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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

March 11, 2023 at 10:00AM – LOUISVILLE Municipal (2J3), GA

Meet in FBO at 10:00am

Tom Watson - Engine Overhauls & Annual Inspections

Followed by a shop tour of Watson Aero

After that, Pierre Smith will host open hangar for his RV-12 project

Lunch will be at Las Lomas Mexican Restauranté

March 18, 11AM to 2PM – Pea Patch Clubhouse Cleanup

March 23 at 6:30PM – Dine Out

French Market Grille at Surrey Center

425 Highland Ave, Augusta, GA

April 15 at Noon – PEA PATCH AERODROME

April 23 at 6:30PM – Dine Out (Location TBD)

Pea Patch Update

Renovations on the Pea Patch kitchen are moving along. A new cabinet is installed in kitchen area, the ladies room has been painted, and additional cabinets are being installed. Thank you to all who have helped--Al Nodorft, Dave Dent, Carl Walther, Aaron and Brenda Ramsey, and others and especially Jim Maher who is there with me almost every trip.



Can you help us finish this project?

I will have another work weekend on Saturday March 18th from 11 to 2. We will be doing a general cleaning and going through all supplies and organizing them into the cabinets. Please let me know if you can help out (phone 203-710-4300).

Ronna Hiltz

Chapter Membership

Thank you to those who paid their chapter dues in a timely manner. Chapter dues were \$30 if you paid by January 31; the cost is \$40 for those who pay late. Please bring your dues to our next member gathering or mail a check payable to “EAA Chapter 172” to Sandy Walther, 2220 Gregory Lake Road, North Augusta, SC 29860.

Your dues help fund our chapter’s activities and right to operate (insurance, taxes, utilities, maintenance). We have an exciting year planned with guest speakers on interesting aviation topics and several fun events. For updates on chapter activities, watch your email for these monthly newsletters and visit our website at <https://eaa172.org> or our Facebook site “EAA Chapter 172”.

We look forward to seeing you at our monthly chapter gatherings and eat-outs!

February Meeting Recap

Chapter member and commercial airline pilot Ed Christian gave a presentation about his flying background and lessons learned on CRM (crew resource management). At the end, Ed showed a video of flying his airplane with his wife Bibiana. We enjoyed seeing Ed’s parents again and meeting other members of the Christian family. Many of us gathered for lunch afterwards at Village Deli.



We will be visiting French Market Grille – Surrey Center, 425 Highland Avenue, Augusta, GA on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30pm. If you have questions or have not already confirmed, please contact Virginia Bush at 706-554-5618.

Here are pictures from our last month’s eat-out at Formosa’s. We had a great turnout, the food was delicious and the service was awesome!



March Meeting Preview

This month our meeting location is Louisville Municipal Airport (2J3). Louisville is 33 miles southwest of Augusta, or due south from Wrens.

We will gather at 10:00am at the Louisville FBO. Our presenter is Tom Watson who will talk about engine overhauls and annual inspections, then give us a shop tour of Watson Aero. (<https://www.watsonaero.com>)

Afterwards, Pierre Smith is hosting an open hanger where we can view his RV-12 project.

If you wish to join us for lunch, we will eat at Las Lomas Mexican Restaurante, on the west side of the airport, at 350 US Highway 1 Bypass S, Louisville, GA.



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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.

Lycoming O-320-E2D (Experimental) Engine for Sale:

TACH 972.0, SMOH 211.0, Superior cylinders, selling due to prop strike. Can send PDF of logbooks. Contact Frank Christian 706-294-2005.

Identify this Airplane

LAST MONTH



The mystery aircraft to the left is a **Sukhoi SU-80**, a Russian twin turboprop, twin boom STOL transport aircraft. The prototype first flew in September, 2001.

[description courtesy of Wikipedia]

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.



SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
March 5	Mt. Pleasant, SC	Mount Pleasant Regional - Faison Field (East Cooper)	122.7	KLRO
March 19	Columbia, SC	Columbia Metropolitan	ATC	KCAE
April 2	Bishopville, SC	Lee County - Butters Field	122.9	52J
April 16	Ehrhardt, SC	Broxton Bridge Plantation	122.9	SC55
April 30	Manning, SC	Palmetto Air Plantation	122.8	SC41

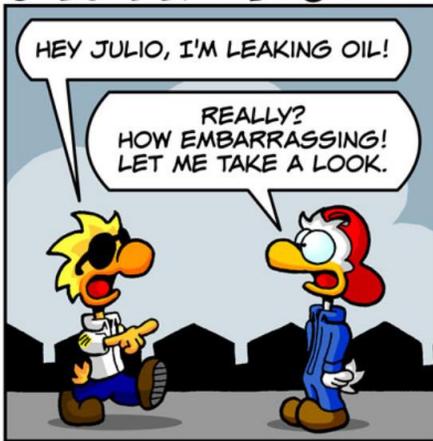
Other Upcoming Events

Mar 24-25, 2023 – Uncle Tom’s Fly-In at Triple Tree (tta.aero)

Mar 28 to Apr 2 – Sun N Fun, Lakeland FL (flsynf.org)

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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 122.80.

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