

# The FlyPaper

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



## Words From the President

Well it's a brand new year, 2017. I hope everyone had a blessed and happy holiday and have made all your New Year's resolutions that is, if you're into that kind of thing. I prefer setting new goals that I shoot for during the course of the year. We have had a great year with lots of Young Eagle flights, lots of great guest speakers, and a great air show, (back in April). I want to thank all our officers; pilots and members for giving their time and money to make 2016 an outstanding year.

I am excited about 2017 and all the things we have in store for our chapter and the YE program. Our first meeting for 2017 will be January 14<sup>th</sup>, starting with YE flights at 09:00, followed by our regular monthly meeting at 11:00. Channel five news will be on hand to do a news story on the Young Eagle flights and the YE program. Our senior meeting will follow with Todd Givens as our speaker. Todd is a CFI and owner and operator of Ace Basin Aviation. Todd will be talking to us on landings at non-controlled airport. Todd, who is very knowledgeable and experienced, will give some good insights on pattern entry and proper language pilots should be using when landing at non-controlled airports.

Next will be our SCBC fly-In, Sunday January 22 beginning at 08:30 the EAA 477 and the Low country Regional Airport will host the first of many breakfasts. The nice folks from Backyard BQ will be cooking breakfast on site with, **Eggs, sausage, grits, biscuits and gravy, and pancakes; add coffee, orange juice and tea and you have one awesome breakfast for only \$8.00.**

This next event I am very excited about is the competition with pilots on way points and dead reckoning. Basically it will be a pilot and his or her crew planning flights to four different way points with an estimated time to arrive at each way point. The catch is, there will be no using of GPS's or Garmin's for navigation, only the equipment used during WWII aircraft. Navigation will be by dead reckoning only. The pilot and crew who get to each way point closest to the pre-determined time will win. More information will be follow as we get closer to the event. We are looking at our March meeting to launch this competition.

As we move into the spring and air shows start popping up such as, the **Blue Angles at the MCAS in Beaufort, SC**, and an a number of other air shows we will be looking to host a huge **Young Eagles Rally**. On May 13<sup>th</sup> we will be inviting pilots from all over North and South Carolina to participate in flying over two hundred and fifty Young Eagles. This will be an all day event with food vendors on site and lots of flying. We hope to have a couple of war birds stop by and fly by to make this a fun filled day for Young Eagle; more info to follow. Well that should do it for now. Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Remember keep those wings level and fly safe.

Roger Medlin  
President EAA 477



## Upcoming Events

### EAA477 Chapter meeting

January 14th, Young Eagles at 8:30 and meeting at 11:00, followed by our traditional cookout

### South Carolina Breakfast Club:

**January 22** Walterboro, SC  
RBW

## November Chapter Meeting Report

10 December 2016

1220 start time

Approx. 20 in attendance

Notes taken by: Diana Belknap (Secretary)

1130, set up tables for lunch, brought to us by Duke's Barbeque

1200 food served. Fun eating with friends. Lots of lively discussions throughout the room.

Roger:

- Welcome to all and introduction of guests in the room.
- Thanks to Eagle pilots. Had 36 young eagles and one parent flying today!
- Discussed future fly-ins including Brunswick, GA and others. Check in with Roy or Roger to learn about others happening in the next month or two.
- We will not be hosting our annual Wings and Wheels airshow in the spring.
  - New terminal is happening during this time.
  - Planning to do a summer rally of some sort with Young Eagles.
- Roger passed out certificates of appreciation to officers and others. Thanked many individuals for their support throughout this past year.
- Everyone continued eating and sharing stories.
- Finished around 1430.

## Young Eagles Report

Roger Medlin  
for  
Jeff Grigg

On December 10<sup>th</sup> the EAA 477 Chapter pilots took the skies to give airplane rides to the Stall High School JROTC students. Assisted by the Hiram Mann Tuskegee chapter of Walterboro with ground ops and photos ops, the EAA pilots flew thirty seven Young Eagles. Young Eagles is a term is used for airplane rides given to youth from the ages of eight years old to seventeen years old. The Young Eagle program is sponsored by the National EAA, (Experimental Aircraft Association.) with opportunities to further their goals in becoming a pilot. On hand was Major General Mitchell, (Air Force retired) to give words of encouragement and to challenge these Young Eagles to pursue their dreams and goals and reach for the sky.

The EAA 477 Chapter along with Hiram Mann Tuskegee Chapter has reached out to unprivileged and minority kids in the Low Country to offer airplane rides and possibly a career in aviation. Monthly flights are given every second Saturday at the Low country Regional Airport. (RBW), Walterboro, SC



Youth

from all over the low country are welcome to come and experience the thrill of flight and get involved in the YE

program. If you would like more information about the Young Eagles program please call 843-549-2549. If you are a pilot and a member of the EAA and would like to be part of flying Young Eagles give us a call, we would love to get you involved.

## **Treasure's Report**

**Glen Phelps**

Yes, I am your “new” Treasurer. I have the appropriate material and “on the books” to begin this task. Roy Carson has done an excellent job over the last couple of years keeping all of the members up to date with the “office of the treasury”. I am working on extracting that information in the form he has presented in the past, but need a little more time to prepare it.

Suffice it to say, the first of the year the chapter must pay our respective dues to National, which is the first significant outgo from the bank account. Of course, we rely on members dues, and spartan income from the cookouts to bring us to a positive position throughout the year. Which brings me to the point: If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

## **Newsletter Editors Comments**

**Glen Phelps**

I would like to offer my sincere apologies for being so late in getting this issue out. It is always difficult, it seems, to get all I need to publish by the first of the month. This month, I actually had just about all I needed, but decided to wait to get just one more bit of information. That was a mistake.....although I did get what I wanted.

Very shortly after the first of the month, I contracted the flu from Pam (my wife) who in turn had acquired it from her mother days earlier. From my experience, it is a lot worse than it looks, if you can understand what I mean. There is not anything you want to do, or can do, except go through it.

Being a thermodynamic engineer by education, I am trained to look at control volumes. For those of you that don't understand what that is, you measure what goes into that volume and what leaves that volume, (mass and energy) and make scientific judgments on the changes. In this case, the volume of liquid, mass, entering the “control volume”, (my body), went to zero, but the volumes being discharged via two routes was very significant, if you get the gist. Really ugly, I can assure you.....

By last night, I had the thought that I just might survive this experience, and watched the movie “Hugo”, on Netflix, (not the hurricane), while enjoying a fire in the fireplace with wood collected by my Pam days earlier. A good movie and I recommend it.

After retiring for the night, I enjoyed the first good nights sleep I have had in days. I knew I must be better when I awoke to a dream in which I had just finished eating a large portion of rare prime rib.

So, after being sick for most of the year, (so OK, it is just started), I am ready to take on the task of getting this out, albeit, not on time. Hope you understand.....