



# Chapter 172

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### **Jan 8, 2022 at Noon: EAA 172 Member Gathering, Pea Patch (61GA)**

Guest Speaker Terry Pitts on flying in high winds and flying gliders.

Bring a pot of chili or sides to share for lunch. You can vote for your favorite chili!

### **Jan 27, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out**

Rae's Coastal Café, 3208 W. Wimbledon Dr, Augusta, GA

(near Aumond Lake and Walton Way Extension)

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

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

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

### **Mar 12, 10:00 am: EAA 172 Member Gathering, Daniel Field (KDNL)**

Guest Speaker & Topic TBD.

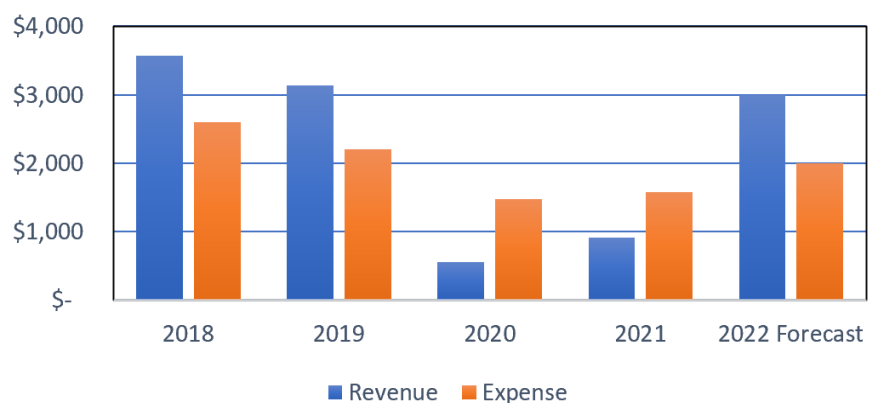
Lunch will be at Village Deli

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

### **Treasurer's Message**

My friends and fellow aviators,

Let's take a moment to review our chapter financial history and our forecast for the coming year.



Our revenues are typically a 50/50 split between membership fees and meal donations. The pandemic years of 2020 and 2021 are an obvious exception. Expenses are normally \$1,500 for mandatory expenses (chapter insurance, tax, utilities) plus \$500 to \$1,000 for food and hangar supplies, depending on our activities. We started 2021 with \$4,172 and ended with a cash balance of \$3,178, not bad considering we waived membership fees in 2021.

Our plan for 2022 is to return to member activities and shared meals. We also plan to repair and improve our hangar facility as volunteers and funds permit.

If you have any questions regarding our chapter financials, please feel free to contact me.

Sandy Walther

EAA 172 Chapter Treasurer

### **December Meeting Recap**

We were thrilled to see many of our long-time members who had not been able to join us over the past year. Special thanks go to Ronna Hiltz and Sandy Walther for providing the turkey and ham entrées. Our party of thirty included several guests who came to check out our chapter – Jim Bower and the family of David and Denise Zulueta (who joined that day). Our members also generously brought toys for donation to the Toys for Tots organization.

Our board asked for help and our members answered the call. Terry Stout agreed to be Tech Advisor, Pierre Smith agreed to help with our monthly newsletter and Shane Nothdurft will help us track our memberships. Thank you for volunteering!

### **January meeting preview**

Our guest speaker will be Terry Pitts sharing his knowledge on gliders and flying in high winds. Terry instructs with Mid-Georgia Soaring, the Civil Air Patrol, and Spirit Aviation (HQU). Also, back by popular demand, this month is our contest for the Best Chili of 2022. Bring a pot of chili or toppings to share. You will be voting for your favorite chili – and we just might have a very special award for the winner. We will be asking each person to contribute \$6 to help cover meal expenses.

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

Even though inflation is rising, the annual membership will remain at our pre-pandemic rate of \$30. You can bring your dues to the January meeting or mail a check payable to “EAA Chapter 172” to Sandy Walther, 2220 Gregory Lake Rd, North Augusta, SC 29860.

### **January Eat Out**

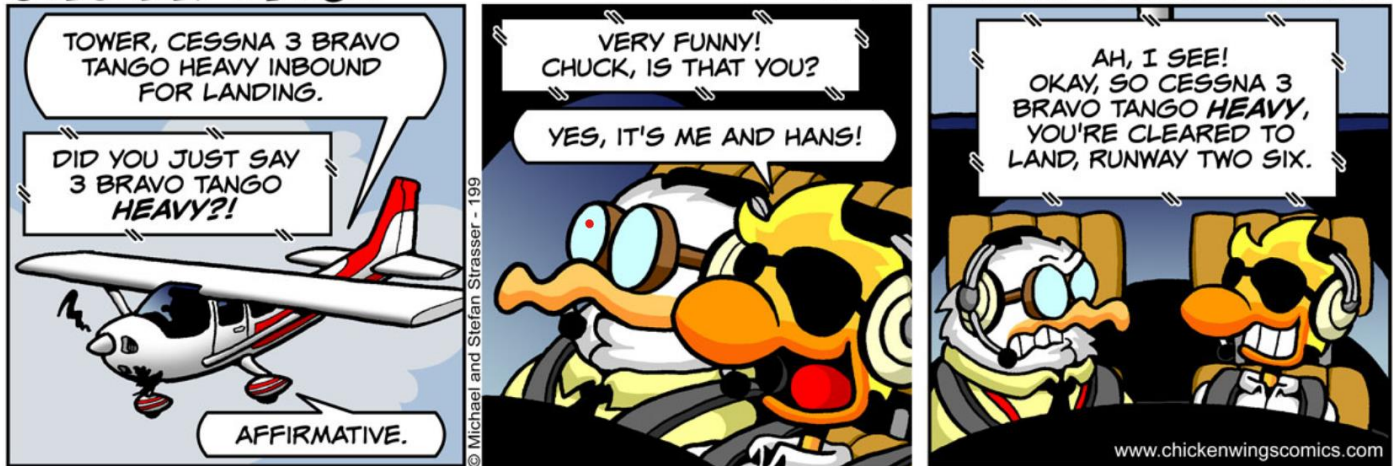
Our eat-out this month is at Rae's Coastal Café, the legendary Augusta restaurant serving Caribbean food, seafood and steaks. Please join us on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

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 and feedback, too!

The cartoon this month is in tribute to all the overeating we did during the holidays...

# CHICKEN WINGS®

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



Okay, to clarify: the suffix “heavy” is used for call signs of heavy airplanes that will cause significant wake turbulence, so that aircraft flying behind them have to keep some more distance. I looked it up and read that you have to use “heavy” for aircraft that are heavier than 255,000 lbs. Or the ones that have Hans on board, obviously.

## SC Breakfast Club 2022 Schedule

| Date        | City             | Airport Name  | Unicom | Airport ID           |
|-------------|------------------|---|--------|----------------------|
| January 9   | Greenville, SC   | Greenville Downtown                                     | ATC    | <a href="#">KGMU</a> |
| January 23  | Florence, SC     | Florence Regional                                       | ATC    | <a href="#">KFLO</a> |
| February 6  | Beaufort, SC     | Beaufort County   | 122.7  | <a href="#">KARW</a> |
| February 21 | Georgetown, SC   | Georgetown County                                       | 123.0  | <a href="#">KGGE</a> |
| March 6     | Mt. Pleasant, SC | Mount Pleasant Regional<br>- Faison Field (East Cooper) | 122.7  | <a href="#">KLRO</a> |
| March 20    | Columbia, SC     | Columbia Metropolitan<br>(CityConnect)                  | ATC    | <a href="#">KCAE</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://flsynf.org>)

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

## 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 Sandy Walther at [sandywalther@yahoo.com](mailto:sandywalther@yahoo.com)

## Identify this Airplane

Last month's image was of an Edgley EA-7 Optica – a low-speed aircraft designed for observation missions. Intentionally created to fly at slow speeds – 108-130 km/h (67-81mph) – the three-seater craft leverages the 270-degree panoramic visibility of a helicopter but at a much lower cost than its counterpart. The Optica is considered one of the quietest touring aircraft available.

Below is a picture of an unusual aircraft. Can you 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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