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



## The President's Corner

I have been pretty busy with my project, so have not had a chance to talk to anyone that went to Oshkosh. Since we had the SCBC breakfast this past month at MKS, we really have not had much of a chance to sit together to discuss such things.

That being said, the breakfast in Monks Corner went very well. It seemed that there was a little ground fog at certain locations in the state, and so our turn out was a little less than in the past, but we had a good group anyway. You will find more on that later in the newsletter.

Looks like we will have a great presentation for the September meeting. Watch for the announcement and a change of meeting location. Unfortunately, I will be in Iowa and will miss it, but I am told it is going to be a once in a lifetime events.

We had planned on a Social Event this month, but we regrettably have had to rethink that event. We will be thinking of another event in the future.

We have some "sightings" in this newsletter. I think you will find them interesting. I too had one, but am going to honor the planes owner and not put a lot about the plane or family in the newsletter, at least not in detail. Suffice it to say, a professional pilot and pilot spouse flew their "right" airplane into RBW. A "right" airplane is one that follows the correct configuration: elevator in the front, propeller in the rear, GO CANARDIANS! A great aircraft. This couple also has two small children. I don't think there is any doubt that they too will be "wing nuts". If you want to see such aircraft, you need to hang around the greatest airport in South Carolina: Lowcountry Regional, RBW.

## My Cozy update:

I said my schedule was ambitious! But with the help of new 477 member Lee Miller, I am not too far off. When you read this, the priming of the bottom of the plane will be done, and it will be back on its wheels. Contemplating some other things, but not going to reveal them now. Get your dirty clothes on and come on down, at least you could help me clean up a little ;-)

--Glen Phelps, President

## Upcoming Events

**September 8** – EAA477 Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm at the Park Circle Community Center

**September 4** - SCBC Palmetto Air Plantation (SC41) Turf

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

**September 18** - SCBC Laurens County Airport (KLUX)

**October 8** – EAA Chapter 477 Young Eagles Day, Johns Island Airport (KJZI). Contact Brett Grooms [eagles@eaa.org](mailto:eagles@eaa.org)



## EAA477 Serves up Breakfast

Sunday August 21, The Charleston EAA 477 served up a three course breakfast for the South Carolina Breakfast Club at the Berkeley county airport located in beautiful Monks Corner, SC.



The weather was perfect and folks from all over the state of South Carolina made their way to enjoy a delicious breakfast. About 60 pilots and aviation enthusiasts enjoyed a great breakfast at the hands of the volunteers of the Charleston EAA Chapter 477. Special thanks to all the volunteers from Chapter 477 who gave up their Sunday morning to come out and cook up a mess of grits, eggs and sausage.



Also special thanks to the management and staff at the Berkeley County airport for a super job of hosting and serving the pilots, and planes that flew in.

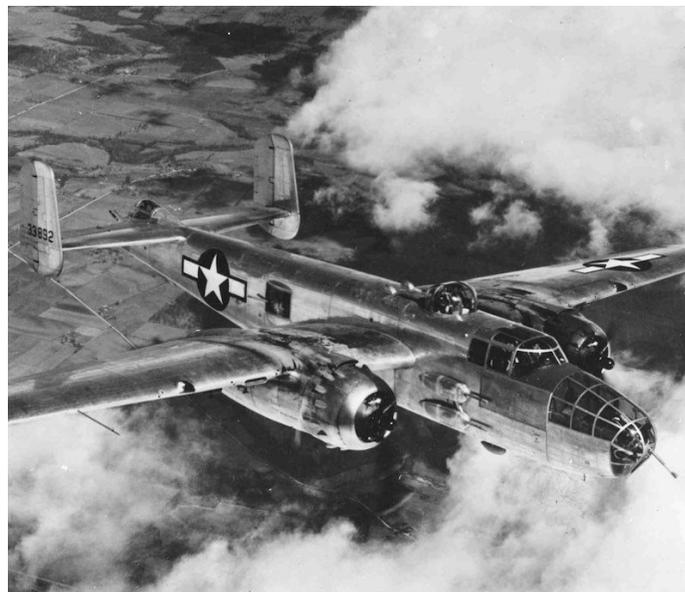
As the weather begins to cool down folks enjoy getting out and doing some flying. What better event there is than to fly in for breakfast? I trust all who attended and ate enjoyed themselves, and will pass the word on for the next SC Breakfast Club breakfast. This is your man, who was on the scene and an i-witness to the fun and food, signing off. Till the next time keep those wings level and on course.

*--Secretary Roger D Medlin*

## Next Meeting of EAA477

Thursday, Sept. 8, 6:30 pm at the Park Circle Community Center ([Click here for Map](#))

We've moved the location because we expect a little larger crowd will be interested in hearing our special speaker, **Sgt. Arthur Cobert, USAAF Ret.** He will present a 20-minute video and talk about his adventures as a gunner aboard the **B-25J Mitchell** bomber, serving in the China theater of WWII.



You don't want to miss this presentation! We will also serve hot pizza and cold soda, so bring a few bucks for the "tip jar" if you wish to partake.

This presentation is open to the general public, so if you think you might stop by, please email us at [rsvp@eaa477.org](mailto:rsvp@eaa477.org) so we have a rough headcount. Thanks!

*- Kevin Thorp, V.P.*

## September 24<sup>th</sup> Cookout Canceled

Actually it might just be delayed/moved to the Summerville Airport (DYB) in Oct or Nov. Check <http://eaa477.org> for updates.

## The Russians Have Invaded RBW

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year the skies of RBW, Lowcountry Regional Airport, Walterboro, SC were visited by a Mi-17, better know has a Russian helicopter. The Mil Mi-17 (as known as the Mi-8M series in Russian service, NATO reporting name Hip, is a Russian Helicopter. The Mil Mi-8/17 is a medium twin-turbine transport helicopter that also acts as a gunship. The Soviet Union specifically designed the Mi-17 for the Soviet war in Afghanistan.



Though we are not at war with the former Soviet Union, it was our pleasure to have had the Russian Mi-17 visit our ramp at Lowcountry Regional, and as always to give the great service we are so celebrated for here at RBW.

In the photos you will notice the linemen about to fuel the big bird, and the gentlemen with his heard stuck inside the cockpit, well it's our own beloved Golf Papa, know as Glen Phelps. I guess he's checking out the instrument panel. That's good if you can read Russian.



Last but not least if you're interested in ordering you're on Mi-17. Here's a little bit of purchasing information. On 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 the Royal Thai Army announced a deal to buy 6 Mi-17s to meet its requirement for a medium-lift helicopter. Flight International quotes the Thai army's rationale for purchasing the Russian made helicopter, rather than an American made helicopter. "We are buying three Mi-17 helicopters for the price of one Black Hawk." I guess inflation has hit the world helicopter market.

And that's what happening at the RBW airport, where any UFO might touchdown.

--Secretary Roger D Medlin

## Treasurer's Report

July 2011 Beginning Balance	\$2593.40
Monthly Receipt	70.00
Monthly Expenses	21.00
Petty Cash	4.22
End of July 11 Bank Balance	\$2624.19

--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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Skills you would be willing to share/help other members in their homebuilt project \_\_\_\_\_

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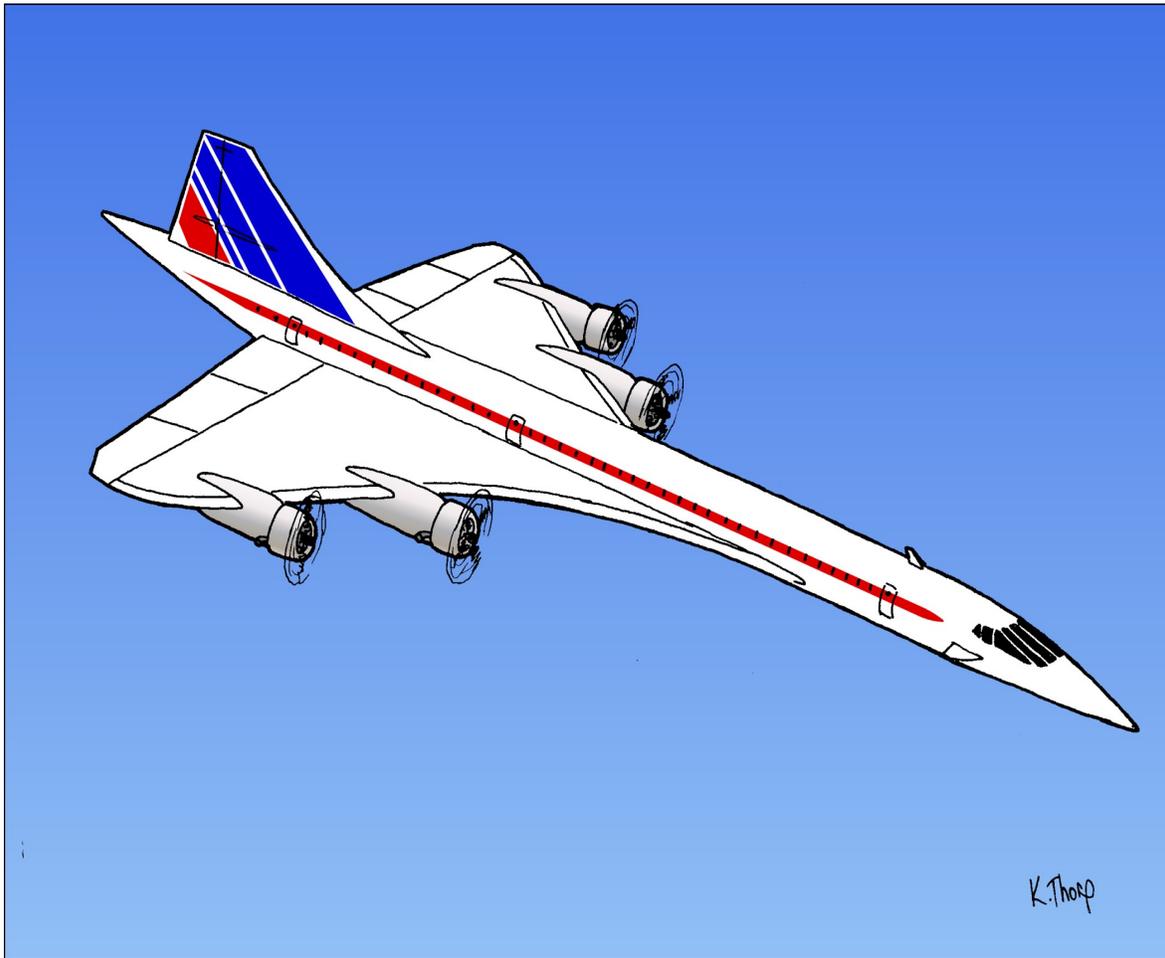
Other skills/talents that can help our chapter \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments/suggestions, including membership in other EAA Chapters \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thanks, and welcome to Chapter 477!*



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*If you're not already a member of EAA Chapter 477 we'd love  
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*Fill out the application included in this newsletter, or just drop  
in on one of our meetings & see what we're all about.*

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