



EAA Chapter 172



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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Wednesday, April 3 – Zoom meeting on Young Eagles at 7:00pm
Contact Sandy Walther for the link if you missed the original email.

Saturday, April 20 – Member Gathering at Pea Patch at Noon
(Delayed date due to Masters Week)
Guest speaker: Dr. Michael Miller, AME
Topic: Common medical issues, special issuance, Q&A
Lunch: Burgers and hot dogs; bring a side or dessert to share

Thursday, April 25 – Eat Out at El Alazan Restaurant,
3851 Evans to Locks Road, Martinez, GA.
Meet up at 6:00pm, order at 6:30pm

Saturday, May 11 – Young Eagles event at Daniel Field

Sunday, May 19 – Flying Start Seminar at Daniel Field

Thursday, May 23 – Eat Out

New Member Spotlight

We have had new members join our chapter recently.

A few months ago Kent Hedges and Samantha Keith contacted me

separately and attended a couple of our meetings. Kent

is from Aiken, and Samantha lives in Columbia. Both Kent and Samantha are actively pursuing their sport pilot certification. They are intrigued by the FAA's MOSAIC proposal, as are many of us. Please join me in welcoming Kent and Samantha to our chapter and encouraging them through their pilot training.

In 2023, our chapter welcomed new members John Daniel, Rich Gadbois, Jim Hoak, and Roger Kubeck with his daughter Mindy. All are enthusiastic about aviation, with a wide variety of experience as pilots. Roger and Mindy attended Oshkosh / EAA AirVenture for the first time last summer. Jim Hoak has been to Oshkosh at least 50 times, and has extensive experience as an EAA volunteer. John Daniel is already a regular at our meetings. Rich Gadbois is a friend of the Connell's and has helped with several activities. Let's make a special effort to welcome our new members and invite them to participate in our chapter events.



March Meeting Recap

Special thanks to Wade Robertson for showing us his maintenance shop at Thomson Airport. Wade shared many interesting stories, and provided tips on annuals and general aircraft maintenance. Precision Aero Services specializes in annuals and prebuy inspections on piston aircraft. He even works on some experimental aircraft (mostly RV models). Wade notes that the lead time for annuals is 3 months, so if your aircraft annual is coming up, call to get it on the schedule.



Most of us headed to Viva Villa Mexican restaurant down the road from the airport. That was a great choice – good food and great service!

Angel Flight Contribution

During our January meeting, one of our members suggested we collect monetary donations for Angel Flight at our next meeting. Rather than collecting funds as a group, please **donate directly on their website at www.angelflightsoars.org**.



April Eat-Out

Our next eat-out will be at El Alazan Restaurant, 3851 Evans to Locks Road in Martinez, GA. Their menu has a wide variety of Mexican foods. Come at 6:00pm; ordering by 6:30pm. If you have questions or wish to add your name to the reservation list, please contact Sheila Connell at 803-279-7250.

This is a picture from our March eat-out at the Taj of India.



Get Ready for Flying Season with EAA Webinars

EAA webinars are free of charge and cover topics that include safety solutions, Young Eagles rally planning, flying tips, and more. We're sure you'll find a presentation to enjoy! Pre-registration is recommended, as space is limited.

Here are some topics you might find interesting:

[Four Ways to Save Fuel, Time, and Money with Better Flight Planning](#) | Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit

Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m. CDT with Andy Matthews

Andy Matthews, of iFlightPlanner, discusses four simple ways you can save fuel and fly faster every time you step in the cockpit using iFlightPlanner. EAA members receive special discounts of 20% plus on iFlightPlanner. Andy will review key features and how to use iFlightPlanner to the maximum benefit.

[Slip Slidin' Away – All About Uncoordinated Flight](#) | Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m. CDT

We were all taught, from our very first lesson, to step on the ball and avoid uncoordinated flight. After all, slips and skids can lead to stalls and spins, can't they? And then, three or four lessons later, we were taught how to slip. But why on earth would anyone want to do that? Doesn't that lead to the dreaded stall/spin accident? In this FAA Safety Team WINGS award webinar, you will learn how to do forward and side slips, staying both uncoordinated and perfectly safe

[Building Your Dream Airport](#)

Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m. CDT with Gary Stevens

Considering a private airport, or wanting to learn more about your airport? This presentation covers the basics of airports, a comprehensive 101 discussion by Gary Stevens, former state and federal airport development and compliance inspector. This presentation will emphasize design, operations, construction, and alterations of privately-owned turf airports and review the approval process of FAA, state, and local zoning authorities. Additionally, it will review how to find additional resources to help your private airport.

SC Breakfast Club Schedule

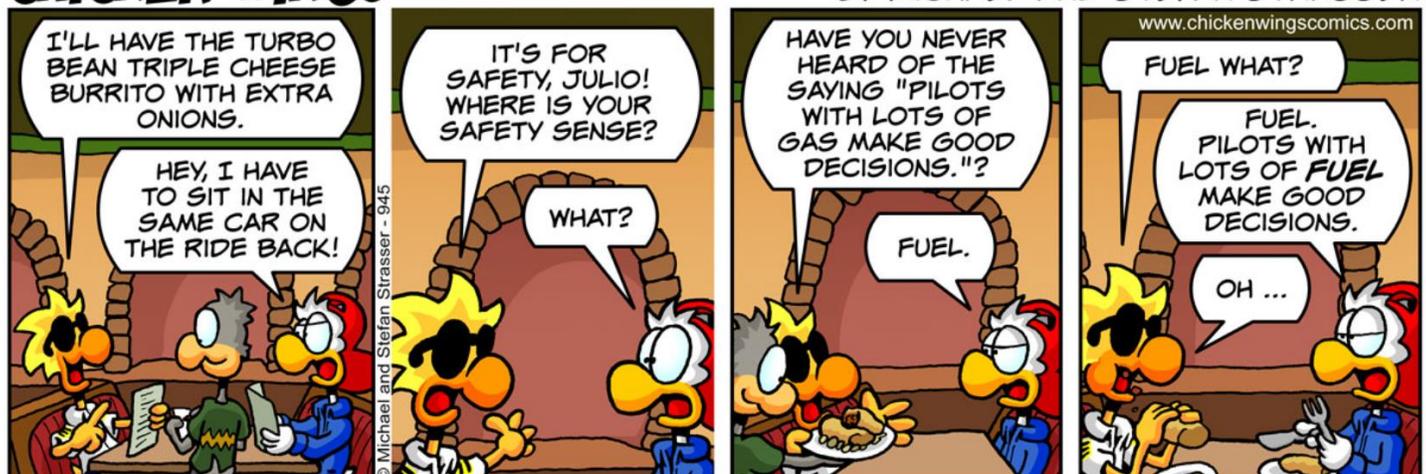
Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
April 7	Bishopville, SC	Lee County - Butters Field	122.9	52J
April 21	Ehrhardt, SC	Broxton Bridge Plantation	122.9	SC55
May 5	Manning, SC	Palmetto Air Plantation	122.8	SC41
May 19	Rock Hill, SC	Rock Hill (York Co) - Bryant Field	123.05	KUZA
June 2	Aiken, SC	Aiken Regional	122.8	KAIK

Other Upcoming Events

- Apr 5-7 Triple Tree Uncle John's Fly-in (more info at tta.aero)
- Apr 9-14 AOPA Sun-N-Fun (more info at aopa.org)
- Apr 19-21 JB Charleston Air and Space Expo, Charleston, SC
- Apr 27-28 Vidalia Onion Festival Air Show, Vidalia, GA
- May 25-26 Augusta Air Show at Augusta Regional Airport (augustaairstow.com)

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Identify this Airplane

LAST MONTH



Last month's picture was an **Evektor Harmony**, a Czech Republic LSA aircraft. The aircraft is available in three Rotax engine configurations. The corrosion-proof design is good for pilots who do not pay for hangar space or are frequently in the sky. The Harmony is also available in a full-IFR version best suited for instrument-rated pilots.

THIS MONTH

Just for fun, see if you can identify the airplane pictured to the right. The answer will be revealed in the next newsletter.



Free Advertising

Do you have stuff in your hangar that you would like to clear out and make a few bucks? Do you have some aviation books or supplies that you will never need again? Do you want to get it advertised in next month's newsletter? Send your list of stuff WITH prices to Sandy Walther at sandywalther@yahoo.com.

WHERE TO FIND US:

EAA172 meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at several locations around Augusta, GA throughout the year. However, our primary meeting place is at our chapter clubhouse on Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA) in Blythe, GA. Take Route 1 toward Blythe, turn south at the Citgo/Quik Mart station onto Bath-Edie Road. At the first intersection, turn right onto Patterson Road and follow ¼ mile. Make a left turn onto Boulineau Road (across from the Rec Center) and drive 1 mile. The entrance to Pea Patch is on your right. The clubhouse is at the end of a row of hangars next to the grass strip, just south of the windsock. Pea Patch Aerodrome CTAF is 122.70.

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