

# The FlyPaper

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



## Words From the President

“Should old acquaintance be forgotten and never brought to mind”, these are the words of the song that is sung when the bell strikes 12:00 am and a new year has begun. Well happy New Year! It’s 2018 and a new year is upon us. I am sure you all have made your new year’s resolutions and will stick to them, not like last year’s resolutions that lasted about a week if that long, oh well. Let’s try it again and hold for at least a month this time.

Looking back on 2017, which was a great year for the EAA 477 chapter. We were able to accomplish a lot with over 200 Young eagles flown, new members added to our chapter and a lot of outstanding speakers from, Air Traffic Control to weather men, to CFI’s, to Air Force personal, to a number of outstanding folks that helped us become better pilots, better aviators and hopefully better acquainted with the aviation world that we love and enjoy.

I have enjoyed serving these past three years as the president of the EAA 477 chapter. I have had great folks to work with both in the flying operations and the ground operations. I personally grew through the knowledge and expertise that has been shared through our guest speakers and fellow members. It truly has been a great experience. As I step down as the president of the chapter I will continue to remain as a committed member and will assist the new incoming president through this transition period, as well as continue to fly young eagles.

As we look forward our January chapter meeting, our guest speaker will be, James Dangerfield, from the FAA “FAST” team. James will be talking to us on how to be safer pilots and better aviators. Along with our guest speaker we will acknowledge and recognize the folks that have given some much in 2017 to make the 477 the successful chapter it has become. Young eagle flights will begin at 09:00 with pilot briefing at 08:30. Following our senior meeting lunch will be served by our favorite chef and grill master, with hamburger and hotdogs hot off the grill and all the trims. I might add this is a good time of fellowship and hangar talk that can be informative and insightful.

Finally, mark your calendar for January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 for the (SCBC) South Carolina Breakfast Club fly-in here at the Lowcountry Regional Airport (RBW). Breakfast will be served starting around 0:830 for \$8.50, all you can eat. Our special friends from Backyard BQ will be cooking up a southern old fashion breakfast, one you don’t want to miss.

Well that should cover it for now. I would like to again say it’s been a pleasure to serve and be a part of the EAA 477 chapter. I trust you will give you support and commitment to the new president as you have given to me. Now I will close with my last famous word, will maybe not famous, “Keep those wings level and always fly safe.”



Roger Medlin  
President EAA 477



## Upcoming Events

### EAA477 Chapter meeting

NJanuary 13th, Young Eagles at 9:00  
with pilot briefing at 8:30. Meeting at  
11:00 with lunch to follow

### South Carolina Breakfast Club:

January 7th Aiken, SC  
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January Walterboro, SC

**KRBW** Low Country Regional

## October Chapter Meeting Report

*Diana Belknap*

9 December 2017

1100 start time

27 in attendance

Minutes Taken by: Diana Belknap, Secretary

- Roger welcomed everyone.
  - No Young Eagles flights today due to low ceilings.
  - SC Breakfast club will be here at Lowcountry Regional, in the hanger, 21 January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Jan), breakfast brought to us by Backyard BBQ. Come join us!!
  - On 28 April is a one day air show at Charleston Airport.
  - At Myrtle Beach on 28 April is an air show with the Blue Angels performing.
  - Elections at January meeting.
    - Roger is resigning as President (a 2 year term), so think about who should replace him.
    - Mike and Diana and Glen will stay in their roles, and Glen will continue to be the newsletter editor. (No Treasurers report today since Glen was not able to attend this meeting, but we are in the black!)
    - Awards will be given out at the January meeting, as well.
  - We plan to do the Navigation Challenge again in February or March, so get excited about that!
- James Dangerfield is here to present the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award to Don Bennett. “It is all about Don today from here on out”.
  - James is part of the air safety team. Promotes safety and is the FAA Team Program Manager. Also has his Airworthiness Certificate. Gets to give out awards as part of his job!
  - Concerning Charles Taylor, James showed us a great video about him.
    - He is the mechanic who made flight possible in 1903. There were 3 men involved in the invention of flight: the Wright brothers and Charles (who is not so well known).
    - Charles was born in 1868 and by age 12 he was working with machinery and mechanics in the bicycle business (which was easy for him).
    - In 1901 Charles began working for the Wright brothers. The first job he did for them was to build a wind tunnel. From the data collected from the wind tunnel came the 1202 glider.
    - In order to create flight, the brothers asked Charles to create the first 4 cylinder engine, which he built by hand chiseling out the pieces. It took him 6 weeks to build. This was the 2001b engine and was used in 3 or four flights. (Incidentally, on the first flight in 1903, the flight lasted 12 seconds and climbed to 40’.)
  - Concerning Don Bennett and his award, the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of senior mechanics.  
The following is the criteria for this award:
    - Must hold a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority or Federal Aviation Administration mechanic or repairman certificate.
    - Have 50 or more years of civil and military maintenance experience. Up to 20 years of the required 50 years may be U.S. military experience; or worked as an uncertified person in a U.S. maintenance facility that maintained U.S. registered aircraft, either domestically or overseas; or worked as an uncertified person in the aircraft manufacturing industry in the U.S., producing US type certificated or U.S. military aircraft.
    - The 50 years may be computed consecutively or non-consecutively.
    - Be a U.S. citizen.
    - Have not had any airman certificates revoked.

- As you can imagine, Don has many, many certifications. Some of his professional skills history is below:
  - In the civil or military aircraft maintenance field from 1961-1999.
  - Power plant certificate in 1967.
  - Airframe cert. in 1968
  - Pilot's certification in 1971
  - Inspection authorization 1998
  - First GA aircraft he worked on was a J3 Piper Cub
  - Worked on the spacesuits used on the moon! He charged up the units and set the switches for the 1<sup>st</sup> walk!
  - Married 54 years to Anne. First, Anne received a very nice lapel pin for her wonderful support of Don for all these years.
  - Don then received a blue ribbon mechanics award lapel pin, and then his Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award (framed Certificate).
- Congratulations to Don and his wife Anne on this wonderful and well deserved award!!
- Finished up at 11:40. Dukes BBQ catered in a great BBQ meal for our annual Christmas luncheon. Good food and great conversation was had by all.

## **Treasurer's Report**

*Glen Phelps*

A little more activity this month. Checks were written as follows:

- Duke's BBQ for the December lunch: \$130.90
- EAA National dues: \$359.00 and
- High Point Aviation for Young Eagles materials (which will be reimbursed by EAA): \$162.00

There were two petty cash transactions,

- Drinks for the December meeting: \$8.80 and
- Postage: \$1.14

We also received a donation from David Walters (Thanks David, this is HUGE) for \$100.00 and were reimbursed \$50.00 that was not used for prizes to be used for the Navigation Challenge. In addition, an adjustment of \$0.05 for the material purchased for that event which will be used at a later date.

The financial summary is as follows:

Beginning balance = \$2,210.51  
 Ending balance = \$1,708.66  
 Increase or (decrease) = (\$501.85)

Petty Cash  
 Beginning balance= \$100.00  
 Ending balance= \$90.06

I guess this is as good a time as any, with one exception, nobody has paid dues for the 2018 year! (including me) I sure would like for all of you to get caught up as soon as possible. Dues are still only \$25 per year. Dues can be paid by cash or check at any one of our meetings.

We have the mailbox at the Low Country Regional airport, but that is not checked very often. For the purpose of getting your dues up to date, you can mail them to my local mailbox, Glen Phelps 4348 Cloudmont Dr Hollywood, SC 29449 Make checks payable to EAA 477. I will see that you get a receipt either email, mailed, or at the next meeting. Just let me know how you would like it to be handled.