

The FlyPaper

December 2014



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

From the President

Last month many of our members went to the AOPA event in St Simons (SSI) Georgia, which coincided with our Chapter meeting. Read about both activities on page 2.

Our regular chapter meeting will be held December 13th at the airport in Walterboro, as usual. There are a number of "business" items that will be presented for the membership to participate in. The first will be the recognition and election of officers for the next year. Nobody will be railroaded, but if you would like to be considered for any position, please step up at the meeting. Many of you may remember Joshua, who has been at one of YE events and spoke briefly at the October meeting. He will be our guest speaker.

We will also have our last drawing for the Sportys \$100 gift certificate. As you remember, each member that attends a meeting has one "free" ticket put in the hat for the drawing. Additional tickets are a dollar apiece. Not a lot of tickets have been purchased to date for this drawing, so it might be a good idea for you to buy one at the December meeting. Not sure we will continue the gift certificate drawings for next year, but another incentive will replace it I am sure. Guess you will have to come to the January meeting to find that out.

December is also when we kickoff our membership drive. The executive committee discussed doing the discounts for December dues collection. But, we have decided this year that we will not do that. So, as of January, your 2016 dues are requested. That is as in the past, \$25 for the year. And, a reminder, you have to be a member in good standing in EAA to be a member of this, or any Chapter.

We will also have an "end of the year" event on Sunday evening, December 14 starting at 5:30 PM. That will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church West Ashley. Joshua is working on lining up a lady USAF aviator from his group for our speaker at that event. The Chapter will be providing the main course with our members bringing "covered dish" to fill out the night. More details are on page 3 and posted on our website, www.eaa477.org. Please sign up on the RSVP form. *(Cozy Report on Page 2)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 13 - EAA Chapter 477 Meeting, Walterboro (RBW)

Dec 14 - SC Breakfast Club, Spartanburg Downtown [KSPA](http://www.kspa.com)

Dec 14 – EAA Chapter 477 Christmas Dinner, Calvary Lutheran Church, West Ashley (See page 3)

Dec 28 - SC Breakfast Club, Twin Lakes, [S17](http://www.s17.com)

Jan 14-17 – US Sport Aviation Expo, Sebring, FL
<http://sportaviationexpo.com>



Now for my Cozy report: The last details have been completed, and the bird is ready to fly! But to obtain liability insurance I needed just two more hours in type to satisfy the underwriter. After many dead ends, I was finally able to get with Alex Becker, who agreed to provide that time. We flew on Friday November 28th. It was an incredible day with an incredible airplane and an incredible person! I don't think I can brag about how well I did, but when I finished, the plane is still usable for its originally intended purpose. The insurance hurdle should be out of the way on Monday December 1st, and first flight should Wednesday if all continues to go well.

-Glen Phelps, President

Late Breaking News! After years of careful construction (and reconstruction) at approximately 1300 Hours (that's 1 pm for you civilians) Wednesday December 3, 2014 Glen Phelps' Cozy Mark IV departed Lowcountry Regional Airport runway 5 on it's maiden voyage. Glen made 2 circuits around the pattern before coming in for a landing. He reported no major problem, but a few minor items that need tweaking. On hand to witness this auspicious event were Lee, Nick (LongEZ owner), John, Roger, Roy, several other of us hangar rats, and even some folks from Glen's church. Congratulations Glen on your great achievement! Look for a complete report in the January newsletter, with pictures & a video link.

November Meeting Report

RBW Report: Some of us, myself included, stayed back to welcome those that could not attend the AOPA event. We watched the excellent November EAA Chapters video, shared a little business and then went to Dukes for lunch. That gave Bruce a break from cooking. Then about the middle of the afternoon, those that had attended the SSI event were returning.

-Glen Phelps, President

SSI Report: On November 8th the AOPA hosted a fly-in on St Simons Island, Georgia. The event included exhibits, static displays and educational seminars. Greg & Lee headed down Friday (Greg flying; Lee driving).



On Saturday morning Roger, Fish, and Debbie and I flew down in Roger's Piper Seneca. Roy and his girlfriend flew in his RV-7. Jeff Grigg flew with Jason in his Bonanza V-tail.

Some of us participate in the pancake breakfast. Some had the free lunch provided by AOPA.

Roger, Jeff and I attended a seminar on talking with ATC. We looked around at the vendors and the planes. Renewed our AOPA membership.



The most interesting aspect was the B-17. Jeff Grigg's father was a tail gunner on the B-17 so that would be an interesting read if you could get Jeff to tell you about it. I don't know what everyone else did because we split up, but I think all three aircraft flew back that afternoon. We starting getting some low clouds coming back to Walterboro.

-Mike Brown, Secretary



Note: Additional photo on last page, and [click here](http://www.eaa477.org) or go to www.eaa477.org for more photos online.

EAA CHAPTER 477 CHRISTMAS DINNER

**5:30pm Sunday, December 14th, 2014 at the
Lutheran Calvary Church**

400 Manor Boulevard, Charleston (West Ashley)
[Click here](#) for a map, or go to www.eaa477.org

Come celebrate, socialize, eat and laugh. Major Josh Pugliese is lining up a guest speaker, who will talk about what it's like to be a female pilot in today's US Air Force. So this should be interesting to the ladies and gentlemen in the audience.



Chapter 477 is providing rotisserie chicken and tea. We ask that each member bring a covered dish. Please go to www.eaa477.org to RSVP

EAA December Webinars

For more information and/or to sign up, go to <http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/aviation-education-and-resources/aviation-videos-and-aviation-photos/ea-webinars>

12/10/14 8 p.m.

Hints, Tricks and Tips to Building a Vans RV

Wally Anderson

Why spend more time and money building a Vans aircraft than needed? It all gets down to good planning, tools and some tricks that can save you a lot of time and money. Wally Anderson from Synergy Air shares some of the tribal knowledge from years of teaching RV construction techniques on metal and fiberglass.

12/17/14 8 p.m.

Chapter Chat: 7 Habits of Highly Effective Chapters

Pat Webb

This webinar identifies the common characteristics of highly effective EAA chapters, as measured by their ability to recruit and retain members, meet fundraising goals, and fulfill their organization's mission and purpose.

Treasurer's Report:

Due to the flyout to St Simon's Island last month on meeting day, there was not much activity in the Treasury. Glen graciously stayed behind and performed the duties of Treasurer at the meeting. The small amount of activity that did take place will be included in next months report after I've had a chance to meet with him and get the details.

Beginning Bank Balance = \$2,559.26

Ending Bank Balance = \$2,559.26

Beginning Petty Cash = \$97.00

Ending Petty Cash = \$97.00

Beginning Balance = \$2,656.26

Ending Balance = \$2,656.26

Increase or (decrease) = \$0.00

-Lee Miller, Treasurer

Next Meeting:

**Saturday, December 13th, Lowcountry Regional
Airport, Waterboro (RBW)**

After discussing chapter business we will hold officer elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There are also appointed positions: Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and Young Eagle Coordinator. Please consider stepping up and doing your part to help the Chapter. We can use some new faces & fresh ideas on the executive committee.



We will also have a drawing for the \$100 Sporty's Pilot Shop Gift Card. Those of you who can do math realize these are the the best odds in town!

Then Major Josh Pugliese, USAF will be making a presentation, after which our resident grillmeister Bruce Huffines will cook up some delicious hamburgers and sausage dogs. Please bring about \$5 to cover the cost of food & drink. As usual, new guests eat free.

Timeline:

10:30 - Coffee/socializing

11:00 - Meeting

12:00 - Cookout!



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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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