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

The President's Corner

I missed Oshkosh this year. Would have been nice to get there, but much to do on the plane project, so I'll have to rely on others to tell us how it was. Looked to be a spectacular year. I know Nick Ugolini went and Bob Beckett looked like he would get a last minute chance that he just could not refuse. Maybe we can get one of them to give us a presentation in September.

One of the more newsworthy bits of information from Oshkosh is the announcement that Tom Poberezny has elected to retire! The last couple of years have been interesting watching changes in the leadership within EAA. But it is strong and has many good leaders, so I personally am confident that it will remain strong and a voice for aviation.

For those that didn't make the last meeting, Kevin Thorp gave a very informative presentation on what can be done on the EAA website along with "Oshkosh 365", which is a good example of your EAA benefits at work. You will find a report on that presentation later in the newsletter, as well as a recap of the "business" portion of the meeting.

Please also welcome our newest member, Lee Miller. Like so many other people have done, he got his private license quite a while back and then kinda quit flying. But, being a true aviation enthusiast, he is now ready to get back into it. Lets really support him in his efforts.

As announced at the July meeting, we will not have a formal meeting in August but instead will host the South Carolina Breakfast Club event at MKS the third Sunday of the month. We will be making calls asking for assistance in putting this on. You can volunteer before being called.... ;-)

We had some more "Sightings" last month, be sure to read about them in this issue of the Flypaper

My Cozy update:

I have been spending at least four days a week at the hanger the last month and the progress shows it! The wings are very close to the primer stage, the control surfaces are ready for primer and the fuselage is coming along nicely. Our new member, Lee Miller has been coming down as work schedule permits and I have "put him to work". Thanks Lee. The engine comes off next week and the fuselage is going to get flipped so that I can finish the bottom and get it in primer. My ambitious goal is to have it back on the gear and in primer by the end of August, when I will take a week and a half for travel.

--Glen Phelps, President



Upcoming Events

August 7 – Eagle Aviation – Columbia Metro Airport

August 21 - SCBC at Moncks Corner, CC ([KMKS](#))

September 17 – The Palmetto Aeroplane Classic and Cessna 120/140 Fly-In Camden, SC

September 24 – EAA477 Pool Party and Cookout - Hollywood, SC

July Meeting Report

A respectable bunch of members showed up for our Chapter 477 meeting at the Aero Club! The head count was 14. We even brought on a new member, Lee Miller.

Brett Grooms gave a short presentation regarding our upcoming "Young Eagles" day. Location is to be announced, at either JZI or RBW. He is asking for all of us to help with the event. If you can't fly kids then you can help with the registration or "Ground School". This will be a fun day!

All were reminded that we will not have our typical meeting on the second Thursday of August. Instead we will be hosting the SC Breakfast Club at MKS Sunday, August 21st.

We again talked about having a "social" meeting where all members of the family can come out and enjoy. After some discussion, it was decided that we would have a "pool party and social" at the home of Glen Phelps September 24th. The Chapter will provide drinks and something for the grill. Members are asked to bring a dish to share with the group. Details will be worked out in August. Stay tuned...

Having completed this brief portion of the meeting, we moved on to Kevin Thorp's presentation on new features of the EAA website.

Most EAA members are familiar with www.eaa.org. That has been around for years. But recently the EAA created www.oshkosh365.org as more of a user "community". A place where you can go to learn and interact with EAA members around the world. Some features are open to the general public, but the really good stuff requires you to register & log in.

When you create your profile you can note the type(s) of aircraft you fly, are building, or hope to build. This allows pilots/builders with the same interests to meet. Another place to interact and learn online are the EAA Forums (www.eaforums.org), including topics for homebuilders, vintage aircraft,

warbirds, acrobatic aircraft, ultralights and much more.



You can read the latest issue of Sport Aviation online (www.sportaviationonline.org), before the print version comes in the mail. How many of you have stacks and stacks of back issues? Did you the EAA has over 50 years of Sport Aviation online, with a searchable database? Go to www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_SAAMain.aspx. You can browse issues or search for a specific word or phrase.

Couldn't make it to Oshkosh this year? Read the latest "News Dailies" at www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_MyNews.aspx?id=1472. You can even watch it live, via Oshkosh webcam: http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_ContentDetail.aspx?id=2406.

Want to know what aviation events are coming up in the local area (or any specific area)? Go to the Calendar of Aviation Events: http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_calendareventsmain.aspx. Chapter 477 is going to be more diligent about posting our meetings & other events there.

Moving or just visiting another area and want to meet the local EAA folks? Go to the Chapter Locator: www.eaa.org/chapters/locator

One great feature we weren't able to see because of the slow-as-molasses-in-winter internet connection were the EAA Videos: www.eavideo.org. You can browse by topic (AirVenture, News, Homebuilding, Vintage Aircraft, LSA, History, etc.) or search for a specific word or phrase.

The EAA hosts "Webinars" (online seminars) each month: http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_contentdetail.aspx

[x?id=1258](#). Upcoming webinar topics include "Surviving forced Landings", "Don't Lose Your Medical", and more. If you participate live you can ask the presenter typed questions. But if you can't make it live you can find and watch past presentations via the Webinar Archives.

And finally, each month the EAA posts a very cool computer Desktop Wallpaper image with a calendar: www.eaa.org/wallpaper. The August wallpaper is a Curtiss Pusher replica.



The EAA has put a lot of time and effort upgrading their website, adding a lot more content and making it more interactive for members. We think they've done a great job!

--Glen Phelps & Kevin Thorp

Next Meeting of EAA477– SCBC, August 21

Around 9:00 am at the MKS (Moncks Corner)

We won't be having our traditional "Thursday night" meeting in August. Instead we will be hosting the SC Breakfast Club fly-in at the Berkeley County Airport (MKS) in Moncks Corner. There will be a number of tasks to do (clean the Canteen, move it to MKS, cook, meet n' greet guests, take money, clean up, etc.). If we all pitch in to help it should give us time to eat, socialize and check out the aircraft.

Sightings in July at RBW



Had a couple of sightings this month at RBW. The first is a plane I had seen several times in the pattern. Sure looked like an RV, but never got to see it up close. Then one day, there it is parked on the ramp! Took a couple of photos and am sharing one with you. It is an 320 powered RV-6 that has been flying since 1992. These guys from Bluffton, SC still have the "RV grin"! From what I have seen, they are really enjoying a nice airplane and get out our way pretty often.



The other was sitting on the ramp when I drove in to go to the hanger. Immediately, I recognized the main gear, and knew it had to be something "Beech". Sure enough, it is. I got a chance to talk to the pilot for some time about the aircraft. In its "restored" state, it is far more presentable than it would have been in its day as a primary trainer. (If you have any thought that my project will compete for this, you will be disappointed). This aircraft was immaculate in every detail.

Below follows information regarding the this model of aircraft:

“The U.S. Air Force used the T-34A for primary flight training during the 1950s. The original Mentor, a Beechcraft Model 45 derived from the famous Beechcraft Bonanza, was first flown in December 1948. The first military prototype, designated YT-34 by the USAF, made its initial flight in May 1950.



“After extensive testing, the USAF ordered the Mentor into production as the T-34A in early 1953. The first production T-34A was delivered to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., in October 1953 for evaluation, and deliveries to the Air Training Command began in 1954.

“The Mentor remained the standard USAF primary trainer until the introduction of the Cessna T-37 jet trainer in the late 1950s. As they were replaced by T-37s, many T-34s were turned over to base aero clubs. In all, the USAF acquired 450 T-34As. Three hundred fifty were built in the United States and 100 more were produced in Canada under license. The U.S. Navy and 10 foreign militaries also used the T-34.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Engine: Continental O-470-13 of 225 hp
Maximum speed: 191 mph
Range: 821 miles
Ceiling: 20,000 ft.
Span: 32 ft. 10 in.
Length: 25 ft. 11 in.
Height: 9 ft. 7 in.

Weight: 2,900 lbs. Loaded

Most of these aircraft are in museums, so it nice to know that there is one that will still be flying.

--Glen Phelps, President

Treasurer's Report

<i>June 2011 Beginning Balance</i>	<i>\$2593.40</i>
<i>Monthly Receipt</i>	<i>70.00</i>
<i>Monthly Expenses</i>	<i>21.00</i>
<i>Petty Cash</i>	<i>4.22</i>
<i>End of June 11 Bank Balance</i>	<i>\$2624.19</i>

--Tony Cole, Treasurer

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Membership Application

You must be a current EAA Member to join Chapter 477

Name _____ EAA # _____ Exp.Date ___/___/___

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone; Cell _____ Home _____ E-mail _____

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

Today's Date _____ Adult Membership [] Student Membership []

Annual dues: Adults \$25.00 (if paid by Dec. 31 only \$20.00). Students \$12.

New members after Dec 31 pay dues pro-rated at \$2.00/month adults, \$1.00/month students.

Make checks payable to **"EAA Carolina Lowcountry Ch. 477"**

EAA 477 membership dues paid; Cash [] Check [] Amount \$ _____ Date Paid _____

Pilot Ratings (if applicable) _____ Types _____

Total Hrs. PIC _____ Experimental _____ Last Flight Review ___/___/___ Hrs. since last _____

Aircraft you have owned or own now _____

Aircraft you have built or building now _____

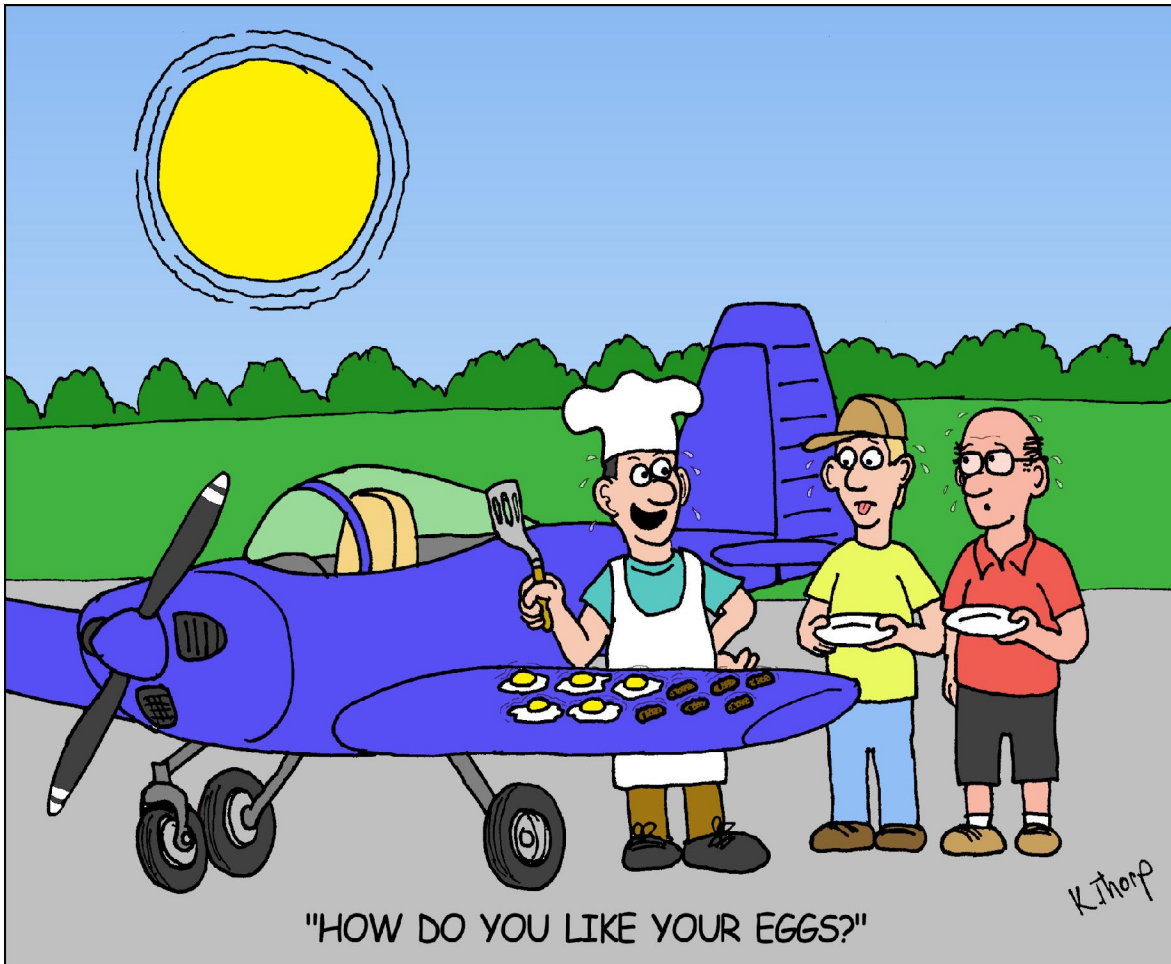
Aircraft you would seriously consider building/restoring _____

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!



"HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR EGGS?"

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