

The FlyPaper

December 2017



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

Words From the President

As I reflect back of over this past year I am reminded of the song by the former Beatle John Lennon, "And so this Christmas and what have you done, a year is over and new one just begun." What a great year we have had, with nearly 200 young eagle flights, informative speakers, an awesome navigation challenge, and lots of good fellowship with a lot of super folks. It has been a very successful year which I hope the things we have provided such as speakers, and flying has been fun and has provided you with good and useful information. This brings me to announcing our last meeting of the year, our awards lunch at the Lowcountry Regional Airport. Saturday December the 9th starting at 11:00 am the EAA 477 will host its Christmas award luncheon. This is a time when we honor those who have served though out the year. A special life time achievement award will be presented by the FAA office from Columbia to Don Bennett. Lunch will be provided by Dukes BQ. This will be awesome time of food, fun, and fellowship that you don't want to miss.

On a personal note as of January 13th, 2018 I will be stepping down as the president of the EAA 477 chapter. After much prayer and discussion with my wife I have decided to resign. I have enjoyed the past three years of service and success we have seen as a chapter. I have taken on some new responsibilities and there are changes that are taking place in my life that will prevent me from giving the attention and service that the chapter needs to continue to grow and be successful. I will continue to support the chapter and the young eagle program. I will make the official announcement at the luncheon. Please be considering someone who can step up and be elected at our January meeting to fill this office. I would like to thanks all our members for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president.

And last but not least just a quick reminder of the SCBA breakfast club that will be meeting this January 21st at the Lowcountry Regional Airport. Breakfast starts around 8:30 am. This is always a great time of fellowship with fellow aviators who fly in. The Backyard BQ folks will be providing and outstanding breakfast for around \$8.00.

Well that should cover it for now, remember keep those wings level and fly safe.



Roger Medlin
President EAA 477



Upcoming Events

EAA477 Chapter meeting

December 9th, Young Eagles to be decided, meeting at 11:00 with lunch by Duke's BBQ at 12:00 noon.

South Carolina Breakfast Club:

As of this publication date, there was a gathering on the third of December, that was not listed, and the gathering for December 17th has been cancelled.

Newsletter Editor's Comments

Glen Phelps

This is going to be a very different newsletter. Last month was to be a “navigation challenge”, but due to the very poor turnout, was canceled at the last minute. The principles and executive committee decided that it was too difficult with so little time available to develop a meaningful meeting agenda, therefore no meeting was had. Thus, we have the “President's” comments, a brief treasurer's report, but no minutes or Young Eagles report, since none were flown. I will be adding a couple of interesting aviation videos with comments, but you will have to view those on the internet.

Please note, that **there is** a meeting scheduled for December 9th at the Walterboro airport. Presentations of awards to several members will take place and of course some good conversation. A couple of notable persons will be in attendance.

Note also, that the lunch will be catered by Duke's BBQ immediately after the meeting. We do ask that you RSVP via email to Roger Medlin at: acpilot.roger@gmail.com or call the airport at: 843-549-2549 if you are planning on attending so that we can assure there is sufficient food on hand. Response if you ARE NOT able to attend would also be helpful.

A Couple of Aviation Articles of Interest.

Glen Phelps

Admittedly, these are “fillers”, but you might find them of some interest.

The first involves a pilot of a Cessna 172 that has lost engine power. (This was also reported in Avweb) Surveillance video of a manufacturing company's parking lot recorded the “landing”. Interestingly, the parking lot was not “full”, so it might have been on a weekend, but that was not mentioned in the article I read. But, it is noted that the left wing stalls just before the plane hits a tree adjacent to the parking lot. I have looked at the video several times, and just catch that happening. The results are amazing. He was a lucky guy. Here is the link to the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdO7Ag_j-9E&authuser=0

The second involves a “Jet” canard airplane. This also was presented in Avweb. What I found interesting was the discussion of the design and build of the aircraft. It is not a modification of an existing canard aircraft, but a completely new design. Our original canard aircraft were designed by Burt Rutan, and the Cozy and Cozy MKIV were derivative of that design by Nat Puffer. There is also a “jet” Cozy, where a Cozy was modified to have a jet engine installed. That airplane was for sale on Ebay a year ago or so. This, though is a completely new design design. (I want one!) Here is a link to that video: <https://youtu.be/DC7geFDhmds>

The third contribution is a video sent to me by one of our former members, Kevin Thorp. It is a compilation of shots from the STOL competition in Valdez, Alaska. This competition has become world renown for high performance aircraft. I am not sure if there is a practical use for some of these planes, but what the planes AND pilots can do with them is unreal. You can find other video on YouTube, but this is the one that Kevin forwarded to me: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQJKW5vfvog>

Treasurer's Report

Glen Phelps

This month was just about as quiet as last month. The only expence we had was for the purchase of “prizes” for the navigation challenge. Since it was not held, those articles will be dedicated to other uses, potentially door prizes in upcoming meetings.

We did receive some more membership dues and also a generous contribution for the chapter, but I have yet to pick up those checks and deposit them, so they are not recorded for the November activity. Reported is a donation from the Hiram Mann Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, and three years dues from a member as received in October, and deposited in November.

However, this a good time to remind our members that we would like to get your membership dues as soon as possible. We will have to write a couple of sizable checks to EAA National in December to cover our chapter responsibilities. With that, I encourage you all to bring a check to the next meeting or send a check to our the chapter mailbox at:

The financial summary is as follows:

Beginning balance =	\$2,225.51
Ending balance =	\$2,210.51
Increase or (decrease) =	(\$15.00)