

The FlyPaper

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



Words From the President

Hot, hot and hotter, weather that is, looks like summer is upon us and the temperatures are rising here at the Lowcountry Regional Airport. This means thunder storms, and not the best flying weather. But the good news is fall weather is coming in a couple of months. This brings me to what's up coming for the EAA 477. For August we have Lewis Blackwell scheduled to talk about aircraft maintenance and keeping our aircraft safe and abiding by the FAA regulations. For September we have Patrick Shields, ATC from Charleston, to update us on the ongoing changes at the Charleston International Airport.

But the best news is this coming January, 2017; the EAA 477 along with the Lowcountry Regional Airport will host the SC Breakfast club. Now don't anyone panic. In the past we had the trailer which we cooked out of, but it's gone, sold a few years back. We will have the breakfast catered in by one of our top vendors who has worked with the airport and Wings and Wheels air and car show for the past seven years. So all you have to do is fly-in, drive-in, walk-in or ride a donkey in, just get here. The date, I think, will be the seventeenth of January, but that could change. I'll keep everyone posted as we get closer.

Our July meeting will be as scheduled, I will be calling on some of our members to share their June flying events. We will also continue with our Young Eagles flights starting at 8:00 am, pilot briefing at 7:30. Lunch will be served by our favorite chief Bruce with hamburgers and hot dogs hot off the grill, capped off with lots of hangar talk and fellowship. July 9th. hope to see you there!

Well that should cover it for now, and like I always say "Keep those wings level and fly safe."

Roger Medlin
President EAA 477



Upcoming Events

EAA477 Chapter meeting
July 9th Young Eagles at 8:00 with meeting at 11:00. Burgers and dogs on the grill after the meeting

South Carolina Breakfast Club:

July 10th Woodruff, SC
SC00

June 24th Cheraw, SC
KCQW

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May Chapter Meeting Report

11 June 2016

1056 start time

16 in attendance

Taken by: Diana Belknap
Secretary

Roger:

- Welcome Guests
- Young Eagles: 13+3 adults
- Concerning purchase of 6 tables and some chairs, we received \$384.62 from the National EAA, and around \$500 previously for speakers.

Roy: Treasurers report

- 1) \$2648.67 in our account
- 2) Upcoming events in our budget
 - a. Greenwood, SC air show, 25-26 June: start at 1000, \$8 per vehicle, free to fly in, has a S.E. aviation Expo with vendors, too, and live band 6-9pm.

Roger:

- Summer schedule:
 - in August is Lewis Blackwell. Will update us on maintenance repair changes.
 - In September is Patrick Shield. With ATC.
- EAA 477 sponsoring SC Breakfast Club on Sunday 15 January 2017.
 - Catered by Backyard BBQ
 - **Need help from 477 members**
 - 50-75 in attendance
 - Let's buy more chairs (we have 25)
 - Could be a cold day
 - Roy from Aircraft Spruce is speaking

Roy:

- In May, Customer Appreciation Day at Falcon Field in Peachtree City, GA (S. of Atlanta)
 - 37 RV's flew in (largest group in the country)
 - A really great day
 - Nice Raffles
- 8-9 October Brunswick, GA, major fly-in and airshow
 - Snowbirds will be there
- September is the Triple Tree fly-in

Lee:

- Attended Shaw AFB fly-in
- Took classes (great seminars!): including aerial spins
- Pictures are on-line of airshow and fly-in

Glen:

- Get any photos you'd like to show for newsletter (doesn't have to be only airplanes!)
- Look up lowcountry aviators on facebook
- Watch the young eagles video

Finished at 1137.

Treasurer's Report

Roy Carson

Department of Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance -----	\$2,145.12
June Expenses -----	\$ 26.48
June Deposits -----	\$ 415.62
Ending Balance -----	\$2,534.26**

**This does not include the Petty Cash Balance of \$97.00

This concludes the Department of Treasury Report.

See ya at the airport,

Upcoming Events by other EAA Chapters

Ron Malec

EAA chapter 611 announces the 47th Annual Cracker Fly-In July 9th 2016 at Gainesville, Georgia at the Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport (KGVV) Runway 29 from 7am till 3pm. Over 150 aircraft expected from all over the Southeast including warbirds, historic, homebuilt, helicopters and more. Aircraft judging in several categories. Pancakes hit the grill at 07:30 and lunch at 11:00. Runway 5/23 Open all Day (No airshows). Warbird Rides, DC-3 Rides, Huey & Cobra Helicopter Rides. AT-11 Bomber, Lockheed Electra, J3 Cubs, Stearmans, Austin Healey cars and Military Trucks on static display. New Kids area with FREE Jump Castles, snow cones, and more. Fun for the whole family. See our website: www.crackerflyin.com for more info. Free parking on Palmour drive next to I-985.

Cost: \$5 donation per walk-ins. Kids 12 and under are free, Fly-Ins are free.

Young Eagles Report

Jeff Grigg

Things have been a little slower compared to this time last year. However we are busy flying the kids each month. Last month we flew 12 youngsters and a few adults.

We did lose a couple pilots due to the EAA background check and online Youth Protection Program. This is something that is happening across the country, not just here and will put somewhat of a damper on the program.

Speaking of the Youth Protection Program, the new rules require at least two vetted people that have done the online course and background check to be present, on the ground and roaming the area to make sure the kids are "safe". Long and short of it is we need a few volunteers. More is better. We don't want to lose the program for lack of volunteers. You do not have to be a EAA member, just submit to the background check and take the 15 minute course. Volunteers anyone?

I was in Lowes the other day getting some keys made. I made an offhand remark about one key was for my airplane. The woman asked me if I really was a pilot? We sometimes forget the public's perception of us. Anyway we talked about her father being in the Air Force and how much her son loves aviation. I asked her how old he was and she replied 14. He's never flown. So I naturally invited her and her son to a Young Eagle flight.

She immediately accepted, and with tears in her eyes thanked us for doing the program. She's a single mother going through a rough time and seems to have a great son. She was even hugging Barbara right there in the store giving her thanks. Couldn't believe it was all free.

I gave her my contact info. A couple days later her son wrote me a nice e-mail and we are going to schedule a flight this fall. He's taking sailing lessons this summer on Saturdays. Gave her the EAA web address and he has already read everything up there for Young Eagles.

We really don't know what effect we really have on others. I see good things for this young man, maybe, just maybe we opened him to a new career! That's why we do it, to spread the love we have of aviation.



As Young Eagles Fly Roger Medlin

As a young eagle pilot, and having flown Civil Air Patrol cadets there is no greater thrill, at least for me, than to witness a young kid experience the thrill of his or her first flight. Having flown hundreds of CAP cadet orientation flights and nearly one hundred and thirty young eagle flights I still enjoy watching the face of a young adult when the airplane lifts off the runway and begins to fly and the grin from ear to ear as we climb to altitude. I guess that's why I love the Young Eagle program as much as I do. I can remember when I was twelve years old I experienced my first airplane ride in a C-172. A Sunday school teacher took the time to take me and my two brothers flying. I guess you might say that it stuck. Having now been a pilot for twenty six years and twenty seven hundred hours of flight time the love is still there. I am so grateful for the opportunity I had as a twelve year old boy and the experience of flying in a small airplane; which brings me to the purpose for sharing. On Friday June 25th, here at the Lowcountry Regional Airport, one of our former young eagles took his first solo flight. Jordon Newland soloed in a C-120, under the supervision of Todd Givens CFI, (Ace Basin Aviation) around the pattern at RBW. Jordon, at sixteen, who is a young eagle and a Civil Air Patrol cadet is well on his way to becoming a private pilot and possibly a career in aviation.

As we continue this program I want to encourage our pilots and members to be supportive of the Young Eagles EAA program. I realize we have had some challenges along the way, with background checks and youth protections concerns but the fruit remains the same. There are so many young kids ages eight to seventeen that have never experienced the thrill of flight, and who knows there may be a few fighter pilots, airline pilots and astronauts just waiting to be discovered.

Congratulations to Jordon as a young eagle and all those who experienced the thrill of flight and who have moved on to solo and enjoy a life in aviation.



Recognizing Aviators that have Gone West

Jeff Grigg

Recently the regional air show circuit has been hit hard with the loss of two who have graced our skies. Greg Connell who flew his Pitts S2 three years ago at Wings and Wheels, lost his life at an air show at PDK. Greg was a great guy who preformed at a discount for us to help get our airshow off the ground.

Hal Ewing, who piloted the Beech 18, also attended Wings and Wheels. Hal was a fixture at air shows around the area. Hal from Sumter, was a retired freighter pilot on everything up to 747's.

I first met Hal the first Wings and Wheels he attended. I was a brand new minted pilot with about 6 weeks under my belt. At the end of the air show Hal gave a few of us a ride, including Glen Phelps, my wife and a couple friends. Being a new pilot I called the co-pilot seat!

Hal asked where did we want to go and I said since he stayed with his friend Todd Givens the night before how about if we fly over to his house about 10 miles west of Walterboro. As soon as we got airborne and right over town, Hal turned to me and said, "you're a pilot now, the aircraft is yours" and promptly turned over the controls to me! what a thrill. Here I was a very wet behind the ears pilot flying an iconic aircraft. We flew out to Todd's and back, naturally Hal did the let down and landing. All the while the folks in the back never knew, until later, I flew the plane. I had Hal sign my logbook.

It is people like Greg and Hal that make aviation special. Willing to give to others for their enjoyment. We will miss them as they have flown West, smooth skies.