



# Chapter 172

Augusta, Georgia

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

TBD -

**Please see the body of the newsletter for more info**

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## President's Desk

We are coming up on the end of the most unusual year that any of us have faced. I think we are all ready to get back to normal, but it doesn't look like that will happen for a few more months at best. It was disappointing to not have our meetings and events this year for sure. I was happy that we did get to complete our rivet workshop.

This also marks the end of 4 consecutive years being your president. I have enjoyed these years and this experience a lot. There is a great staff to work with and of course the support of all you members. I hope to continue as a guiding force for the club.

Traditionally the December meeting was social only with no guest speakers. Given the covid situation we are not going to have this meeting. I wish you all the best holidays and hope to see you in the new year!

Fly safe,

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## Meeting Schedule

The board continues to weigh the options for re-starting our monthly meetings. We will continue to reach out to you with monthly newsletters and by posting meeting notices on Facebook. Please see the EAA National Survey results later in the newsletter.

Month	Day	Time	Event	Location	Food
January	9th	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
February	13th	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
March	13th	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

## New EAA 172 Chapter officer line up for 2021:

One of the Agenda Items during the November meeting was the annual voting for new officers for the chapter. All the officers donate their time to help our chapter become better. Please feel free to reach out to any of the officers if you have ideas on how to improve your experience in the chapter. Below you will find the new officer positions for 2021.

**President** - Nandi Shetty has moved from his role as Vice President

**Vice President** - Ronna Hiltz has stepped up to Vice President and will continue her work as Membership Coordinator

**Secretary** - Tom DeGroot will remain Secretary for 2021

**Treasurer** - Sandy Walther will remain Treasurer for 2021

**Tech Advisor** - Dave Dent will remain Tech Advisor for 2021

**Newsletter Editor** - Tom DeGroot will remain Newsletter Editor for 2021

**Webmaster** - Allen Nodorft will move to Webmaster for 2021 from his position as President

**Eagle Flight Leader** - Nandi Shetty will remain Eagle Flight Leader for 2021

**Young Eagle Flight Coordinator** - Nandi Shetty will remain Young Eagle Coord. for 2021

**Membership Coordinator** - Ronna Hiltz will remain Membership Coord. for 2021

# November Meeting

By Tom DeGroot

I would like to thank all that came out to the November meeting. I think the meeting was the smallest attendance I have seen for a meeting since I have been a member of the chapter. I apologize to those members that were not there that my camera malfunctioned and I did not get any pictures of the meeting.

Dave Dent presented a program on Burt Rutan's Boomerang – the odd twin engine aircraft



For those that don't know Dave worked on the Engine Systems on the design and has worked with Burt Rutan both before and after the Boomerang project.

From my engineering background it was interesting to hear the development challenges of the project. After the first flight ended up with a wrecked airplane in a cloud of dust between the runway and the taxiway, Burt was ready to scrap the project. I am not sure how many of us have seen this plane in person.

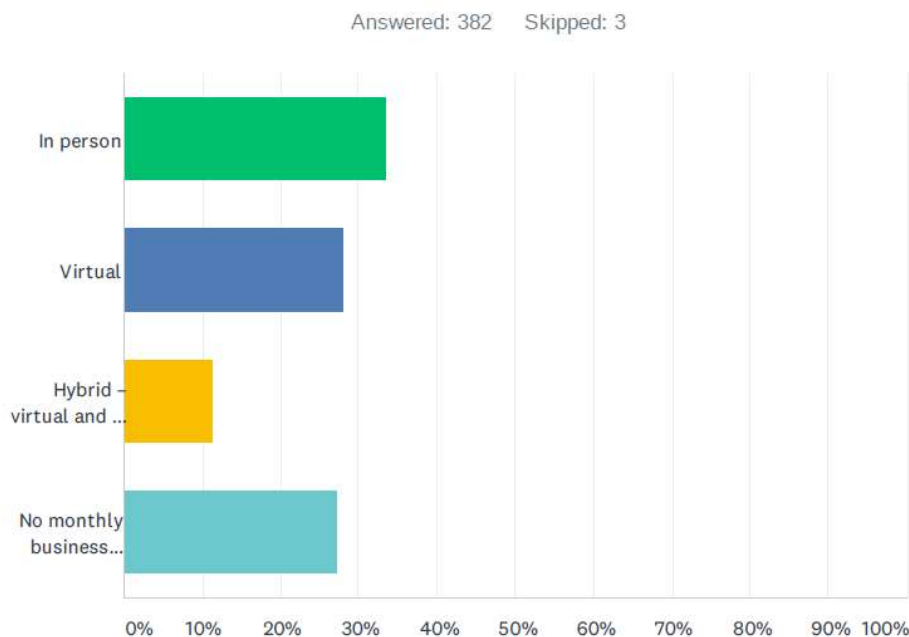
The other interesting part for me was finding out that Burt built the Boomerang with a tight budget. It is easy to think of someone who has contributed so much to aviation has unlimited resources. To find out that they are making incredible contributions while also working on a shoestring budget is incredible.

## EAA National survey on Covid from August 2020:

Sandy Walther requested info from EAA National to find out if they knew how other EAA chapters were operating during this pandemic. Charlie Becker said he had conducted a survey of chapter presidents a couple months ago, and he shared the attached results.

EAA National surveyed local EAA chapters across the US to find out how the coronavirus was impacting their operations. Out of 383 chapters surveyed, they found 37% were holding in-person membership meetings, 20% were meeting virtually, 14% were hybrid (both virtual and in-person) and 29% have not had any meetings. When asked if the chapter was planning to renew in 2021, 77.5% answered definitely Yes, 1.5% definitely No and the remaining 21% were unsure. At the time of the survey, many of the chapters had scheduled events through the remainder of 2020. Over 73% were planning member gatherings, 65% were holding board meetings, 21% were planning a Young Eagle rally or build event, 15% were holding public events (like a pancake breakfast), and 20% had no events or meetings planned.

### Q5 How is your chapter currently engaging in monthly Chapter Board/Business Meetings?



EAA Chapter 172 is fortunate to be located in a region that is allowing public gatherings. In our own survey a few months ago, most of our members indicated they would rather meet in person rather than virtually. As a result, we began holding in-person chapter meetings again in October. We are following official health guidance such as social distancing, wearing masks when social distancing is not practical, and avoiding buffet food situations. Attendance at our past two chapter meetings has been sparse, however.

# Aviation Museums

By Tom DeGroot

No Report for this month

## 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?

Do you want to get it advertised in next month's newsletter? Send your list of stuff WITH prices to Tom DeGroot at [Degrootdt@gmail.com](mailto:Degrootdt@gmail.com)

Nobody is selling anything in the newsletter this month. If you have something to add to this section please send me a note at [DeGrootdt@gmail.com](mailto:DeGrootdt@gmail.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.



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