

# The FlyPaper

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



## Words From the President

Hello everyone,

April was an uneventful month. Yet Lots behind the scenes planning by your staff.

Off airport I've, lots of catching up with home projects and yard work, to welcome in the summer season.

Bill will be our speaker at May's meeting Lots of good things to share about his trips. Please, we need everyone to help May 28th at KRBW boy scouts young eagles rally. If anyone would like to be the speaker please let me know.

The airport has published a request for proposals to demo then construction cost to replace the last of the hangars damaged by the April 13 2020 tornado. I'm glad things are going forward.

Like anything that's members supported, meetings and events attendance keeps 477 alive. We, your staff thank you for your support.

There will be burgers and dog's on the grill for our lunch at May's meeting. Please show up at the conference room in the terminal first to watch Bill's presentation.

That's it for me for this one,  
Be safe out there.  
Doug



Doug St Pierre  
President EAA 477



## Upcoming Events

### EAA477 Chapter meeting

There will be a meeting held on May 14th in the conference room at KRBW. Hot dogs and burgers on the grill following.

### 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*

Our next Young Eagles rally will be Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at the Walterboro Airport for a Group of Boy Scouts. As of right now we have 17 kids pre-registered with only two confirmed pilots. Please let me know if you are available to help out at this rally as we are looking for more pilots as well as ground volunteers.

As stated before, we are also in the planning stages for a public rally possibly in the Fall, so please let me know if you are interested in helping so we can compare calendars to make sure people are available to volunteer for the event. If you would like to work as a volunteer at future young eagles events, please create a login for yourself at [www.youneaglesday.org](http://www.youneaglesday.org) (this is our online registration website). As always, if you know of any individuals or groups interested in young eagle flights, please send them my way!

Liz Birch

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## **April Meeting Summary**

*Glen Phelps*

There is nothing really to note since we did not have an in-person meeting in April. A lot of our members were either going to Sun-n-Fun or to the Expo in Charleston. There is a short report from John Stall on his experience at the Sun-n-Fun event.

We are going to have more to report in June after our meeting in May.

## **Sun-n-Fun Report**

*John Stoll*

I made a quick trip with some friends to Sun-N-Fun, attending Tuesday, the opening day, and Wednesday. I thought there were more people attending last year than this year. The crowds looked thinner as did the planes in the general aviation parking areas. Of course, that was the first two days. I heard that Saturday and Sunday are really crowded, when they give a discounted rate to Florida residents. There were more of the larger vendors than last year. A common theme I heard from them, and the smaller vendors concerned shipping times, and supply and employee shortages.

Garment and other avionic dealers had many avionics items out of stock, due to a worldwide shortage of microchips and glass screens. I didn't see anything new, but a lot of the foreign aircraft manufacturers had many of their aircraft on display. I assume it's because of the uptick in flight training. All the foreign and domestic light sport manufacturers seemed to be there and a few of them have electric powered aircraft with flight times of 1 ½ hours. That would give basic students an hour air work or pattern work and time in reserve. The idea is to swap out batteries for the next student. Cross-country work is another story. They have to work on that. I could see a flight school starting students in electric aircraft, then when they get ready for cross country training, upgrade to a fuel burning aircraft. Just my two cents. Some of them look sturdier than others.

The airshows were standard, but they had an A-26 Invader and an A-1 Skyraider in the military part of the airshow, which are rare aircraft to see flying. It was very windy during the night air show, which prevented some of the scheduled acts from flying. It poured on Thursday, the day we left for South Carolina. The grounds are swamped so we didn't really miss anything by leaving on Wednesday.

# Aviation Safety and Upcoming Events

Ron Malec

## FAAST Blast - FAA Safety Briefing News Updates

*As a subscriber to the FAA Safety Team and the NASA Aviation Reporting System 'CALLBACK' Newsletters, I will share updates and information that I believe will be beneficial to all members.*

### General Information

- **FAA General Aviation Safety Outreach Initiative** – FAAST Notice Number: NOTC2310

The FAA is embarking on an FAA General Aviation (GA) Safety Outreach Initiative. It is intended to increase the GA community's awareness of safety management practices that could elevate the industry's overall safety performance.

The primary goals of the FAA GA Safety Outreach Initiative include:

- Increase the GA community's awareness of the Safety Attributes and the benefits of applying them
- Increase participation in the Safety Management System Voluntary Program (SMSVP)
- Reaching these goals will result in a desired outcome of a lower accident and incident rate in the GA community.

The following link leads to the FAA General Aviation Safety Outreach Initiative webpage:

<https://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/gasafetyoutreach>

The following link leads to a brochure explaining the benefits of managing safety with a voluntary, formal SMS:

[SMS brochure | Federal Aviation Administration \(faa.gov\)](#)

The following link leads to a short, animated video that describes how the FAA's SMS Voluntary Program can benefit the GA community: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NfbeuXd8k8>

Why wait? Enter the SMS Voluntary Program. It is easy as 1,2,3.

<https://www.faa.gov/about/smsvp-simple-1-2-3-flyer>

For more information about the SMSVP,

contact the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Safety Standards

[9-NATL-SMS-ProgramOffice@faa.gov](mailto:9-NATL-SMS-ProgramOffice@faa.gov)

- **Medical Application Tracker Now Online**

Finding out the status of a flight medical is a click away under a new online feature announced by the FAA on 20 April 2022. The agency says pilots can now follow the progress of their medical through the system on the MedXPress website. Previously, pilots who wanted to check on their application had to call the Office of Aerospace Medicine. As soon as the application is submitted it will appear on the website and FAA staff will update it as it wends its way through the system.

"If you can track where your ridesharing car is or the status of a company delivering your package, pilots should be able to see online the real-time status of their application," said Federal Air Surgeon Dr. Susan Northrup. "We will continue to explore how we can be more transparent with the aviation community."

As soon as an application is submitted, it will appear in the pilot's MedXPress profile. Status updates will change as the application moves through the FAA's review process. If an application is deferred or denied, the applicant will receive detailed information through the mail.

The certification process itself does not change. You can learn more about FAA's medical certification process at [https://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/medical\\_certification/](https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/medical_certification/)

### Airshow and Fly-in Schedule

- 2022 Airshows / Fly-ins
  - **07 May** – 1000-1500 – Wings and Wheels Air Fair, Fairfield County Airport (KFDW), Winnsboro, SC
  - **19-25 Sep** – Triple Tree Aerodrome Fly-in, Triple Tree Aerodrome (SC00), Woodruff, SC.  
[\[https://tta.aero/aviation-events\\_trashed/triple-tree-fly-in/\]](https://tta.aero/aviation-events_trashed/triple-tree-fly-in/)
  - **15-Oct** – North Carolina Aviation Museum (NCAM) Fly-in, Asheboro Regional Airport (KHBI), Asheboro, NC.

## Airshow and Fly-in Photos

- Uncle John's Fly-in held at Triple Tree Aerodrome (SC00) on 02 Apr 2022.



- Next Month: Photos from Sun-n-Fun and Fairfield County Airport Wings and Wheels Air Fair

Until next month – Blue Skies - Stay Safe and Fly Safe

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Aimee Pereira**

There were no changes in banking during April

Beginning Balance for April:           **\$5,045.60**

Expenses                                       \$0.00

Deposits:                                       \$0.00

Ending Balance for November :       **\$5,045.60**

Note: Total Earmarked for Young Eagles = \$96.00

A reminder that dues for 2022 are \$25.00 as of January 1, 2022.

Note: Non-paid members were removed from our roster on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dues payments may be paid in person at the next meeting or sent to the following address:

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107 Timberlake Ct  
Summerville, SC 29485

If you are not sure if your dues are paid for 2022 or have any questions, I can be reached via email at:  
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