

# The FlyPaper

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



## From the President

Of course the big thing for me this month was to work, work, work on the Cozy and get through my part of our fourth annual Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels event on the 21<sup>st</sup>. You will read more about how that went later in the newsletter, but I need to sincerely thank the many people that donated time and effort to promote their passion of flight or auto restoration to help entertain the public and raise money for the MUSC Children's Hospital Fund. While all who worked so tirelessly need to be recognized, the Walterboro Chapter of the Civil Air Patrol and their mentors were certainly outstanding!

Due to the extremely dense fog on the day of the event, yes, even more dense than last year, I agreed to get my project out of the hanger so we would have something else on the ramp. Many aircraft that were to be on site simply could not make the trip due to the poor weather, particularly north of us.

We are going to have a real treat for our next presentation at the May 17th meeting. Brett Grooms is going to share an experience he recently had. Do read more about that later.

We expect a lot to develop over the next few months, so keep in tune with what will happen by visiting our website regularly: <http://eaa477.org>.

## Now for my Cozy report,

I have a real commitment for June with the Cozy, but more on that when it happens. For now, it is very important to finish some painting and art work. While there have been some "pot holes" in the road as I am doing that, overall the progress is good. I was not ready to put the wings on, but did so for WWnW, and I'm glad I did. It has set up the fitting of the ROUGH cowlings that I made a couple of years ago. I was pleasantly surprised at how it fit.

*-Glen Phelps, President*



## Upcoming Events

**May 5** - North Carolina Sonex Spring Fling, Asheboro Regional Airport (KHBI)  
<http://tinyurl.com/2012NCSonex>

**May 5-6** - Shaw AFB Air Expo  
<http://shaw.af.mil/airexpo>

**May 6** - SC Breakfast Club, Whiteplains **SC99**

**May 17** - EAA Chapter 477 Meeting, 6:30pm, CAFB Aero Club, North Charleston  
**Note change in date!**

**May 19-20** - May Fly Air Show & Festival, Florence, SC  
<http://mayflyairshow.com/>

**May 20** - SC Breakfast Club, Green Sea **S79**



# Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels Report

On April 21st the Lowcountry Regional Airport held its fourth annual Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels event.

The original concept was the work of the Charleston EAA (Experiential Aircraft Association) Chapter 477 and the staff at the Lowcountry Regional Airport. The event has grown so that now most of the planning is done by the operation management and staff associated with the airport, but assisted strongly by EAA 477th and others for planning the car show.



This year, as last, was hampered by very dense fog, keeping many persons who had intended to display and fly their airplanes from attending. However, many of the local aircraft owners did get their planes out to show the public. There were a few others that did make it in when the weather improved after 11:30 AM. Total aircraft on display was 30 machines.

At crowd estimated at 2,000 witness some low fly by's and steep turns. Three aircraft owners flew their personal airplanes for our aviation enthusiasts.

The car show, which was directed by Ed and Tammy Fargo of Summerville, was also a big hit. There were awards for several different classes of autos, along with



many door prizes provided by O'Riley Auto Parts. There were 42 cars in attendance for the show.

PeeDee Helicopters were on hand to give helicopter rides for a small fee.

The Colleton County Rescue service was in attendance and provided a demonstration of a foam spray that would be used in case of an actual aircraft fire.

Keeping in tune with a "family friendly" event, a free jump castle was also on site for youngsters to enjoy, and there were food vendors and drink vendors that provided plenty to eat for those in attendance.

Special thanks to Chaplain Lt Col Mike Brown, active duty chaplain at the Charleston AFB, who kept us entertained, with the sounds of old Rock and Roll from the 60's and 70's.



Also we were graced with members of the local Tuskegee Airmen's chapter of Walterboro, who displayed pictures, hats, and T-shirts of the famous Tuskegee airmen who trained here at the Lowcountry Regional Airport.

And a very special thanks to our local Civil Air Patrol Cadets, who labored though out the entire day, helping park planes, directing cars and assisting where ever need.

And finally, special thanks to Roger Medlin, operations manager, for Lowcountry Regional Airport and Glen Phelps, president of the Charleston EAA Chapter 477, and all the EAA members of the 477th who worked hard to make this year's Wings-n-Wheels a great event.

We are still waiting on some of the bills and receipts to come in, and next month will have the final total for the money donated to the MUSC Children's Hospital Fund.

Plans have already begun for next year's Wings-n-Wheels, with more to be added to make it the biggest and best ever.

*-Roger Medlin Wings-n-Wheels Coordinator*

# More Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels Photos



Ed Fargo's electric motorcycle.



## RBW Sightings

What a great month it has been here at Lowcountry Regional Airport (RBW), Walterboro, SC, with the Masters Golf tournament traffic, Easter traffic, and Wings-n-Wheels fly-in/car show.

But it wasn't over yet. Lowcountry Regional Airport was graced once again with the Met-life blimp. Yes the Snoopy dog flew into and moored at RBW overnight on its way to Charlotte, NC for a PGA tournament. The big bird dropped in around six o'clock pm on Thursday and flew off Friday morning headed north.



The Met-Life blimp focus is providing aerial coverage for sporting and special events. In a typical year, Snoopy one and Snoopy two cover approximately 70 events for a variety of networks including NBC, CBS, ABC, ESPN AND TIC.

The blimps can be seen capturing shots of events ranging from the US Open and PGA Championships to NFL



football games across the country. In between television commitments, Snoopy One and Snoopy Two support local MetLife promotions with special fly over's for clients and employees.

None of the MetLife blimps requires the use of a home base. Together, Snoopy One and Snoopy Two combine to



travel approximately 120,000 miles a year though out the United States.

Well there you have it, just another eventful month at the Lowcountry Regional Airport!

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## Treasurer's Report

Here are the numbers for March:

Receipts	\$49.00
Expenditure	\$30.02
Beginning Bank Balance	\$2333.34
Beginning Petty Cash	\$98.66
Ending Bank Balance	\$2357.34
Ending Petty Cash	\$93.64

-Tony Cole, Treasurer

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## May Meeting

Our next meeting begins at 6:30 pm Thursday, **May 17** (note date change) in the CAFB Aero Club. Young Eagles Coordinator Brett Grooms will give a talk and show a video about his adventures flying at Fighter Combat International in Las Vegas. Who wouldn't want to try that?!

We will serve hot pizza and cold sodas, so bring a few bucks for the "tip jar". Members and drop-ins are invited.





## Boeing 787 Rollout

On Friday, April 27th two Chapter 477 members (Brett Grooms and Kevin Thorp) were lucky enough to attend the rollout of the first Boeing 787 Dreamliner built in Charleston.

In addition to seeing this beautiful advanced technology aircraft up close, we were also able to check out the modified 747 Dreamlifter and participate in a plant tour. *Photography by Brett Grooms.*

The EAA is now offering a regular series of webinars as a new service to members. These live multimedia presentations are informative and interactive, allowing the presenter to use slides and audio, while audience members can ask questions, chat, or be polled for their opinion. Registration is required, and space is limited.

For more information go to:

[www.oshkosh365.org/ok365\\_contentdetail.aspx?id=1258](http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_contentdetail.aspx?id=1258)

### May Webinars (all times are Eastern)

#### May 9 08:00 PM - Flying Corvaire Engines

William Wynne

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/515795618>

William will discuss the building and flying of the 6 cylinder, 100-120hp Corvaire engines.



#### May 16 8:00PM - Lets get dancing!

Tim Brill

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/895069970>

Of the 3 primary airplane flight controls, pitch, roll and yaw. Yaw control is the least understood and least utilized. But yaw control is primary to tame stalls, prevent spins, keep tailwheel airplanes going straight during takeoff and landing, and a whole host of other maneuvers.

#### May 23 8:00PM - Aerobatic Basics

Tim Brill

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/849827010>

All aerobatic maneuvers consist of a spin, roll and loop, individually or in compound parts. Lets talk a bit about the set-up, entry, execution and exit of gentleman's aerobatics!



*Remember when  
airplanes were fun?*



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*Or just drop in on one of our  
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## VERY Short Takeoff Zenith CH-750



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