



# EAA Chapter 172



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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**Saturday, January 13 – Member Gathering** at Daniel Field (upstairs)  
9:30am Coffee and Chat, 10:00am  
Presentation by Liz Porter, Angel Flight Program

**Thursday, January 25 – Eat Out** – Meet at 6:00pm; order at 6:30pm  
Frog & The Hen, 466 Flowing Wells Road #4, Martinez, GA

**Saturday, February 10 – Member Gathering**

**Thursday, February 22 – Eat Out**

**Saturday, March 9 – Member Gathering**

**Thursday, March 28 – Eat Out**



## Chapter President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you are excited as I am to see 2023 in my rear view mirror. This next year is already promising to be filled with lots of changes, hopefully most of which will be positive to our health, wealth and freedom.

As for our chapter, we appreciate that many of you have paid your 2024 dues. Your board officers are working together to schedule guest speakers, hangar visits and activities throughout this year that we think you will enjoy. As always, we invite you to share your ideas and feedback with any of the board members.

I am also asking for your help to promote our chapter. When you meet a local pilot or young person who is interested in aviation, please invite them to our chapter events. We welcome aviation enthusiasts regardless of their flying experience. We are fortunate to be part of an amazing community of people and a large organization with programs designed to support pilots and encourage young people to explore aviation. Let's share the fun!

*Sandy*

## **December Chapter Party Recap**

Our chapter holiday party was so much fun. We enjoyed lasagna and chicken parmesan plus wonderful side dishes and desserts. We had a nice group of people, great conversation, and were entertained with jokes and Christmas trivia.



## **Chapter Membership**

It's time to renew your chapter membership! Chapter dues were \$35 if you paid by December 31, but is now \$40 for those who pay in 2024. Please bring your dues to our next meeting 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 Eat-Out**

Our first eat-out of 2024 will be at Frog & The Hen, 466 Flowing Wells Road #4, Martinez, GA on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm; ordering by 6:30pm. If you have questions or wish to add your name to the reservation list, please contact Bibiana Christenson, phone 706-945-2003. Thank you, Bibiana, for stepping up to help organize our monthly eat-outs!

## EAA Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 22

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and end on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am Central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm Central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. **To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek).**

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the ideas of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Time CST	Monday 1/22/24	Tuesday 1/23/24	Wednesday 1/24/24	Thursday 1/25/24	Friday 1/26/24
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Certification Process Joe Norris	Lies, Darned Lies, and Homebuilt Accident Statistics Ron Wanttaja	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics Dick Koehler	The Nuts and Bolts of Nuts and Bolts Kerry Fores	Building on the Cheap Ron Wanttaja	Lycoming Engine Installation Dave Prizio	Working With Wood 101 John Egan
2:30-3:45	Welding Basics: Gas & TIG Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttles	Fabric Covering Basics Nate Hammond	Buying a Used RV Aircraft Vic Syracuse	Sonex Aircraft and AeroConversions Products Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	Sheet Metal Basics Jim Scott	Factory-Built to Homebuilt: What's the Difference? Tom Charpentier	Advanced Flight Systems Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions Brad Brensing	Scratchbuilding From Plans: 90% Done and 90% to Go! Marty Feehan
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics Michael Schofield	Flight Testing 101 Paul Dye	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts Steve Boser	Latex Paint: A Low-Cost Alternative Malcolm Morrison
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation Phil Lockwood	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Engine Break-In Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors Vic Syracuse

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## SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
February 18	Greenville, SC	Greenville Downtown	ATC	<a href="#">KGMU</a>
March 3	Mt. Pleasant, SC	Mount Pleasant Regional - Faison Field (East Cooper)	122.7	<a href="#">KLRO</a>
March 17	Georgetown, SC	Georgetown County	123.0	<a href="#">KGGE</a>

## Other Upcoming Events

- Jan 25 FAAS Team Presentation, Bush Field GA FBO, 6:00pm  
Topic is "Runway Incursions". KAGS landing fee waived for pilots attending.  
Contact David Corsiglia 714-585-4499 or [corsiglia@me.com](mailto:corsiglia@me.com).
- Feb 5 Triple Tree Chilly Chili (more info at [tta.aero](http://tta.aero))

## Identify this Airplane

### LAST MONTH



This picture is the Aviat A-1 Husky, a tandem two-seat, high-wing, utility light aircraft built by Aviat Aircraft of Afton, Wyoming. The aircraft was introduced in 1987, and has been used for observation duties, fisheries patrol, pipeline inspection, glider towing, border patrol and other utility missions. The aircraft max gross weight is 2200 pounds, powered by a Lycoming O-360-I1P, with a fuel capacity of 50 gallons. For more information, visit <https://aviataircraft.com>.

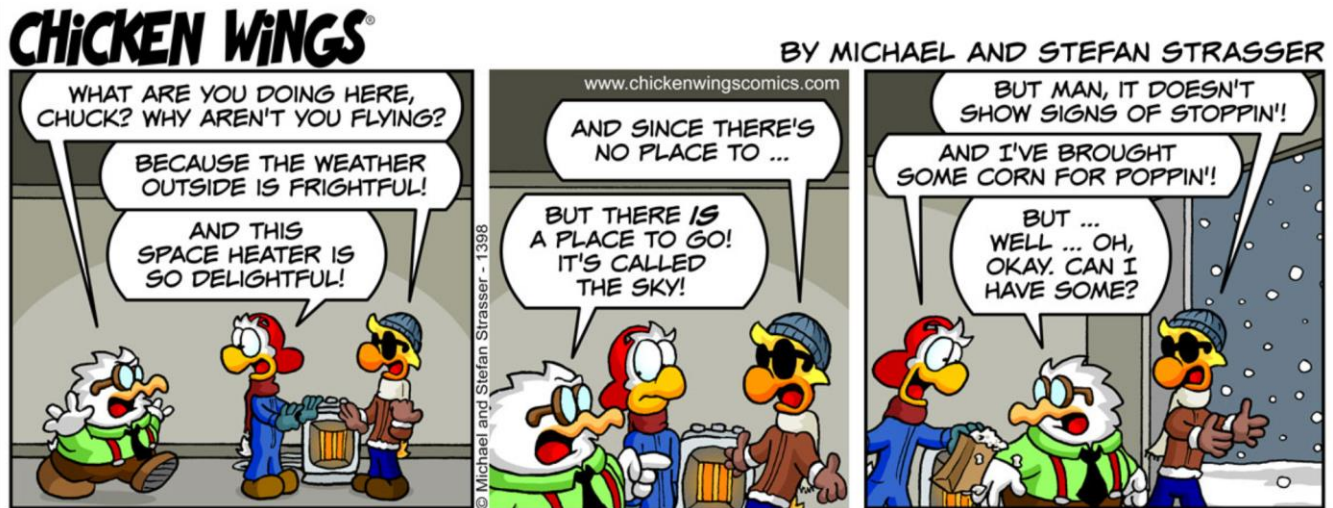
### THIS MONTH

Just for fun, see if you can identify the airplane pictured below. 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](mailto:sandywalther@yahoo.com).



### 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. Pea Patch Aerodrome CTAF is 122.70.



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