertson's big Stearman pulled out of the hangar for a photo shoot with the antique Fords. But it didn't have gust locks so it was soon safely back in the hangar.



We had 2 antique cars, coincidentally both Fords. A '32 coupe roadster owned by Grey Minshew's Dad Henry, and a '31 Model A sedan owned by Norman Garland's Father in law. There's something about antique cars that makes them appealing to aviation buffs. We have have been discussing a larger "wings & wheels" event at a future date. Perhaps in conjunction with our August Breakfast Club in Moncks Corner.



The other form of transportation on display was a Xootr (pronounced "Zooter") Swift folding bike I borrowed from the factory. The Swift has a TIG welded aluminum frame and high quality components. It feels solid & rides like a full size bike. A few of the guys had fun pedaling around the airport but I couldn't get Jack Wilhelmson to take a spin. He said "bikes too are dangerous" (as he was climbing into his airplane).



I also brought an Amazon Kindle "E-book reader". This device has a very easy to read screen, even in bright sunlight. It allows you to browse the Amazon store and download books, magazines and newspapers wherever you are. For example we downloaded the FAR/AIM handbook in under a minute. Pretty amazing technology!



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We also had a couple portable aviation GPS units on display - Grey Minshew's Bendex/King 80A and a Garmin GPSMAP 695 graciously loaned to Glen by Sporty's Pilot Shop for our event. Unfortunately we didn't get around to a formal presentation on either unit but we hope those who were interested got a good look.



Thank you Bob Beckett for letting us use your hangar for the event. I hope we left it nice & tidy. I felt guilty about not helping with the initial setup so I stuck around for the clean up. It's hard to sweep leaves out of a hangar on a gusty day! Just when I thought I got most of them out, another gust would blow the leaves right back in! But with perseverance (and motivational support from the peanut gallery) I finally got most of the leaves out. We loaded the gear into Glens trailer and wrapped up another successful Chapter 477 event.



As I said earlier, it wasn't what we originally planned but I think it turned out pretty well and the members had a good time. It was interesting to see all the airplanes & gear, but as with all these types of events, the best part is the fellowship.

Note: A link to more photos can be found on our home page: www.eaa477.org

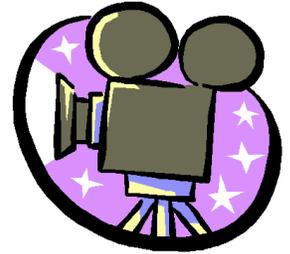
-Kevin Thorp, Secretary

Next Meeting

6:30 pm Thursday, April 16 at the CAFB Aero Club

We're going to watch a homebuilding video and we'd like you to help pick the topic. The following videos are available from the EAA store:

- Basic Aircraft Woodworking
- Building Your Own Airplane: How to Get Started Video
- Basic Aircraft Painting
- Building Your Own Airplane: Welding
- Building Your Own Airplane: Corrosion
- From the Ground Up (Discovery Channel series on homebuilding)
- EAA's SportAir Workshop: Aircraft Fabric Covering
- EAA's SportAir Workshop: Composite Construction



Which one do you want to see? Email Kevin at thorp.kevin@gmail.com. On Monday the 5th he will order the video.

As usual we'll have hot pizza and cold sodas. Hope to see you there!

Coming Soon...

Walterboro Airport Open House

Saturday May 30th

Hosted by the Walterboro Airport Commission and EAA Chapter 477



We're just starting to put this together. We hope to have homebuilts, warbirds, antiques and more. The menu will include delicious pulled pork barbeque!

If you would like help out on this event please call (571-3332) or email Glen Phelps (phelpsglena@gmail.com). Thanks!

Treasurer's Report

Mar. 09 beginning balance	\$2,292.93
Month's Receipts	\$98.00
Month's expenses	\$93.75
Petty Cash	\$85.21
End of Mar. 09 Bank balance plus Petty Cash	\$2,297.18



-Rich Hassell, Treasurer



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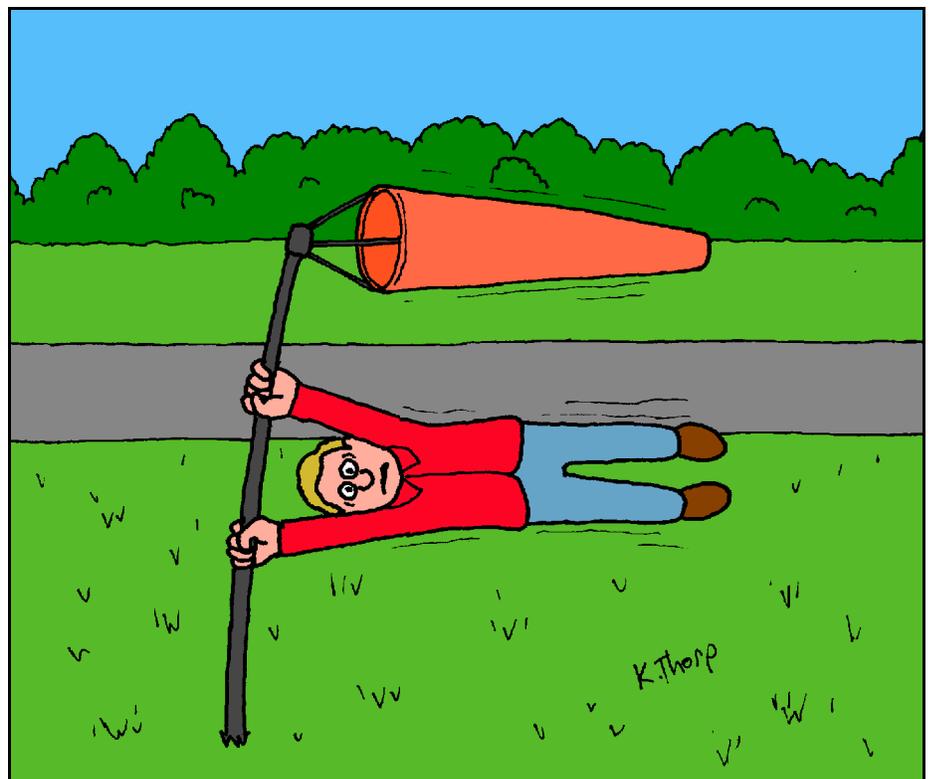


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You must be a current EAA Member to join Chapter 477

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Send you meeting notices, newsletters, etc. via your e-mail? Yes [] No []

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Aircraft you have owned or own now _____

Aircraft you have built or building now _____

Aircraft you would seriously consider building/restoring _____

Skills you would be willing to share/help other members in their homebuilt project _____

Other skills/talents that can help our chapter _____

Comments/suggestions, including membership in other EAA Chapters _____

Thanks, and welcome to Chapter 477!