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The President's Corner

As most of you know, I have been doing a little bit of flying during the last year. It has taken me to places and I have seen things that I have only ever dreamt of. The flying has been a lot of fun; however, it has taken me away from many meetings and builder visits, I am sorry for that; but you all have done well with Bruce, Earl, and Ed right there to step up. Thank you.



I have been in Paris, and walked around the corner to look at New York. I have been 85 feet below sea-level with Sea Turtles on a very large reef and month later I was near the summit of a 14,000 plus foot-mountain trying to catch my breath. There is nothing like aviation and airplanes. They are time machines. We are privileged to be a part of such an industry.

I hope soon that I will have the opportunity to get back to construction of my RV-7A. I have the horizontal and vertical stabilizers completed and I have started on the rudder. I still debate with myself if I should bite the bullet and purchase the quick build kit or do the standard kit or some combination of the two. Whichever way I go, I dream everyday of pushing that throttle forward for the first time and of taking trips with one of my offspring or spouse beside me.

The Dream. The same dream that has brought all of us to EAA must continue and stay alive. We cannot let the elements around us hinder our dream. This chapter has great talent in its ranks, some untapped and some unknown. For the future of the chapter, we need to learn how to tap into those talents to move us forward. I think that the future of the chapter will depend on having our spouses involved. Look at Lorraine and Peter and what they are doing. Just think if our spouse would 'buy into' the Chapter. We could do a lot of things. Thank you for letting me be your president.

-Kip Pratt, Chapter President

Upcoming Events

Oct 5-7 - VAA Chapter 3 Fall Fly-In, Camden, SC

Oct 7 - South Carolina Breakfast Club: Camden (CDN)

Oct 11 Chapter 477 Meeting Canceled
Kip, Earl and our presenter Mel will be out of town that week. But mark you calenders for the Nov. 8 meeting. That's when Mel will show his Oshkosh '07 video!

Oct 16-17 – EAA Chapter 330 will be hosting the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" at the Savannah Airport



Oct 20 - Carolina Sport Flyers Annual Fall Fly-In. Butters Field-Lee County Airport, Bishopville, SC

Oct 21- South Carolina Breakfast Club: Barnwell (BNL)

Message from the Editor

If you have any suggestions, articles, photos, etc. please send them to me at kevin@medamation.com

Many thanks to Kip, Earl & Bruce for helping me put together our inaugural newsletter!

-Kevin Thorp, Editor

August Meeting Report

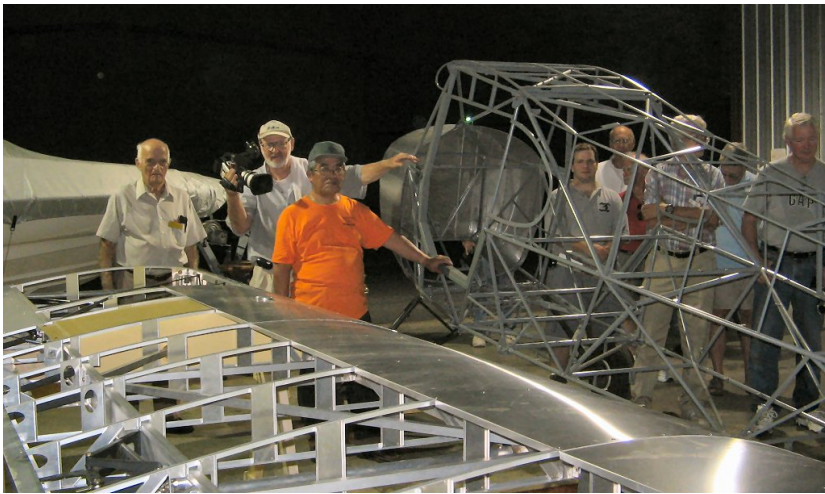
Our August meeting at Summerville airport allowed John Disher to showcase his ready-to-taxi-test RV-9A and his already flying Kitfox. Way to go John!

We also saw Paul Johnson's (one of our new members) PA-12 kit, that's in the initial stages of assembly, and Bruce's Bearhawk.

Bruce put on a "feedbag" fit for a king with fantastic 'burgers, hot dogs and ALL the trimmings. He even had a dessert and along with Paul Ely's cream puffs we were stuffed!



The gang checks out John's RV-9A



Paul's PA-12

This all took place in Bruce's "hangar-office" adjacent to his hangar where he has his Bearhawk project and Cessna 150. Although we had 22 members and guests attend, we all fit in for the meeting.

We were also treated to an awesome demonstration of **Rotomotion's** miniature fully-automated production rotorcraft. The UAV's are being built for the government as surveillance recon platforms equipped with hi-rez video and infra-red detection sensors with performance telemetry data being sent back to the control van.

Dennis D'Annuzio co-owner and COO at Rotomotion and a new member of EAA 477 was accompanied by Andrew Chang, design and flight safety assistant.

They described the UAV mission role and gave us an operational demonstration with an up close look at the remote programming console and monitor in the mobile command center. Along with providing real-time video and target detection with the IR sensor, the UAV's presence over a convoy or command vehicle is a deterrent to the enemy showing themselves. Search and Rescue, Border Patrol and law enforcement are only a few of the other applications possible.

-Earl Fisher, Chapter Secretary



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South Carolina Breakfast Club

Sunday, August 26, EAA 477 played host to the South Carolina Breakfast Club at Moncks Corner Berkeley County Airport. We served breakfast from our mobile Canteen, feeding over 77 hungry fly-in pilots and guests. The SCBC has been active since 1938 except for 3 years during WW II.

We're indebted to our volunteer cooks, Mac Boatright and VP Bruce Huffines, and can't thank them enough along with the other members for providing yeoman service to make this fly-in a success. Mac and Bruce elected to stick out the heat and demanding schedule to do an outstanding job in the Canteen! Thanks guys! At the next Chapter 477 meeting we'll announce how much money we were able to put in the bank.



Chapter 477's Mobile Canteen

September Meeting Report

We all met at Don Alexander's house at or around 6:30 pm. It was great meeting, and despite the rainstorm we had a pretty good turnout - 10 members and 2 guests. Don's charming wife Barbara fixed a great salad and Earl Fisher brought the pizza and drinks.



Don's RV-8 fuselage

Don's RV-8 is looking sharp. He and his dad have done a great job on it. I can't believe how shiny that fuselage is! And how clean his shop is (I need to go work on mine). Again, thanks to the Alexander's for having us over.

-Bruce Huffines, Chapter Vice President



Don's Dad in front of the RV-8 elevators

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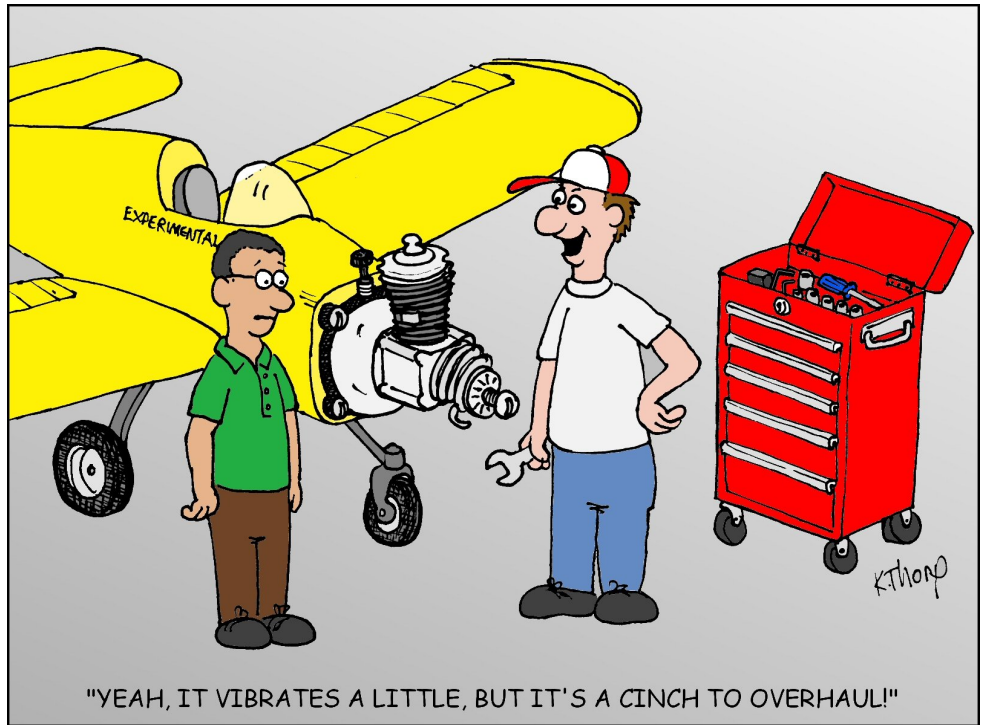
ARE YOU JUST PLANE NUTS?

Building or restoring a project? Thinking about starting a project?



Are you a member of the EAA? Or just interested in aviation? Please feel free to drop in on one of our meetings & see what we're all about. Check www.eaa477.org for the location & dates.

See ya there!



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