

The FlyPaper

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

Words From the President

Cool weather has finally arrived, we have a new president elect, and life in the aviation world is sweet. I trust you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are now ready to fight the traffic and press onward through the Christmas rush.

As you realized we didn't send out a November newsletter, what with so much going on and the presidential election and all that was involved with that it just didn't seem like there was enough time in the day to get anything done. Now we are back and focused on finishing out the year strong especially with our next meeting, which by the way is this coming Saturday at the Lowcountry Regional Airport. Mark your calendar, Saturday December 10th at 11:00 am for our next EAA 477 Chapter meeting. Young Eagle flights will begin at 8:30 am with pilot briefing at 7:30. Our meeting will consist of our award ceremony and appreciation. Thanks to all our members, pilots, officers and all that have given their time, money and planes to make 2016 a very successful year. To date we have flown 108 young eagles and 15 eagles, with December flights to be added. We will cap the meeting off with BQ and all the trimmings catered in from Duke's BQ. You don't want to miss the great time of fellowship and good eating.

I am excited about the upcoming year, 2017 with lots of good things planned. First, the **South Carolina Breakfast Club** will meet at Walterboro, January 22 for a breakfast fly-in. Second, the **Blue Angles** are coming to the Beaufort MCAS April 22nd and 23rd and third we are planning a huge **Young Eagles Rally** here at the Lowcountry Regional Airport, May 6th. We are reaching out to all the EAA chapters in the state to come to RBW and fly young eagles. We are hoping to have around 250 young eagles to fly; this will be an all day event. The YE's rally will be on the heels of our 4th annual aviation camp. Also we have a number of great speakers lined up to keep you informed on all that's happen in the world of aviation.

Finally as we approach the beginning of a new year we need all our members to step up and pay your dues. We have aviation calendars for all who renew their membership with the 477.

In closing I want to thank Roy Carson, who will be stepping down for an outstanding job as treasury, and to acknowledge our new officers that are coming aboard; VP Mike Brown and treasury Glen Phelps. Again special thanks to all our members, and remember, "Keep those Wings level and fly safe. See ya on Saturday.

Roger Medlin
President EAA 477



Upcoming Events

EAA477 Chapter meeting

December 10th, Young Eagles at 8:00 with meeting at 11:00. Duke's catered BBQ with all the trimmings

South Carolina Breakfast Club:

December 11 Spartanburg, SC KSPA

December 18 Graniteville, SC S17

November Chapter Meeting Report

12 November 2016

1105 start time

12 in attendance

Taken by: Diana Belknap

Secretary

Roger:

- Welcome and Thanks to Eagle pilots. Had 26 or 27 young eagles flying today! Big thanks to Barbara and all she does to help the program! And Jeff!
- Election of Officers with Roy:
 - Appointees: Jeff (with Barbara) stays as young eagles coordinator, Web Master is Lee, and Glen will continue as Newsletter coordinator.
 - Vote for all officers. (All remain the same except Treasurer will be Glen.)
- We have 27 EAA 477 members
- 10 Dec is next meeting. Backyard Burgers is cooking.
- No meeting in January. Instead we will be hosting, on 21 January,.....something.....can't find it in my notes what exactly we are hosting, but hosting we will be doing!.....more information to come in December newsletter!
- We will not be hosting our annual Wings and Wheels airshow in the spring.
 - New terminal is happening during this time.
 - Perhaps do a summer rally of some sort with Young Eagles. Just a thought...

Roger:

- Powerpoint Presentation: How to avoid Mid-air collisions (from Joint Base Charleston).
 - Plan ahead
 - See and avoid. Don't rely on ATC. Use proper visual scanning technique. Use both eyes!
 - Clear! Look before you move in the air.
 - Request traffic advisories and use visual scanning.
 - Monitor appropriate frequency.
 - Communicate! Frequent position reports.
 - Be seen.
 - Squawk. Turn transponder on, and to mode C.
 - Be aware of image size.

The type of flying we do with Young Eagles is where most accidents occur... daytime with all types of pilots.
- Local aerial military training routes passed out.
- General pilot discussion about presentation.
- 1200 lunch with friends out at the hanger.

Young Eagles Report

Jeff Grigg

This last month we flew 27 students from the Stall High School ROTC program. A few have flown with us before although the majority were new to the world of aviation.

We had 5 pilots Roger, Tim, Don, Mike and myself. Thanks to the pilots and the ground crews.

If you know of an organization or even an individual that would be interested in the Young Eagle program please let me know.

The purpose is not to necessarily push each youngster into aviation as a career. Rather is is to open their eyes

and make them more sensitive to aviation. There will be a few that will go on to earn their pilots wings or even go into one of the technical fields. For example one of our former Young Eagles, Elizabeth Reeves is enrolled in a University program to earn her A&P license! We have to recognize these 16 and 17 year old's will be the movers and shakers of the future. They will sit on council or in the legislature. If we can begin the process by where they have a positive view of general aviation, then when there is a problem, or general aviation needs a friend, then hopefully they can look back on their experiences with us.

Like the old saying, "you never get a second chance to make a first impression".

Until next month.

Newsletter Editors Comments

Glen Phelps

It should be obvious to all on the list, that there was no newsletter last month. Those in the eastern coastal part of the country know that we had a pretty good time with Hurricane Matthew. Most of our members came through that experience with little trouble, but a **lot** of inconvenience. As a matter of face, we couldn't get things together to get the November meeting off as planned, and had intended to have the meeting the week following, but by that time, we had lost all opportunities to get a well planned meeting together. So, there was no meeting in November and getting things together for the November newsletter was equally difficult. Thus, you didn't get one. So you can quit looking for it anymore....

And of course, November had its little distractions also. With that, it has been difficult to gather information for this newsletter too. So, it is, well, short.

However, we are looking forward to a great time at our meeting this coming weekend, and have some great plans for the new year. So, shortly, we will have lots of neat stuff like we had for our October newsletter!