

The FlyPaper

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



Words From the President

August has arrived and summer is two thirds of the way gone, which means fall and cooler weather is not too far off. We have seen above average rain fall and thunderstorms this past July, which keeps the GA flying pretty limited. I mean who likes to fly in a level five thunderstorm, not me; I like those blue skies and calm winds for good VFR flights.

Just to recap on last month's chapter meeting we flew thirty eight young eagles with a personal accomplishment of flying my two hundredth young eagle, which I might add was an exciting moment. Also I had the privilege of speaking on "The go-no-go decision and knowing your limitation when flight planning. I have attached the full presentation in the newsletter for those who couldn't make our last meeting.

Moving on to our August meeting, we are excited about having one of our newest members, Bill Grimes as our speaker. Bill comes as a long time corporate pilot with XO Jet flying Citation ten's, and he is also a CFII. Bill will be talking to us on how to prepare for a flight re-view or better known as a bi-annual, also how to sharpen our skills in the cockpit. This will be a very informative time for all pilots and those who want to be a pilot. Mark your calendar for August 12th, senior meeting at 11:00 with lunch to follow from our top notch chef, Bruce Huffines, with hotdogs and hamburgers hot off the grill.

Also I would like to encourage all those who attended Oshkosh this year to share your photos, videos and your experience at one of our chapter meetings. Just let me know when you would like to share and I'll get you on the schedule.

Last of all, I would like to give a heads up for the 11th annual Triple Tree Aerodrome Fly In this September 6th through the 10th. The airport identifier is, SC00/Woodruff, SC. Gates open Wednesday September 6th at 7:00 am. Check out their web-site at tripletreeaerodrome.com. If you like to camp or love airplanes and fly-ins, this is the place to be. Triple Tree has a seven thousand foot grass runway that can handle a DC3 or bigger, and with lots of things to see and do. Mark your calendar and make plans go.

Well that should cover it for now, I would like to take this time to thank all the folks that have may our chapter a success. Our pilots, who fly Young Eagles, our web-master who keeps our web-site up and current, our newsletter editor, who puts out a great newsletter, our grill master, who feeds us hot dogs and hamburgers hot off the grill, our officers who serve so faithfully, but most of all I want to thank our faithful members who show up and make our chapter a great success. **Thank You All!**



Roger Medlin
President EAA 477



Upcoming Events

EAA477 Chapter meeting

August 12th Young Eagles at 8:00 with meeting at 11:00. Burgers and dogs on the grill after the meeting

South Carolina Breakfast Club:

August 6th Anderson, SC

KAND Anderson Regional

August 20th Monks Corner, SC

KMKS Berkeley County

Young Eagles

Jeff Grigg

Busy, busy July flights! We flew 38 kids, well actually 36 and two 18 year olds. We had a new pilot flying with us Bill Grimes. Bill is a great guy, a CFI and a bunch of other initials and a commercial pilot. He has the green and white tail dragger parked in the open hangers. Mike, Roger and I also flew.

We announced that no child would be left on the ground, everyone would fly. The last flight ended at 11:20! We started just after 8am. Lots of flying. The local newspaper came out and snapped a couple pictures as well.

For an added bonus Fishburn and some of the Tuskegee Airmen Chapter members arranged to assist us once again and they invited Ret. General Mitchell, who addressed the crowd of students, and parents. Thanks guys for all you do.

Interesting thing is a family from Melbourne, Florida was visiting the Walterboro area and the Walterboro Army Airfield Park across Aviation Way. One of the Tuskegee guys told them about the rally and invited them to come over. They had 10 and 12 year old girls. I told them they were certainly welcome and they would fly, and fly they did. The grins on their faces are why we do this. The parents couldn't believe we would do this for free and for out of town visitors. But hey it's all about spreading the word of aviation.

The July flights were momentous for a couple other reasons. Roger made the 200 mark in kids flown, and I surpassed the 100 mark in Young Eagles. Congratulations to us I guess.

Finally the Cessna 206 has been sold and is moving to California. Sorry to see her go and Roger will be looking for another ride!

August we will be flying the Young Eagles, but not a large organized rally, due to the heat we will just be flying a few youngsters.

One of our members is leaving us. Emile recently got married and is moving back to Louisiana with his bride. We will miss him and his help on the ramp each month. We wish him the best of luck and a long marriage. I don't know the bride but think she made a good decision. Emile my friend you are always welcome.

See everyone in August,



Airshows and Fly-ins

Ron Malec

As I write this EAA Air Venture is entering its final weekend. Other than Oshkosh July was another slow month for Airshows and Fly-ins local to the Low Country. There were two events of significance during the month.

Salute From the Shore VIII: The Salute is SC's way of thanking the military for their service. The Salute flights fly from Little River Inlet north of Myrtle Beach to Hilton Head. The Salute started with two F-16s out of Shaw AFB followed by a C-17 from Charleston AFB. The Warbird / Vintage Aircraft flight was originally scheduled to 12 aircraft to include C-46 Commando, P-51D Mustang, FG-1D Corsair and BAC Jet Provost in the "Fast" Flight with the "Slow" flight consisting of a DC-3 Dakota, AT-11 Kansan, three AT-6 / SNJ Texans, FWP-149, Pilatus P-3, and a Globe GC-1B Swift. Unfortunately due to weather and other issues two of the Texans, the Pilatus, FWP-149 and Swift were unable to make the event. So the "Slow" flight consisted of the DC-3 and SNJ-6, with the AT-11 making up its own flight due to delayed departure out of KMYR. All-in-all it was a successful event. The photos include a partial line-up of aircraft participating, the FG-1D enroute from KBBP to KMYR, and the DC-3.

Beaufort Water Festival: On Saturday, 22 July, Beaufort hosted its annual Water Festival Parade and Airshow along the Beaufort River in front. Airshow participants were the Twin Tiger Flight team flying Yak 55s, Wild Horse Aviation with its Christian Eagle, and the USCG doing Search and Rescue Demo. There was a third aerobatic team schedule per the Water Festival website but unfortunately it wasn't in attendance. Due to where I was located on the river front I was unable to get photos of the USCG demonstration. This wasn't the usual airshow as the best show lines were along the river front putting the viewer further from the show line. See a couple of the photos from the airshow.

August has no Airshows or Fly-ins scheduled that I'm aware of. However, I will be able to report on the progress being made on the XP-82 Twin Mustang restoration as I'm planning on flying up to Douglas, GA, with the RedStar Pilots Association on 19 Aug.

August 19th is National Aviation Day.

Upcoming events for September include:

11th Annual Triple Tree Fly-in: 10-16 Sep at Triple Tree Aerodrome in Woodruff, SC.

Moore County Regional Airport (KSOP) Open House: 16 Sep. I've heard this might be canceled and I'll have an update in the Sep Newsletter.

Until next month ... Blue Skies and Keep Them Flying



July Chapter Meeting Report

Glen Phelps

The meeting kicked off just about on schedule. We welcomed a new member, Bill Grimes to the chapter. Also, a faithful member and helper at our Young Eagles, Emile Fournet announced that he and his new wife are moving out of state and that this was going to be his last meeting. We are so grateful to have had Emile with us and wish him success and nothing but blue skies in his future.

After exchanging pleasantries, and a brief treasurer's report, we got the subject of our meeting, presented by Roger Medlin. This was a power point presentation that was well done and helps to keep us focused. A summary is presented below:

Do the right things Decision Making for Pilots

The goal of decision making is really very simple: doing the right at the right time. The goal of every pilot, no matter what your time as a pilot or how many hours you have flown is making the right and safe decision. The presentation that was made at our last meeting was just that. Every pilot should look at all the variables, such as his or her limitations, experiences, their airplanes limits, weather and a host of many different things that can factor into a safe and success flight.

Refuse to be pressured in taking a flight or trip because of time money or the, "I just have to be there." A flight or trip is not a mission that needs to be completed no matter what the cost. That's what the military does, who by the way are trained and skilled to complete their missions.

You don't have to be a high time pilot to make good decisions about flying. New private pilots already know most of the things that are likely to get them into serious trouble, weather maneuvering flight, strong winds, etc. A major portion of flight training is devoted to teaching the dangers inherent in these things.

So the key, as was brought out in the presentation, look at all the variables, and based on information, knowledge of limitations and experience make a good sound safe decision. Go-no-Go, could be the biggest decision you make as a pilot.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation which provided members a chance to expand on the subject. Several members shared their experiences and how they learned by some of the not so good choices they made.

Meeting was adjourned on schedule and we left to enjoy our cookout and fellowship of members.

Treasurer's Report

Glen Phelps

This month we welcomed three new members to our group! They are, Bill Grimes, Jeremy Metris and Dr Kimberly Kanapeckas. This brings us to a total of 26 dues paying members.

We had deposits of \$80 and a disbursement of \$36.51

The financial summary is as follows:

Beginning balance =	\$2,145.22
Ending balance =	\$2,188.71
Increase or (decrease) =	\$43.49