



# Chapter 172

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### **Feb 12, Noon: EAA 172 Member Gathering, Pea Patch (61GA)**

February Theme: **Bring a friend who is an aviator or interested in aviation!**

Guest Speaker: David Corsiglia on Flight Safety

Lunch: Soup and Salad (potluck)

### **Feb 24, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out,**

Cantina Locale, 2803 Wrightsboro Road, Ste 20A, Augusta, GA

### **Mar 12, 10:00 am: EAA 172 Member Gathering, possibly Daniel Field**

Guest Speaker & Topic TBD.

Lunch will be at Village Deli if we meet at Daniel Field

### **Mar 24, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out**

### **April 16: 9:00 am: EAA 172 Member Gathering, Nodorft Home**

(Note date changed due to Sun-N-Fun)

Guest Speaker: Al Nodorft on his homebuild project

Lunch will be at local restaurant (TBD)

### **April 28, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out**

## **It's time to renew your membership with EAA Chapter 172!**

Our annual membership will remain at our pre-pandemic, inflation-defiant rate of \$30. Your dues help cover our chapter insurance and other fixed costs. Please show your support for our mission – to educate the public about aviation. If you have not yet paid, please bring your dues to our member gathering or mail a check payable to “EAA Chapter 172” to Sandy Walther, 2220 Gregory Lake Rd, North Augusta, SC 29860.

## **EAA Milestone Achieved**

EAA, the recreational aviation organization that began in 1953 as a group of individuals dedicated to grassroots aviation, has surpassed 250,000 members for the first time in 2021. “EAA’s founder, Paul Poberezny, created a culture nearly 70 years ago where anyone who wished to enjoy the freedom of flight was welcome to participate, and our mission of growing participation in aviation has thrived under that vision,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO/Chairman. Reaching 250,000 members marks a membership growth of 25 percent in the past five years, including a pandemic period.

Read the full article at <https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-news-and-aviation-news/news/12-01-2021-eea-surpasses-250000-members>.

## January Meeting Recap

Terry Pitts shared his knowledge of gliders and flying in high winds to a full room of members and guests. His presentation was very interactive. We all learned why glider certification is like a gateway drug for prospective pilots. Did you know the minimum number of hours for glider certification is 20 hours? Upgrades to Commercial and CFI are similarly much lower than the typical private pilot certification route. We also learned over 50% of worldwide glider pilots live in Germany. Terry shared these tidbits plus tips on how to fly – and land-- safely in high winds.

We enjoyed several pots of delicious chili to share for lunch. After spirited campaigning for the top spot, the chili who won the most votes was made by the Zulueta family. David and Denise Zuluetas joined as our newest chapter members, too.

## February meeting preview

David Corsiglia recently joined our chapter and volunteered to be our guest speaker in February. David is the President of Augusta Flying Club at Daniel Field. He will be sharing tips on aviation safety.



## February Eat Out

Please join us for tacos and other delicious Mexican food at Cantina Locale located near Village Deli. If you have questions or have not already confirmed, please contact Sheila Connell 803-279-7250.

## Board Meeting Minutes

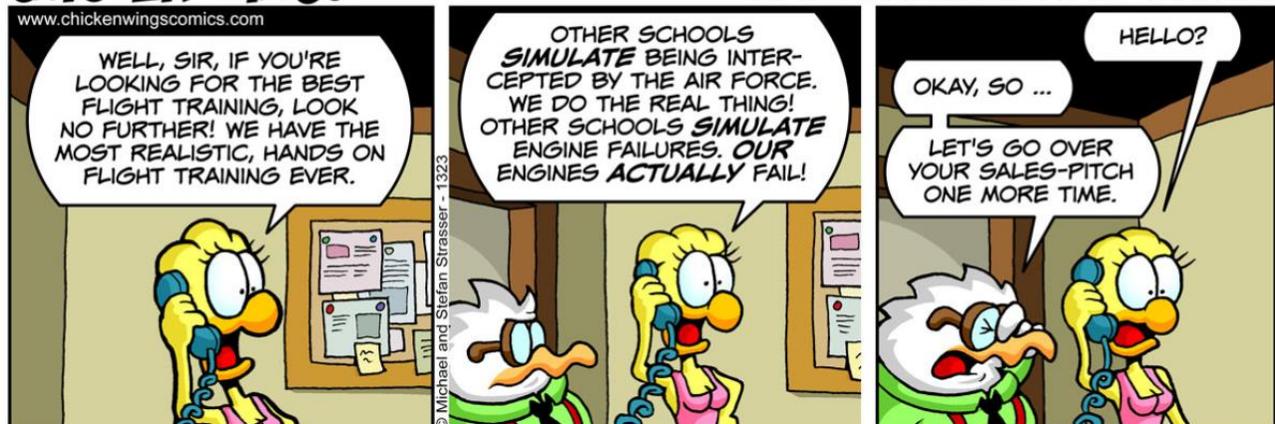
The Board met on January 25<sup>th</sup> to plan chapter activities for the next few months, review chapter membership, share EAA news, and discuss hangar maintenance. One of the decisions we also made was to update our name tags. When you come to our meetings at Pea Patch, please take a moment to put on your name tag so guests (and those of us who are terrible at remembering names) will know who you are. And at the end of the meeting, please return your name tag to the bulletin board.

Your help is needed! If you are looking for ways to be involved, reach out to any of the board members and/or come to a board meeting. We welcome your ideas, too!

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**New from EAA.org: January 20, 2022** – The opportunity for an EAA AirVenture Oshkosh once-in-a-lifetime camping experience is the grand prize as EAA’s Pilot Your Own Adventure contest, supported by Flight Outfitters, is now open for pilots and aircraft owners. In 2022, the contest welcomes those to submit original, true-life stories behind the aircraft they have owned or currently own.

“Those of us who fly know that every airplane has its own story and soul,” said Jim Busha, EAA’s vice president of publications, marketing, and membership. “Maybe it’s the story of its operational history, the people that it connected, or the passengers it flew. It doesn’t matter if there were thousands — or even tens of thousands — of the type built, or if it’s rare or even unique, every airframe has tales to tell. And if we love the way you tell your aircraft’s story, you might just win the AirVenture camping experience of a lifetime.”

Aviators can enter by writing 500 to 1,000 words about that aircraft. The entry submission must be non-fiction, based on real facts, real events, and real people, and also adhere to the contest requirements as outlined in the [official contest rules](#). Entries must be accompanied by two to eight photos with captions of up to 30 words each.

“The excitement of last year’s inaugural Pilot Your Own Adventure contest, which culminated in a trip to Oshkosh, created tremendous enthusiasm to do it again in 2022,” said Mark Glassmeyer, Flight Outfitters president. "The memories of every aviation adventure includes that special aircraft that becomes an indelible part of the unforgettable experience. That’s what we’re eager to hear about in this year’s contest."

The contest opens on January 14, 2022, and closes on March 14, 2022. Entries can be submitted either online or via the mail. Along with the camping experience at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 in a fully branded Flight Outfitters camper, the grand prize winner will receive a bounty of Flight Outfitters clothing and gear. Second through fifth prizes will also be awarded. Full details, rules, and entry information are available at [EAA.org/FlightOutfitters](http://EAA.org/FlightOutfitters).

## SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
February 6	Beaufort, SC	Beaufort County	122.7	<a href="#">KARW</a>
February 20	Georgetown, SC	Georgetown County	123.0	<a href="#">KGGE</a>
March 6	Mt. Pleasant, SC	Mount Pleasant Regional - Faison Field (East Cooper)	122.7	<a href="#">KLRO</a>
March 20	Columbia, SC	Columbia Metropolitan (CityConnect)	ATC	<a href="#">KCAE</a>
April 3	Bishopville, SC	Lee County - Butters Field	122.9	<a href="#">52J</a>
April 10	Holly Hill, SC	Holly Hill	122.9	<a href="#">5J5</a>
April 24	Ehrhardt, SC	Broxton Bridge Plantation	122.9	<a href="#">SC55</a>

## Other Upcoming Events

Mar 19-20: NAS JRB New Orleans, Air Show, Belle Chasse, LA

Mar 19-20: Space Coast Warbird Air Show, Titusville, FL

Apr 5-10: Sun-N-Fun Aerospace Expo, Lakeland, FL (<https://flysnf.org>)

Apr 16: Shaw Air Expo, Sumter, SC (<https://www.sumtersc.gov/event/shaw-air-expo>)

## 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](mailto:sandywalther@yahoo.com)

## Identify this Airplane

Last month's image was of a Turbine Powered Super Seawind aircraft, built by Steve Wightman of Massachusetts. The pictured aircraft is the only turbine-powered Seawind in the world. The Seawind aircraft design originated in Canada and first flew in 1982. The Seawind 2000 kit was produced and sold by Seawind International of Haliburton, Ontario and powered by a 200-hp engine. The Seawind 3000, powered by a 300-hp engine, was introduced in 1993 and acquired by Seawind North America (SNA), based in Kimberton, Pennsylvania. The Seawind 300C's cabin can fit two adults and three children. The cruising speed is 190 MPG or 165 knots at 75% power.

Below is a picture of an unusual aircraft. Just for fun, see if you can identify it. The answer will be revealed in the next newsletter.



### WHERE TO FIND US:

EAA172 meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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