

The FlyPaper

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



Words From the President

Welcome to spring 2021

I hope you're all well. the warmer weather and longer sunlight hours are making all feel better from them cold winter days.

A few of us who have airplanes and been vaccinated are going to start to fly young eagles, not as a rally more one on one. Covid guidelines will be in place to complete these missions.

If you have anyone who may want to have their kids fly please refer them to liz, our new Young Eagles Coordinator and we will work out the logistics.

Glen is still looking for RSVPs from members for our chapter meal on the 17th so please let him know with a "yes" or a "no". The sooner the better.

Seems the airport and it's insurance company have settled on the April 13th 2020 tornado, damage and hopefully things will begin to happen to make the airport tenants whole into their new hangars.

The old DC 4 that was damaged in that storm is being dismantled and scuttlebutt has it on making the fuselage into some kind of small restaurant or ice cream parlor. It's a great idea. I hope a private firm off site steps up to make that happen. Otherwise it's probably going to take a very long time if ever.

That's for me on this one.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 17th and getting some time together. Be safe out there.

Doug



Doug St Pierre
President EAA 477



Upcoming Events

EAA477 Chapter meeting

An "Appreciation" paid members only meeting will be held April 17th.

We really lookforward to opening the meetings to all in the very near future.

South Carolina Breakfast Club:

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

<http://southcarolinabreakfastclub.com/2021-schedule>

Young Eagles Report

Liz Birch

Young Eagles Coordinator

Happy April everyone! Hope everyone is enjoying this warmer weather. Due to all the restrictions lately, I haven't been able to meet everyone, but my name is Liz and I'll be taking over as the new Young Eagles Coordinator for the chapter.

I'm currently working as a regional airline pilot and moved to Charleston from central Illinois back in the fall of 2019. As a prior Young Eagle, this program means the world to me and I can't wait to work with all of you to continue bringing the joy of aviation to the next generation of aviators.

Vaccines are rolling out and the numbers are continuing to look better. This is great news, because it means we are getting close to starting Young Eagle flights again. Due to this, we all need to check the EAA website to verify that our training and background checks are current. Keep in mind that everyone who interacts with Young Eagles must have these done within the last three years. If you are new to the program or are interested in becoming a Young Eagles pilot, shoot me an email, (lizbirch2331@gmail.com) and we can talk about what all you need to do before our next rally.

My goal is to do a big rally in the Fall that would be open to the public. As was stated in the newsletter last month, we do have some kids already lined up and interested in doing flights. If you know of any other individuals or groups that are interested in going flying, please send me their contact information so I can get them in communication with a qualified pilot. As we continue to get COVID under control, I will be working on coming up with ideas of events to do with kids to keep them involved in aviation. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to shoot them my way.

March Meeting Summary

Glen Phelps

I guess this could be left as a blank page..... or I can insert some things to "entertain" you. OK, rather than just a blank page, I'll give you some things to read, since we are not having "meetings" until the Executive Committee feels we can do so without creating a potential event due to Covid. But, this too will pass and we hope the sooner the better.

I have been blessed through a friend to be placed on a daily email distribution of aviation related events that "happen on this day". I don't deserve that opportunity, but it is a great way to start my day. I will also add, that is a quality newsletter.

A recent issue highlighted a story about Sgt Nickolas Aikemade, an RAF tailgunner on a Lancaster bomber on the night of March 24/25 1944, jumped from the plane when it was on fire after being attacked by a German night fighter. He exited the plane at 18,000 feet, without his burned parachute, preferring to die by impact rather than by flames. Pine trees and soft snow broke his fall. He only sustained a sprained leg. Initially, the German iterators questioned the story, but upon examining the crash site, realized the story he told was true.

Actually, this reminds me of a story about a cousin of mine that was a pilot on a B-17. (Yeah, I am that old, even though I came late in life.) He bailed out of his crippled plane at the "cruise" altitude. They had been trained NOT to open the parachute until at near 2,000 feet, estimated by how the horizon looked, so that the enemy would not spot them coming down. Just before pulling the "rip-cord", he looked down and his "crotch" strap was still unbuckled! Evidently they often flew this way since the strap was bothersome in flight.

Once this was corrected, he successfully made the landing, hid the chute and looked for places to hid. Part of that story was hiding in a straw pile in a barn. German soldiers came into the barn and used pitchforks to prod the straw, but never stuck him. He did successfully evade capture and made it the French lines.

Sure wish I could talk to him again, but he passed away years ago. Like many in the military then, they seldom spoke much about their experiences.

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

- **Use of COVID-19 Vaccines by Pilots and Air Traffic Controllers**

Notice Number: NOTC1739

The COVID-19 public health emergency has driven extraordinary global efforts to develop an effective and safe vaccine. Some of the vaccines in clinical testing are using novel technology, such as messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA). The vaccines produced by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson have been made available to the American public under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

After careful review of available data regarding safety profiles, the FAA Office of Aerospace Medicine (AAM) adopts the following policy as both safe and operationally responsive to this unique situation:

Holders of FAA-issued Airman Medical Certificates or Medical Clearances may receive the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines; however, a 48-hour no fly/no safety related duty interval must be observed after each dose.

Individuals holding an FAA-issued Airman Medical Certificate or Medical Clearance should be reminded that they are prohibited from performing flight crewmember duties or air traffic control duties if they do not meet medical certification requirements, including those related to adverse events from medications that render them unable to perform such duties.

AAM will monitor the patient response to Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines and may adjust this policy as necessary to ensure aviation safety. Additional vaccines will each be evaluated as EUAs are issued.

Read FAQs on the use of COVID-19 vaccines by pilots and air traffic controllers here:

https://www.faa.gov/coronavirus/guidance_resources/vaccine_faq/

Read more on the FAA's Coronavirus Guidance and Resource page here:

https://www.faa.gov/coronavirus/guidance_resources/#useOfVaccines

- **New Video Helps Pilots Avoid Wrong Airport Landings**

Even with today's highly accurate and readily available technology, pilots are still misidentifying their airport of intended landing, often going so far as making an approach to or actually landing at an airport other than their planned destination. The problem occurs with pilots operating both VFR and IFR. A new video from the FAA's From the Flight Deck series helps pilots avoid this costly and potentially catastrophic error. Check it out here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrbzhBn_HnU&feature=youtu.be

Airshow and Fly-in Schedule

- 2021 Airshows / Fly-ins
 - 13-18 April – Sun-n-Fun Aerospace Expo, Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, Lakeland, FL (KLAL)
 - 20-26 Sep – Triple Tree Fly-in, Triple Tree Aerodrome, Woodruff, SC (SC00)

Blue Skies - Stay Safe and Fly Safe

Treasurer's Report

Aimee Pereira

Beginning Balance for March: **\$4,268.01**

Expenses: None for March

Deposits: None for March

Ending Balance for March: **\$4,268.01**

Reminder that dues for 2021 are \$20.00. Dues payments may be paid in person at the next meeting or sent to the following address:

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If you are not sure if your dues are paid for 2021 or have any questions, I can be reached via email at aaa477.treasurer@gmail.com.