



Words From the President

I trust all you folks had a very good Thanksgiving, which means you have to re-do the weight and balance on your airplane. That is if you over ate, which most of us do. The weather has been good for flying and here at the Low country Regional airport we have had lots of that. The week of Thanksgiving we saw over thirty two jets grace our skies. It was a very busy week.

Moving on to bigger and better things, which will be our upcoming EAA Chapter meeting this December 12th. This will be a time of honoring those who have served though out the year. We are planning a Christmas lunch from Duke's barbeque, with all the trimmings. This will be a fun time with door prizes and giving awards. Mark it on your calendar and make plans to be here. We will kick of the morning with Young Eagle flights beginning at 09:00 weather permitting, and then move to the big hangar for our regular senior meeting starting at 11:00.

As we look forward to the New Year and reflect back on this past year I hope you have gained something from the speakers and activities we have had with our chapter meetings. I hope to bring more informative speakers who will keep us up to date in the world of aviation. I also would like to see more participating in flying events, fly-ins, air shows, breakfast clubs, grass field fly-ins, etc. I desire also to continue our Young Eagles program and exposing young kids to the world of flight. Also keep in mind our Wings-n-Wheels air and car show coming up April 16th, 2016, here at Low country Regional Airport. And finally I would like to see our chapter reach out to the neighboring chapters for networking and fly in lunches.

Well that should cover it for now; again mark your calendars for our December Christmas lunch here at RBW (Low country Regional Airport.) and make plans to be here: **And like I always say, "Keep those wings level and fly safe."**

Roger Medlin
President EAA 477



Upcoming Events

Please note the words of our President in the article on this page.

We want to make this event a success. So, for all those in the local area, or outside the area, that intend to be present, please respond to Roger Medlin at:

(843) 549-2549

So that we can get an approximate headcount.

Thanks in advance,

Young Eagles Event

These events are designed to encourage young people to experience the gift of flight. Our “target” group are the 14 to 16 year old kids. This is exactly the core of those that turned out for this event. You have to remember that too many young people this age, would rather get some extra sleep on a Saturday morning.

Most of those that came were from the Stall High School Junior Air Force ROTC!. Thank you Col Ford for getting these kids out for the day! (Lt Col Lonnie Ford is the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, AFJROTC for Stall High school)

There are several people “behind the scenes” that do a tremendous job of getting these events to happen:



Vondeste “Fish” Fishburne. A fellow EAA477 member is working the background, getting in touch with people to bring to them the benefits of this program. Is often, as in this past event, assisted by James Hampton, a member of the Walterboro Tuskegee airmen’s group

Jeff and Barbara Griggs. Jeff is our Young Eagles Chairman, so you might expect him to “put it all out” for an event like this. What you might NOT know is what they really gave up for this event in particular. That is a chance to participate in another VERY enjoyable event with the car club they are involved in, which was a drive to the Brookgreen Gardens. I also want to point out that Barbara was working like crazy to ensure that each Young Eagle participant went home with a completed certificate of the event, using their own computer and printer which they brought to the airport for this purpose. For this, we should be very grateful!!

Then there are the pilots that fly those Young Eagles and absorb much of the cost associated. Roy Carson, Dennis Dent, Jeff Grigg, Mike Brown, Roger Medlin and others that I might have missed.



Then we also need to remember that Roger is not only our Chapter President, but the guy that is always pushing to get people to get involved in aviation. As the Operations Manager of the Lowcountry Regional Airport, he does all he can to support all who fly these young people.

Too often, we don’t give all of those who work so hard to make these events happen, the credit and thanks they deserve. I for one, really see the need to say a big thank you to all of you!!

Here a a couple of additional pictures taken during the event.



A group picture taken at the Tuskegee memorial adjacent to the terminal.

Just about to embark on the flight of a lifetime!



The photo take below was done by our own Bruce Huffines. This is one of those pictures that you only get one chance to get, and is included in the newsletter since the contrails make it an “aviation” related picture



EAA 477 meeting Notes for November 2015

The meeting started at 11:00 AM with 13 people in attendance. After the usual exchange of “jabs” and “other interesting stories”, we got right to business. Roy Carson gave an update on our expenses. The bottom line, (gee that sounds really like a CPA) is that we have the same amount in petty cash, dues from a new member (we always like new members) and some expenses means just a little less in the account than we had at this time last month.

Amongst the “chatter”, we learned from Nick Ugolini that his bird is “down” for a major rewiring job. This will include installation of “state of the art” electronics that only experimental aircraft builders can enjoy. Rather than expound further on this, just go to his blog, which can be found at nickugolini.com under the blog section. There are more pictures there than he shared with us, with more being posted as he continues the work.

Roger Medlin, gave an update on what we are looking at for the meeting in December. (see the President's report)

We then proceeded into the election for the position of Secretary for the chapter. (Mike Brown has served for the last two years and wanted to take a step back for a while.) After some discussion, Diana Bellkamp accepted the nomination and was elected to this position. Of course, she campaigned tirelessly to get the vote out.....OK, maybe not, but thanks Diana for being willing to take on this task.

Having all of this out of the way, we than welcomed our guest speaker, Wally Moran. Wally is an FAA flight examiner and an NAFI Master flight examiner.

Did you know:

- it only takes about 12 flights to get a glider rating for an already licensed pilot?
- You can make a “turn back” to the runway you took off from only 200 feet, and this is what is taught.
- Tows are to about 3000 agl, and a flight might only last about 15 minutes.
- Glider pilots always make their flights closer to noon, to get the best lift, not early in the morning.
- It is possible to get to altitudes of 28,000 feet in a mountain wave, (OK, you are not going to do that in South Carolina)
- Your altimeter is your “gas gauge”.
- Don't do your airwork downwind from the airport, you might not get back!

Wally, it turns out, is a passionate sailplane instructor, pilot and examiner, among other things. He left us without having lunch so that he could head to the field to tow sailplanes with a Piper Pawnee. Their “club” promotes soaring. They have three sailplanes, two single seat and one two seat for instructional purposes. I don't think I should repeat the cost of getting involved with their group, but let's just say that it is ridiculously low to encourage others to become involved. You will have to contact him directly to get details. (For those not yet rated, but only want to do a sailplane rating, he encourages them to contact Burmuda High in Jefferson, SC) I left early to get the cooking done (in the absence of Bruce Huffines) for our lunch.

What I can say is that Wally is one of a kind. Wanting to get others involved in aviation.