

The FlyPaper

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

From the President

As a lot of you know, I have been on a great two week vacation to the western mountains of the country. We used to tell people at the chemical plant that returned from a lengthy vacation that we would help them find the restrooms again. I feel like I need a little help with that now too. But it was an extraordinary time!

In my absence we again had a record setting event at the SCBC a few weeks ago. Thanks to all that did so much to make that event what it was. Makes me think that maybe they do better without me. Please read the "official" report later in the newsletter.

As you probably are already aware, we are making some great plans to "kick off" our new meeting venue on October 13th. Remember, this is a Saturday. Coffee starts at 10:00 AM, with the presentation by PF Beck about his Pietenpol experience. With regards to Piets, he is "The Man" of the southeast and beyond. After the presentation we will have a cookout to top it off. Some fuel discounting for those that fly in. You really don't want to miss this! More on our website, www.eaa477.org and in the newsletter, so keep up to date with us.

In November, we will be doing the same format, but with Roy Carson going over his adventures (and misadventures?) in building a Van's RV-7 with the Eggenfellner Subaru firewall forward package. We also will be drawing the name of an individual that has registered for the handheld aviation communications radio. (Rules and the like are posted on our website.) Again, keep up to date with the information on the website.

In December, we will have a member and guest fellowship dinner. Details are being worked out at present, and we will post to the website as soon as we "finalize" those plans. We expect to have a great presentation too.



Now for my Cozy progress report:

Hey, that ain't a Cozy, but if it had wings, I'll bet I could fly it!

Didn't get much done in September, due to my travels out west, including a visit to the Grand Yellowstone National Park, where I took this photo.

Oh, I gotta get back to earth and work on the Cozy. Hmmmmmm..... expect to hear about great progress next month.

-Glen Phelps, President



Upcoming Events

Oct 4-7 - Carolinas-Virginia Antique Airplane Foundation [Fall Vintage Fly-In](#), Woodward Field, Camden, SC

Oct 7 - SC Breakfast Club, Camden [CDN](#)

Oct 13 - EAA Chapter 477 Meeting, RBW Airport, Walterboro (see page 2)

Oct 14 - SC Breakfast Club, Sumter [SMS](#)

Oct 20-21 - [Boshears Skyfest](#), Daniel Field, Augusta, GA

Oct 28 - SC Breakfast Club, Orangeburg [OGB](#)

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 13

This is the first meeting at our new "home base", Lowcountry Regional Airport in Walterboro. P.F. Beck will be flying his beautiful **Pietenpol Air Camper** over from Barnwell, to talk about affordable aviation.

He was able to build this aircraft for \$6,800, including the Corvair engine conversion. If you're into vintage aircraft or have a very limited budget, you don't want to miss his presentation.

And if you haven't registered online, you can register at the meeting for the Nov. 10 Vertex Transceiver drawing.



Meeting Schedule

10:00 – 11:00 - Coffee and socializing.

11:00-11:15 - Meeting formally starts with Chapter business.

11:15-12:00 - Presentation by P.F. Beck

12:00-1:00 - Cookout!
Hamburgers & hot dogs.
(please bring a few bucks for the "tip jar").



Note:

As a special welcome for EAA Chapter 477, the Lowcountry Regional Airport is offering a fuel discount to anyone flying in for the October meeting.

Win a Vertex Pro Transceiver!

No purchase necessary. Register at any Chapter 477 meeting, or online at <http://eaa477.org>. To register you must be an adult resident of Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton or Jasper county. EAA Chapter 477 officers are excluded from entering. **The winner will be randomly selected at our November 10, 2012 meeting** at the Lowcountry Regional Airport (KRBW). You do not have to be present to win.

About the prize:

The Vertex Standard VXA-220 Pro VI is a compact, stylish, solid and submersible hand-held transceiver providing communication on the International Aircraft Communication Band and receives on the Navigation Band.

This rugged transceiver will take years of abuse. Built to survive immersion in water for up to 30 minutes at a depth of three feet.

Features

- 250 memory channels
- NOAA weather reception with severe weather alarm
- Back-lit keypad and display with dimmer
- Battery saver function
- One touch emergency frequency access (121.5)
- Side tone feature lets you hear your voice when using a headset
- VOX feature activates radio automatically when using a headset--no PTT needed
- Built-in timer
- Compact case: 2.4"w x 4.1"h x 1.2"d
- Includes: NiMH battery (with battery saver), charger, cradle, flexible antenna, antenna adapter to convert to BNC connector and headset adapter.



SC Breakfast Club Report

EAA Chapter 477 and the Berkeley County Airport hosted a very successful Breakfast club fly-in on a beautiful September 16th morning.

The early morning weather was foggy across much of state, but as it burned off, a few brave pilots trickled in. Soon that trickle turned into a flood. We eventually fed over 100 guests a hearty breakfast of hot coffee, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, biscuits, grits and orange juice. Unfortunately we ran out of eggs at the very end, but gave the last few guests a discount on the price.



Gerald Ballard, the unofficial SCBC president, showed up and did a great job emceeing the event. He made the crowd laugh and feel welcome, but I sometimes had a little trouble understanding his "Carolina" accent.



As you know, these events cannot happen without volunteers stepping in to do what needs to be done. Lee Miller hauled the 477 Canteen from RBW to MKS and back again. That's a LOT of miles! Rich Hassell and Greg Horne did a great job cleaning the Canteen until it sparkled. Stacey Thomas and her MKS crew cleaned the

hangar and set up the tables & chairs. They always have a smile on their faces and love to help aviators. Bruce & I bought the food. Bruce was our head chef, assisted by Jim Martin and Mac Boatright. Greg & I worked "cash register" and along with Ed Roberts, handled all the miscellaneous tasks required at these type of events.



We had a great group of volunteers that knew what needed to be done to make this a successful event. It was fun, but I wish we had more time for socializing and checking out the neat aircraft!

As you can see, Ed Horne did a great job as the event photographer. The entire photo album can be viewed at <http://www.eaa477.org/members-photo-albums.html>

After a the raffle, the crowd dissipated and we cleaned up. We had a few trays of biscuits left, so we donated them to Jim Martin's church. Unlike past Breakfast Clubs, this one had wonderful weather and a great turnout. Our Chapter raised over \$300 and I think we projected a very positive image to the the SC aviation community.

-Kevin Thorp, Secretary



(more photos on page 4)

SC Breakfast Club Photos

If you're viewing these on your computer, zoom in to 200-300% to see the photo details.



Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Tony Cole is currently "on the road" and will be so for much of the time due to his current employment status. So I'm fulfilling his duties for now.

When we do a "breakfast", we hope to increase our funds available for the Chapter to work with. We have had some pretty disappointing results in the past, but this past month things worked pretty well. Gross proceeds were \$566 and expenses were \$225.88, for a net income of \$330.12. The summary figures are shown below. A deposit will be made to the bank account to reduce the petty cash on hand.

Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 2,283.57
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 2,283.57
Beginning Petty Cash	\$ 5.08
Ending Petty Cash	\$ 335.20
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,288.60
Ending Balance	\$ 2,618.72
Increase (decrease)	\$ 330.12

-Glen Phelps, for Tony Cole

November Meeting

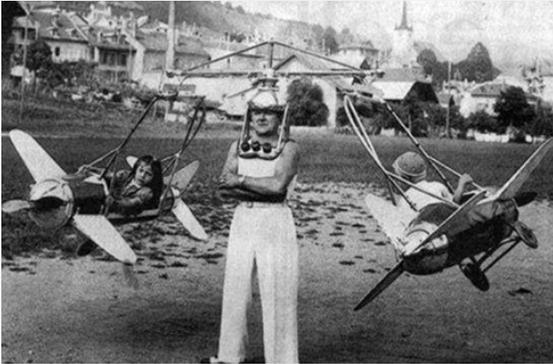
On November 10 at the RBW airport in Walterboro, Roy Carson will be presenting his homebuilt project, a **Subaru-powered Vans RV-7**. If you're interested in the RV aircraft line, sheet metal construction or alternative engines, this should be a very interesting meeting.



As with the Oct. meeting we'll start with coffee & socializing about 10:00 am, then the meeting "officially" starts at 11:00. About noon we'll serve a delicious hot lunch, catered by famous Dukes BBQ. Yum!

At the end of the meeting we'll have the drawing for our Fall Sweepstakes prize – a Vertex Standard VXA-220 Pro transceiver. You don't want to miss that!

Airplanes on your brain?



Come join Us!

If you're not already a member of EAA Chapter 477 we'd love to have you join us!

Fill out the application on our home page (www.eaa477.org).

Or just drop in on one of our meetings & see what we're all about.

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Happy Halloween from EAA Chapter 477!

