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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Sept 11th: EAA 172 Gathering, Pea Patch Aerodrome 61GA, 12:00 Noon
Sept 21st : EAA 172 Board Meeting (open to all EAA 172 members)
Sept 23rd : EAA 172 Eat Out – Villa Europa Restaurant, 3044 Deans Bridge Rd,
(Augusta, GA 30906 (706)-798-6211
Oct 09th: EAA 172 Gathering, Pea Patch Aerodrome 61GA, 11:30 AM
Oct 19th: EAA 172 Board Meeting (open to all EAA 172 members)
Oct 28th: EAA 172 Eat Out – TBD

SC Breakfast Club Schedule

22-Aug	Woodruff, SC	Triple Tree	122.9	SC00
5-Sep	Laurens, SC	Laurens County	122.8	KLUX
19-Sep	Anderson, SC	Anderson Regional	123.6	KAND
3-Oct	Camden, SC	Kershaw County - Woodward Field	123	KCDN
17-Oct	Sumter, SC	Sumter County	122.7	KSMS
31-Oct	Orangeburg, SC	Orangeburg Municipal	122.7	KOGB

Other Events

9-Oct-21	World War II Heritage Day Atlanta Regional Airport, Peachtree City, GA
October 16-17, 2021	Florida International Air Show Punta Gorda, FL
October 16-17, 2021	Lockheed Martin Central Florida Air and Space Show Sanford, FL
October 30-31, 2021	Wings Over North Georgia Rome, GA



August Gathering

August's gathering was at the Pea Patch.

August 14th's gathering was a great success. Charles Lewis was gracious enough to help those of us that have never been to Oshkosh see what it is like to go there for the first time. Not only was it the first time that Charles went, he also camped next to his airplane Pegasus. For those of you that don't know Charles, I have added a Bio under Member Spotlight. I was so into listening to Charles I neglected to get any pictures while he was talking.



There were over 20 people at the gathering. We had some visitors at the meeting. Kent Hedges came with his son Jonathan and Jonathan's friend Gabriel. Jonathan is a very active in flying R/C aircraft. During the summer he was able to go to a week-long camp with Civil Air Patrol. During the week he was able to take ground school and put enough hours in to Solo a full-size airplane. I am sure we can all remember how special it was to be able to do our first solo-flight. We look forward to seeing all 3 again and watching Jonathan's progress in aviation



August Board Meeting Notes:

The Augusta Board meeting was held both VIA Zoom and also down at Nandi's Airport Office:
Subjects discussed :

Wrens Gyro fly-in will be at Oct 2nd

We will start offering food again – September will be Burgers, We will ask people to bring sides

program will be – Jim O'Keefe - Part107 – Drones (See Bio in Newsletter)

Young Eagles October 2nd at Wrens - During the Gyro fly in?

July's Eat Out

August's Eat out was at the Drift Raw Bar in North Augusta

Here are photos of attendees! The owner of restaurant is the gentleman between Virginia and Sheila; he is also Virginia's nephew! If you missed the Eat Out you can see by the pictures that the place is pretty cool.

Sheila





September Gathering Preview: At Pea Patch at Noon (61GA)

September 11th gathering will be at Pea Patch Aerodrome at Noon:

Our presentation: is on drones by Jim O'Keefe.

Jim holds Single Engine Land, Instrument Ratings, Remote Pilot Certificate ratings. He has owned a Cessna 172. Jim served as a FAAST Team member at KBDR in Bridgeport CT. He is involved in the Remote Pilot Programs and the Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems sUAS movement. As a Police Officer, he developed and implemented the sUAS program and acquired the necessary documents for our Certificates of Waiver or Authorization. Jim also teaches for Dartdrones (Drone Training System) and helps departments and individuals prepare for and pass the Remote Pilot 107 Test. He also helps teach and train how to use different types of drones in Search and Rescue.



September Eat-Out:

September Eat out will be the usual time of 6:00pm at:

Villa Europa Restaurant,

3044 Deans Bridge Rd,

Augusta, GA 30906 (706)-798-6211

Member Spotlight: - Charles Lewis:

Commander Charles Samuel Lewis, USN

Charles grew up in Louisville and graduated from Louisville Academy in 1966. After graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1970, Charles completed Navy Dive School in Key West, Fl, graduating first in his class. He then entered Navy Pilot training in Pensacola, Fl and Meridian, Ms and earned his Naval Aviator jet wings of gold in Beeville, Tx in February of 1972. Charles just missed combat flying in Viet Nam and Desert Storm and loves to say, “the only country I ever bombed was Arizona!”

During his first tour at the Naval Air Test Center in Patuxent River, Md. and later with VRF-31 in Norfolk, Va., Charles flew many types of prop, jet, and rotary wing aircraft. Operational tours included: Attack Squadron-75 at Oceana, Va., flying the A-6 Intruder, and Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron -138 at Whidbey Island, Wa., flying the EA-6B Prowler. Charles was qualified as an Air Combat Maneuvering Instructor and an Airwing Strike Leader.

Additionally, Charles served two tours at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida as a jet flight instructor; special qualifications included Spin and Out of Control Flight Instructor, Aerial Gunnery Instructor, and Post Maintenance Test Pilot. His last fleet tour was aboard USS Nimitz from ‘88-’90, in charge of the Flight and Hangar Decks. In a 23-year Navy career, CDR Lewis has accumulated over 6000 flight hours in 35 different aircraft types and has logged 587 carrier arrested landings on six aircraft carriers.

In 1992, Charles earned a Master's Degree in Management from Troy State University. Charles retired as Director of the Navy's prestigious Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola in July 1993. He taught NJROTC for five years at Fairhope High School in Alabama; then for eleven years as the Senior Naval Science Instructor at Jefferson County High School's Navy Junior ROTC, retiring from teaching in 2009.

He was married 33 years to Jere Elaine Wasden of Wadley, Ga.; they have been triply blessed with three children: Jonathan Samuel, Joy Meadows, and Matthew William. Jere passed away of cancer in 2003. Charles married Susanne Smith, his high school flame, in December 2004. Susanne has two daughters: Laurel and Merritt. They are blessed with 7 beautiful and talented grand-children.

Spare time in retirement is filled with church and community service, as well as travel, scuba diving, sailing, backpacking, pickleball, cycling and kayaking. Always an adventurer, Charles has taught many skills as a certified instructor, including flight, scuba, swimming and sailing. He has been active in local community theater for 20 years as an actor and director. He has been volunteering as a U.S. Naval Academy Blue and Gold Officer for 12 years, assisting the Admissions Department with candidate interviews and mentoring.

Charles flew a tandem powered parachute around the Louisville area for ten years. "Low and slow is a different world for a tactical jet pilot". Lately, he may be seen flying his aerobatic airplane, an experimental Vans RV-6A "Pegasus", which he flew to WA, CA and Oshkosh (for the first time) this summer. He has been a member of EAA Chapter 172 for about ten years and loves introducing others to the joy and freedom of flight through EAA's Eagle Flight Program.

Request for additional content for the newsletter

Newsletter Ideas

The newsletter is for the benefit of the club. Here are some questions I have, to see if anyone has anything for an upcoming newsletter.

Technical articles on how you solved a challenge, new products, techniques, etc.

Anyone have a cool story about a flight: first flight, trips and cool destination, events, flight where you achieved an "ah-ha" moment. Any "\$100 Hamburger" destinations.

Photo essays related to anything involving aviation or members (destinations, "gatherings," shows, etc.)

Anything that flying has allowed you to do, see, visit,.

Any news of interest to the group. Essays of interest to readers.

Challenges for experimental aviation (e.g., insurance, price of fuel, services, FAA, etc.)

Photos with captions.

Looking for volunteers for Member profiles.

Other ideas -- Please contact me at DeGroodtt@Gmail.com

Advertisements

Free advertising!

Do you have stuff in your hanger 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?

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.

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