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

## The President's Corner

The holiday season is now in full swing! It seems like when we get to this time of year, it is hard to get anything done unless it's for Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's events. So, I hope you are also preparing for this festive holiday season, and above all things, don't forget the real reason for celebrating Christmas.

We had a short "business" session at the November meeting, where we elected a slate of officers for the 2012 year. This includes some changes and a new addition to the executive committee; Lee Miller who will be the webmaster. More details of the meeting are included later in the newsletter.

Nick Ugolini entertained us at the meeting with his experience flying the highly modified Long Ez to California. Along the way he had good times and not so good times, some fun times, and some stressful times. More on that also later in the newsletter.

This year we have a new venue for the December meeting and Christmas social. The settings for the past December meetings have been great and the dinner excellent, we wanted to try something else. An announcement has been sent out with the specifics, and we hope to see you there. Read more on page 4.

## My Cozy update:

All of the control surfaces are painted! The bottom of both wings have been painted. Winglets are primed and the canard is ready for priming. While I am behind in this process, it is moving along very nicely. I have also found that the choice of "base coat/top coat" was the right thing to do as corrections are very easy.

--Glen Phelps, President



## Upcoming Events

**December 10** – EAA477  
Christmas Dinner, Calvary  
Lutheran Church, West Ashley

**December 11** – SCBC Twin  
Lakes, Graniteville, SC (SC17)

**Jan 19-22** – Sebring FL. US  
Sport Aviation Expo

## November Meeting Report

13 people attended our November 10 meeting at the CAFB Aero Club. Glen Phelps and Tony Cole brought pizza and new member Lee Miller brought sodas.

After eating and socializing, Glen called the meeting to order & talked about our Christmas dinner on December 10. Although most enjoyed the North Towne Greek Restaurant venue the previous two years, we decided to move it to the Fellowship Hall at the Calvary Lutheran Church, because it will be much less expensive (\$5/person) and more social. The guest speaker will be Earl Fisher, who will talk about growing up around America's test plane program in Muroc California during WWII and post-war. We asked that members RSVP by going to [www.eaa477.org](http://www.eaa477.org) and signing the "Guestbook" link on the left.



The next item on the Agenda was officer elections, with the following results:

- President: Glen Phelps
- Vice President: Greg Horne
- Secretary and newsletter Editor: Kevin Thorp
- Treasurer: Tony Cole
- Young Eagles Coordinator: Brett Grooms
- Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels Coordinator: Roger Medlin

Then we got to the most interesting part of the evening. Nick Ugolini gave a talk and slideshow on

his adventures (and misadventures) delivering a Long-EZ aircraft to California. As we always mention, these types of presentations are MUCH more interesting to see in-person than read about later, but I'll try to recount some of the key points. It all started a couple years ago when the Long-EZ had a collapsed nose gear in North Carolina and Nick was asked to help repair it. That eventually led to a major gutting of the cockpit wiring, electronics and other systems, and so many modifications that it ended up being one of the most advanced Long-EZ in the world.



Fast-forward to October 2011 and it was time for Nick to deliver the aircraft to the owner in Fullerton, CA. With a 198 kt cruise speed and a top speed of 238 kts, Nick made great time crossing the states, but he did have some harrowing experiences, including burning out an ignition system and flying through serious icing. Needless to say, Nick learned a lot about mountain flying on his trip!



The best parts of the trip for Nick was meeting friends he made in the online Canard community. They were always willing to share their hangars, tools and even their homes with Nick as he journeyed west. That's what the EAA is all about; the sharing of friendship and knowledge. All of us at the meeting enjoyed Nick sharing his travel story with us. If you want to read more and see photos of his trip, visit Nick's blog at <http://nickugolini.com/blog/>.

## Officers Meeting Notes, Nov. 27 2011

Each month the Chapter 477 officers meet to discuss club business and plan future activities. From now on we will post the notes in this newsletter.

Present: G. Phelps, K. Thorp, G. Horne, B. Grooms, T. Cole, L. Miller

We met at Kevin's house. Glen brought a pizza & sodas, and "passed the hat" to cover costs.

Notes:

- Kevin should email the Christmas dinner announcement (PDF document) ASAP.
- Glen, Brett & Greg will post the PDF at local airports ASAP. Kevin will put a notice in the Post/Courier.
- All officers should help "jump start" Guestbook by RSVPing ASAP. Kevin will delete old Guestbook entries.
- Glen will buy & carve roast chickens 1 per 3 guests
- Tony will buy "nice" disposable plates, utensils, napkins & paper tablecloths.
- We will try to get wives to help with the decor, so it doesn't look like a garage or barn.
- Kevin will assist Earl Fisher with presentation planning & PowerPoint sideshow
- Over the past couple years we've discussed the Chapter buying a PA system. Brett will research prices/capabilities.
- Tony will bring a projector & screen. Glen will bring a laptop. Greg will bring

- "backup" projector & laptop.
- Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels planning was on the agenda, but Roger (WWnW Coordinator) couldn't make it to the meeting, so we put it off until next month. Two things we did discuss was the need to find a "Car Boss" and get an announcement in the EAA calendar ASAP.
- Lee Miller talked about the new 477 website which should "go live" January 1. One neat new feature will be a Blog where we will post interesting aviation-related news items, photos & videos.
- We agreed Chapter 477 should help Young Eagle flights by giving the YE pilots a stipend or honorarium. This is NOT compensation and will not cover his/her total operating costs, but should help a bit. (Note: because Brett is one of our YE pilots he excused himself from the room during this discussion)
- We discussed an activity for the January 12 meeting. Brett will find out if a "sheet metal guy" he knows can give a technical presentation. Kevin will talk to his contacts at Zenith Aircraft to see if they can detour through Charleston on their way to the Sebring LSA show (Jan 19-22).
- Greg mentioned he's been thinking about getting high school students involved in building a project. Possibly a Sonex or Zenith CH-750.
- From now on the EAA 477 officer meetings will be on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next one is Dec. 29.

*--Kevin Thorp, Vice-President*

## Treasurer's Report

October 2011 Beginning Balance	\$2865.68
Monthly Receipt	289.46
Monthly Expenses	180.89
Petty Cash	34.69
End of September 11 Bank Balance	\$2956.56

*--Tony Cole, Treasurer*

*Please help us celebrate...*

# ***EAA Chapter 477 Christmas Dinner***

**6:00 pm Saturday, December 10**

At the Calvary Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1400 Manor Blvd, West Ashley

[Click here](#) for a map.

The Chapter is providing roast chicken and ice tea. We ask that you bring \$5 per person and (optional) a covered dish or dessert. **Please go to [www.eaa477.org](http://www.eaa477.org) and click "Guestbook" on the left to RSVP and let us know what you're bringing, if anything. Thanks!**

*Note: All profits will go to the Chapter 477 general fund and be use for programs like the Young Eagles.*

The guest speaker will be our own Earl Fisher, one of the founding members of Chapter 477. Earl will talk about growing up around America's jet and rocket plane flight test program at Muroc (now Edwards AFB) during WWII and post-war. Earl will also talk about some of the people he met, like Chuck Yeager, Scott Crossfield, Jimmy Doolittle, and Florence "Pancho" Barnes, a very colorful character of that era. Pancho Barnes was an air racer and stunt pilot before she opened the "Happy Bottom Riding Club" a bar/restaurant/dude ranch near the base. This should be an entertaining presentation for men and women in the audience. You don't want to miss it!

***Chapter members, guests and the general public is invited.***



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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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