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## PRESIDENT SENDS

Greetings from Florida and Sun N Fun 2019. I'm sending a photo from my Astro Van living room.



The couple in the beautifully restored Airstream are from southern Louisiana.

The weather is perfect for camping, breezy and cool at night, and not very hot during the day. We have Sun N Fun Radio ready for the air. If you are here, it is on the AM broadcast band at 1510. From anywhere else you can listen at: [www.LiveATC.net/snf](http://www.LiveATC.net/snf).

My "amazing airplane" link for this month must go to the Russian electric drone that is an AK-47 with wings. It is a two-motor canard design with twin vertical stabilizers that double as the landing gear. It takes off AND lands vertically. You can see it take off, land, and shoot real bullets in this video:

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2019/03/28/russia-invents-flying-shooting-kalashnikov-rifle-drone-a64990>

Set your phone alarms, mark your paper calendars! On Saturday May 11th, the day before Mother's Day, will hold our Spring Fly-In. Bring a mom and start your Mother's Day celebration early. We will have lots of airplanes flying, great food, and lots of fun for all ages.

See you next week,  
Aubrey

## CHILLY FLY-IN AND CHILI COOK-OFF

STAG AIR PARK - The weather pattern was normal for our March Chili cook off as a cool rain had rendered much of Stag Park Airpark wet and soggy. Weather to the west of Burgaw, would keep the number of itinerant flyers down. Scott Gerow in his beautiful turbine Enstrom 480 (beautiful to Ken McGee anyway) would be the lone aircraft to fly in for the event.



While the fly-in crowd was light we had a good 60 new friends, old friends, and members, show up for the cook off. Bo Pennock was looking great and brought a contingent of his aviation academy students with him. The Johnson family arrived in force, and missing member Randy Allen joined us as well. The infamous airport owner/airport manager/and legendary pilot Vernon Pitts enjoyed the festivities. These notables were just a few of the dignitaries supporting out Chili cook off.

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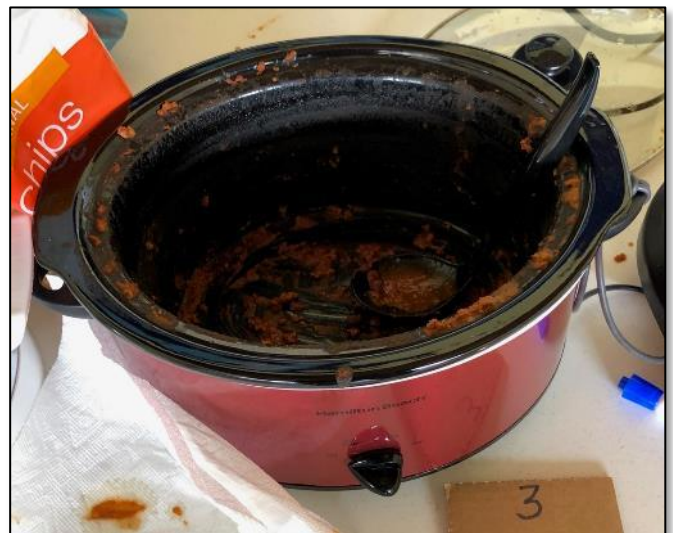
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Earlier that morning we moved Phil Ellison's Starduster on to the grass, and then set up the hangar for our normal, large, turnout of chili entrees. But this year we only had three competitors provide pots of chili. They were our President Aubrey Thompson, Chris Montefusco, and one other who is at this time remains unidentified. Master Chef Ken McGee was working overtime in the kitchen cooking his



cornbread and Jalapeño peppers concoction to complement the Chili competitors.

After about an hour and a half, and with the three pots of chili and cornbread, gone, Aubrey was tallying the votes. For the first time in a number of years, due to the Thoman's entry being missing in action, we had a new champion. The 2019 Stag Park Chili Cook off was none other than Captain of the Kitchen, Chris Montefusco. Some wondered, out loud, if Kristen had anything to do with that "spicy with a twist" chili, but Chris was adamant that he was indeed the lone chef.



All creative writing excesses aside, we simply had a wonderful day, the food and company were wonderful. We are truly blessed to have an EAA



Chapter whose members always rise to the occasion and make our normal events simply extraordinary.

Rumor has it that the weather for the "2020 ADSB Still Not Done Chili Cook-Off" is going to be great.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Goodwin

### **MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

#### Meeting Opened:

Aubrey opened the meeting at 10:13 am.

#### Guest Introductions:

Kevin High is back after building a house. He is still building a CH 650 kit. Welcome back Kevin.

Our guest Tim Haley was introduced. He heads the FAA Safety Team (FAAST) of the Greensboro FSDO.

Larry Goff brought photos of the Saturn rocket that he worked in during his design days. He will provide a presentation at a future meeting.

Floyd Price volunteered to make a presentation at a later date.

#### Treasurers report:

Bob McGowan reported that currently we have 28 paid members, and that the balance in the chapter account is \$3684.98. He also reported that the Sam McGowan Young Eagles Memorial Fund balance is \$1425. He suggested that we might send a Young Eagle to summer camp at Oshkosh.

#### Projects:

Billy Johnson - Seawind. Painting the wingtips this weekend. The engine baffles are done.

Jim Flippen - Mosquito. It was reported that Jim flew his helicopter within the last two weeks. It is still up for sale.

Aubrey Thomson – Cessna 152. Reported no progress this month. Aubrey has focused his efforts on the repair of the clubhouse.

Chris and Kristen Montefusco - Rans S-21 complete kit will be shipped shortly.

Mark Thoman – The steel frame that rests on the landing gear strut showed some corrosion. Bill Hood demonstrated his welding skills and completed a repair to the frame and fabric support tubing.

#### Current Events:

Tom Goodwin spoke about his 150-page, FAR Part 13 complaint concerning the operation of ILM. ILM has officially responded to the complaint. The key point of the complaint is that ILM should not get further federal funding until they remedy the preferential treatment of turbine aircraft operators and the apparent disregard of general aviation aircraft.

Tom is also coordinating with the Boy Scouts concerning a Young Eagles event at Duplin County Airport

on March 30th. Tom is communicating with members of the EAA Chapter at Southport in an effort to support that event. There will also be an aviation event at Henderson Field in Wallace. The date of that event is yet to be determined.

#### Electric Aircraft:

Aubrey mentioned electric aircraft and the possible use of the drive train of the Chevy Volt. Garry Brown found a video on YouTube for the Pipestrel electric aircraft. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgdj9Hpdzvl>

Larry Goff mentioned that Siemens has developed an electric aviation fuel cell.

#### Chilly Fly-in and Chili Cookoff:

Last year we had thirteen crock pots of chili. Aubrey is looking for volunteers and chili contestants. The sign-up sheet was circulated. Mark Thoman announced that he would not be able to attend the fly-in and that we need a volunteer photographer and story writer for the event. Tom Goodwin has been "voluntold" to serve in that function.

Aubrey is going to bring collards along with a pot of chili. There will be a 50 /50 raffle only. Note cards to name the chili will be furnished by Phil Ellison

Sun n fun: A sign-up sheet was circulated so that members could indicate when they would be attending the fly-in. The sheet would provide contact information and allow members to know when other chapter members will be attending.

Larry Goff gave a brief introduction to his experiences in rocket propulsion work at Rocketdyne. He was involved with the design and development of the rocket engine that powered the Saturn Rocket and the Apollo missions.

Rumor has it that Phil Sharp is back in town. We are looking forward to seeing him at future events.

#### Presentation:

Tim Haley, FAA Safety Team Lead from the Greensboro FSDO opened the floor for any and all questions. He had previously attended a meeting and gave us a thorough presentation on the ADSB program. He answered many questions and he talked about the Webinars, Seminars, and Wings programs that his office provides. He discussed the credits toward flight reviews that are associated with attending these programs. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 and Ken McGee served a delicious lunch shortly thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen Montefusco  
Chapter Secretary

## FUTURE EVENTS

### April 2019

- Tuesday 2nd -  
Sunday 7th Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland FL
- Saturday 6th **EAA 297 - Chapter Meeting**, 10:00 AM in the clubhouse. Lunch in the No Whining Saloon 12:00 PM
- Friday 12th -  
Saturday 13th Festival d'Avion, Moore County Airport, NC (KSOP)
- Saturday 13th Cheraw Airshow, Cheraw Municipal Airport, SC
- Sunday 14th South Carolina Breakfast Club, Cheraw Municipal Airport (KCQW)
- Saturday 27th EAA 939 Wings & Wheels, Cape Fear Regional Jetport (KSUT)
- Sunday 28th South Carolina Breakfast Club, Broxton Bridge Plantation (SC55)
- Saturday 27th -  
Sunday 28th Wings Over Wayne Air Show, Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro NC

### May 2019

- Saturday 4th **EAA 297 - Chapter Meeting**, 10:00 AM in the clubhouse. Lunch in the No Whining Saloon 12:00 PM
- Sunday 5th South Carolina Breakfast Club, Rock Hill/York Co/Bryant Field Airport (KUZA)
- Friday 10th EAA 939 Young Eagles Rally, Cape Fear Regional Jetport (KSUT)
- Saturday 11th **EAA 297 - Spring Fly-In and Car Show**, Stag Air Park (7NC1)
- Saturday 11th Touch-a-Truck Kids Day, Henderson Field (KACZ), Wallace NC
- Friday 17th -  
Sunday 19th Warbirds Over the Beach Airshow, Military Aviation Museum, Virginia Beach, VA
- Sunday 19th South Carolina Breakfast Club, Whiteplains Airport (SC99)
- Monday 27th Memorial Day
- Friday 31st -  
Saturday 1st EAA Chapter 1047 Fly-In and Meeting, Kenly Airport (7NC3), Kenly NC

### June 2019

- Saturday 1st **EAA 297 - Chapter Meeting**, 10:00 AM in the clubhouse. Lunch in the No Whining Saloon 12:00 PM
- Sunday 2nd South Carolina Breakfast Club, Palmetto Air Plantation Airport (SC41)

- Saturday 8th EAA 939 International Young Eagles Day, Cape Fear Regional Jetport (KSUT)
- Sunday 9th South Carolina Breakfast Club, Greenwood County Airport (KGRD)
- Sunday 23rd South Carolina Breakfast Club, Pickens County Airport (KLQK)

### CLASSIFIED

#### FOR RENT - HANGAR SPACE

Parker Field (8NC7) 3 NM Northwest of Maysville, NC. One hangar space available. Contact: Richard Parker Jr. (252) 670-6385

**HUNGRY?** – Come join us at  
the

## **NO WHINING SALOON**

Enjoy a home cooked meal  
prepared by our master chef.

Lunch is served promptly (not  
really) at 12:00 following EAA  
Chapter 297's business meeting  
the first Saturday of the month.

- Recommended Contribution -

**\$5.99 for fixed wing pilots.**

**\$4.99 for rotary wing pilots.**

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