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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

February 11, 2023 at 10:30AM – DANIEL FIELD

Come at 10:00am; meeting will begin at 10:30am

Presenter: Ed Christian Topic: CRM and Panel Decisions

After the meeting, we will have lunch at Cantina Locale
(located near Village Deli in same shopping center)

February 23 at 6:30PM – Dine Out

Formosa's II Chinese Restaurant

3830 Washington Rd, Martinez, GA (near Bobby Jones Expy)

March 11 at Noon – PEA PATCH AERODROME

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

Sullenberger Aviation Museum Prepares for Takeoff

Formerly the Carolinas Aviation Museum, the newly minted Sullenberger Aviation Museum unveils refreshed name to match its new mission and state-of-the-art facility.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Jan. 12, 2023) – The former Carolinas Aviation Museum has officially announced its new moniker: the Sullenberger Aviation Museum, honoring Capt. C.B. “Sully” Sullenberger, who, along with his crew, famously landed US Airways Flight 1549 safely in New York City’s Hudson River.

The museum has housed the famous Flight 1549 plane – which was en route to Charlotte on January 15, 2009, after taking off from New York’s LaGuardia Airport – and a corresponding exhibit since 2011. Dozens of passengers aboard the flight were Charlotteans and many still call this region home.

Ric Elias, a Flight 1549 survivor and CEO of Red Ventures, a diverse portfolio of influential brands, businesses and digital platforms, personally donated \$1 million alongside \$500,000 from Red Ventures’ Lonely Planet to the museum’s Lift Off Capital Campaign as a way to honor Capt. Sullenberger.

“Flight 1549 changed the course of my life and gave me the ultimate gift of a second chance,” said Elias. “The Museum is a tribute to the courage

of Capt. Sullenberger and the entire flight crew, and my hope is that it will also inspire young innovators to change the world.”

The renaming signifies not just a new brand, but an inspiring new vision for the 31-year-old museum. While its new facility will continue to exhibit historical aircraft, it will also serve as an elevated educational resource and innovation center to help shape the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) workforce development pipeline throughout the region.

“The Sullenberger Aviation Museum will be the premier aviation museum of the Southeast and will allow visitors to experience the past, present and future of aviation like never before,” said Sullenberger Aviation Museum Board Chair Marc Oken. “This reimagined museum will serve as a vital resource to help students and adults connect to careers in STEM-based industries all while showcasing the power and potential of the human imagination through the wonder of flight and transforming lives and economic vitality in the Carolinas.”

Projected to open by the end of 2023, the 105,000-square-foot Sullenberger Aviation Museum multi-building campus will offer immersive learning experiences like flight simulators, interactive exhibits, STEM education programs and authentic RFID storytelling of the Carolinas’ past, present and future in aviation.

“Nearly 14 years ago to this day, Capt. Sullenberger saved the lives of over a hundred people thanks to his quick thinking and courageous actions spurred by years of specialized training in science, math and engineering, the combination of which allowed him and his crew to land Flight 1549 safely in the Hudson River,” said Stephen Saucier, president of the Sullenberger Aviation Museum. “Capt. Sullenberger has committed his life to inspiring and educating future generations by elevating the wonder of flight and affirming the importance of STEM learning and equity, all of which mirrors our museum’s mission. Every inch of this new space is being designed to expand visitors’ horizons and provide inclusive learning opportunities for all, and we are honored that our new name will reflect that spirit for years to come.”

Following the inspirational groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 27, construction on the new space is underway, with a goal of curating a high-profile cultural tourism attraction and educational resource that will boost economic opportunity, especially on Charlotte’s disadvantaged west side.

“Aviation – one of the most transformative industries in the world – has not historically been accessible to our underserved communities, but it is our hope that as more than a collection of aircraft, the Sullenberger Aviation Museum will serve as a vehicle of opportunity to inspire and elevate the next generation of innovators and future heroes,” said Capt. Sullenberger. “I feel privileged that my name will be associated with such an awe-inspiring institution that is actively working to expand social, cultural and economic mobility in Charlotte and beyond.”

Site development is being conducted in two phases across three buildings – a welcome center, a main exhibit hall and a preserved historic hangar complemented by an outdoor plaza with additional historic aircraft. The new museum is projected to open at the end of 2023 and is expected to draw more than 120,000 visitors annually and connect more than 15,000 students to STEM programming and career development labs.

(excerpt EAA eHotline email dated 1/19/2023; see <https://www.sullenbergeraviation.org/>)

Chapter Membership

Thank you to those who paid their chapter dues in a timely manner. Chapter dues were \$30 if you pay by January 31; the cost will be \$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!

January Meeting Recap

Al Nodorft demonstrated how he uses Foreflight to plan and track his personal and charter flights. He shared lots of tips and tricks for checking weather, checking NOTAMs and looking up airport information. We saw lots of new faces including several instructors from Daniel Field plus EAA Chapter 172 members we had not seen in a while. Audience participation was great, many of us following along on our iPads.



We will be visiting Formosa's Chinese Restaurant, 3830 Washington Road in Martinez on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30pm. If you have questions or have not already confirmed, please contact Sheila Connell at 803-279-7250.

February Meeting Preview

Chapter member and commercial airline pilot Ed Christian will share his background, talking about CRM (crew resource management) and Panel Decisions. Don't miss this chance to hear stories about flying those big jets!

NOTE this member gathering will be at Daniel Field.

Our Pea Patch clubhouse is currently undergoing renovation. Special thanks to Ronna for organizing this project and for those who have been helping with the work.



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 an **English Electric Lightning**, a British fighter aircraft that served as an interceptor from the 1960s through the 1980s. It was capable of a top speed of over Mach 2. Later the type was marketed as the BAC Lightning. The Lightning has exceptional rate of climb, ceiling, and speed; pilots have described flying it as "being saddled to a skyrocket".

[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
February 5	Beaufort, SC	Beaufort County	122.7	KARW
February 19	Georgetown, SC	Georgetown County	123.0	KGGE
March 5	Mt. Pleasant, SC	Mount Pleasant Regional - Faison Field (East Cooper)	122.7	KLRO
March 19	Columbia, SC	Columbia Metropolitan	ATC	KCAE

Other Upcoming Events

Feb 24, 2023 – Chilly Chili 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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