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



The President's Corner

It sure is good to be back home! It was difficult to find my own driveway after four weeks of travel. Then we had the pleasure of entertaining house guests for another week and a half. All in all, a pleasant five and a half weeks, but now it is time to get back to the "routine" again.

Hosting the breakfast at MKS was as interesting as it always is. Be sure to read more about that, including a couple new ideas we tried out, on page 2. I particularly want to thank the Chapter members that turned out to help: Nick Ugolini, Tony Cole, Grey Minshew, Rich Hassell, Bruce Huffines, Mac Boatwright and Kevin Thorp. There is no way we can host something like this unless our members step up to give a hand. I know others would liked to have been there, but could not make it. To those that couldn't make it, note the Walterboro Breakfast fly-In on the 26th of this month.

Before you know it, the end of the year will be here. As always, the Executive Committee accepts all the help it can get in developing interesting and fun monthly programs. Give us your ideas and help! Also coming up in the month of November will be the election of officers for the Chapter. Please keep this in mind. You will read and hear more on this subject in upcoming emails and Chapter meetings.



Now for my "Cozy Project Report":

For sure, the last month and a half has negatively affected progress on the project. My twin brother has reminded me if I don't get on with it, "someone else will be flying your airplane". So, along with all of my other responsibilities, I am going to make a commitment to get the engine running in September! And that is going to take some work! Instead of a photo of my progress (or lack thereof), I offer a link to a fine video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=o40_MzuKIGA Hope you enjoy it!

-Glen Phelps, President

Upcoming Events

Sept 6 – SC Breakfast Club
Columbia Owens
Downtown Airport (KCUB)

Sept 10 - Chapter 477 Meeting, 6:30 pm at the
CAFB Aero Club.



Nick Ugolini will give a technical presentation on heating and cooling systems for the cockpit. We'll also have hot pizza and cold soda. Members and drop-in are invited!

Sept 12 - Palmetto Aeroplane Classic, Woodward Field (KCDN), Camden, SC.
For more info:
www.eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.aspx?id=5045

Sept 20 - SC Breakfast Club
Laurens County Airport (KLUX)

Sept. 23-27 - Triple Tree Fly-In, Triple Tree Aerodrome, Woodruff, SC. For more info:
www.tripletreeflyin.com

Sept. 26 – Walterboro Breakfast fly-In, hosted by EAA Chapter 477 and the Walterboro Airport Commission. See page 3 for details.

SC Breakfast Club, Moncks Corner

Bruce Huffines & I went to Sam's Club to buy food on the evening before the event. I used my handy smart phone to get the latest weather report. As you know, the turnout for these Breakfast Club Fly-Ins is directly related to the weather throughout the state. We didn't want to buy too much food, but even worse, we didn't want to run out!



We ended up having a beautiful day on the 23rd, but it started with a low ceiling and only a few participants, who drove in. Early on we heard a couple intrepid pilots overhead, waiting on the ceiling to lift. Soon it did, and planes started arriving. I used Glen's camera on a tripod to record the landings, which we later played back for the guests. We could have used a brighter projector, but the landings video was a hit with the crowd.

Another thing the guests really liked was the \$1/ticket raffle. I'm sorry I didn't get the name of the gentleman who won but he was the guy with the big grin (note his new best friend Rich):



The food was excellent of course, and although we had leftovers, the club made a nice little profit on the event (can I say that about a non-profit club?). See Rich's Treasurer's report on page 3.

In his "President's Corner" Glen noted the Chapter 477 members who helped pull off this successful event. We also want to thank Stacy Thomas and her crew at Moncks Corner Airport for providing the hangar and helping set up. They run a very professional operation up there.



These photos were taken by Stacy and myself. For more pictures, go to www.eaa477.org and click the "Photo Albums" button. As I looked through them I realized we didn't take any photos of aircraft! Oh well, these events are more about the people, not the "hardware", right?

-Kevin Thorp, Secretary



Don Alexander's RV-8 First Flight!

Message from Don:

"Last Friday was my big day. She is a wonderful machine. I have already seen 200 mph and 1,500 fpm climb with my skinny butt at the controls. So far, the only issues that have cropped up are related to fine-tuning my avionics programming. I have a fuel gauge that keeps going to "0" for no obvious reason...probably a bad ground. I feel so blessed to be behind the controls of this incredible plane..."



Congratulations Don! If your RV-8 flies anything like it looks, we expect you now have that famous "RV Grin"!

Timeless Voices

Last month the EAA passed 1000 "Timeless Voices" video recordings, many of which were produced by our own Mel Smith with the assistance of Earl Fisher. The program was initiated by the EAA Museum to assure that the first person oral histories of aviation's development are preserved for future generations. www.eaa.org/timelessvoices



Treasurer's Report

Aug. 09 beginning balance	\$2,121.75
Month's receipts	420.00
Month's expenses	178.45
Petty cash	30.00
End of Aug 09 Bank balance	\$2,462.02

The breakfast club at Moncks Corner generated \$420.00 (70 meals served) less 178.45 in expenses, giving us income of 241.55.

-Rich Hassell, Treasurer

Walterboro Breakfast Fly-in Saturday, September 26 9:00-11:00 am

In addition to serving a great breakfast of hot coffee, eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, and orange juice, we'll watch an excellent 1-hour PBS documentary on the "Tuskegee Airmen".



As some of you know, at the Walterboro Airport there is a memorial honoring the Tuskegee Airmen. In WWII the Walterboro Army Airfield base was activated to provide final combat training for the Tuskegee Airmen before they were sent straight into action.

Roger Medlin and the Walterboro Airport Airport staff are providing the logistics (event planning, table, chairs, etc.) and Chapter 477 will do the cooking. Our canteen is stored on-site, so this should be less work than the SC Breakfast Clubs we typically host.



Hope every one can make it!

Classifieds

Free to Good Home

Approximately **10 large boxes of aviation magazines** (Sport Aviation, Air Progress, etc.), dating from the mid-1950s to 2004. They're currently stored in the the Chapter 477 mobile classrooms up in Moncks corner, but the humidity is starting to affect the pages. Glen and I took two boxes of what we thought were the most interesting books & periodicals, but we don't have room to store everything.

Contact Kevin Thorp
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Airpark Lots For Sale

Two lots, totaling 2.30 acres on Twin Lakes Airport (S17), Trenton, South Carolina (approximately 15 miles NE of Augusta, GA). \$90k

Contact John Schmidt
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Does this get your attention?



Then you're obviously interested in sport aviation!

If you're not already a member of our chapter we'd love to have you join us. Or just drop in on one of our meetings & see what we're all about.

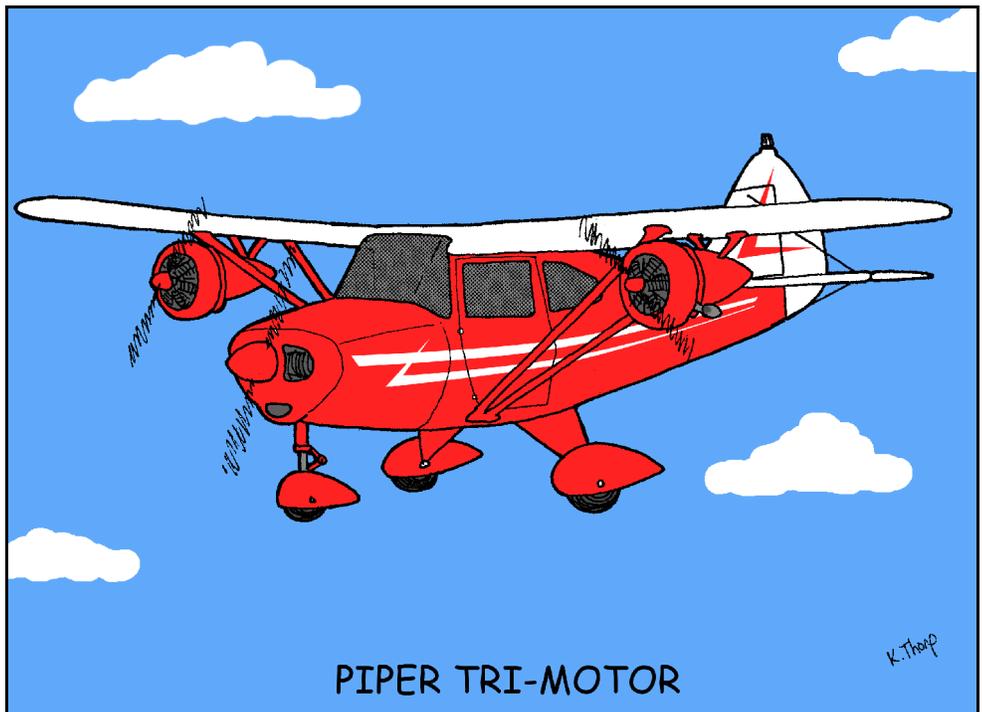
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You must be a current EAA Member to join Chapter 477

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 or \$20.00 if paid by Dec. 1. Students \$12.

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

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Pilot Ratings (if applicable) _____ Types _____

Total Hrs. PIC _____ Experimental _____ Last Biennial ___/___/___ 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!