



EAA Chapter 172

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

No Member Gathering for April
due to Sun-N-Fun and Masters Tournament

Thursday, April 24 – Eat Out at PF Chang's at Augusta Mall,
3450 Wrightsboro Rd, Ste D215, Augusta, GA
Come at 6:00pm, order by 6:30pm

Saturday, May 10 - Member Gathering at Pea Patch
Topic is "Recap of Sun 'N Fun"
Lunch will be grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.
Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Thursday, May 22 – Eat-out (location TBD)

Chapter President's Message

This week is Sun 'N Fun Aerospace Expo in Lakeland, Florida. Several of our members are there enjoying "Spring Break for Pilots". It's on my bucket list to attend. Many people have told me this event is like a mini-Oshkosh, but I suspect Sun 'N Fun has it's own style. Go to www.flysnf.org to check out the events and news.

Many local pilots recall visiting AME Dr. Ronald Jowers for their medical certifications over the years. Sadly, Dr. Jowers passed away on March 7th at the age of 87. His medical practice in Martinez, GA, served the community for 54 years.

Dr. Jowers had served in the US Air Force Reserve. He was known for enjoying cool cars and flying his Piper Tri-Pacer around Augusta. He was a long-time member of this chapter. Our condolences go out to his wife Faye and their children and grandchildren.

-Sandy

FINAL CHECKRIDE

Do not look at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I'm up in the sky.
I've passed my final checkride.
And now I'm free to fly.

To places I've only dreamed of,
while flying mortals through the sky.
Do not grieve for me, for I'm free to fly.
Do not grieve for me, for I did not die.
I just joined the flying club in the sky.

March Meeting Recap

Dave Cress shared pictures and his perspective on various Motorgliders, including powered parachutes. He answered numerous questions about safety, cost and fun aspect. After Dave's presentation, Gerhard Schubert shared pictures of a motorglider he restored and other motorgliders he had flown.



April Eat-Out

Our next eat-out will be Thursday, April 24 at PF Chang's at the Augusta Mall, 3450 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA. Come at 6:00pm; we will be ordering by 6:30pm. If you have questions or wish to add your name to the reservation list, please contact Bibiana Christian, phone 706-945-2003.

Below are pictures from March's eat-out at T-Bonz's.



Ed seems to be enjoying retirement!



Chapter Shirts & Other Gear

David Cress, our chapter Vice President, operates a business of printing and embroidering logos on shirts, hats and promotional items. He volunteered to update our logo image and use his supplier connections to give us discounted pricing for shirts and hats. David has created a website where you can order shirts and other items personalized with our chapter logo. **More items have been added to the website!**

<https://www.davestease.com/shop/category/ea-172-15>

Collared polo shirts and plain tees will be available in white or light blue 50/50 cotton blend with our embroidered logo. Shirt sizes are unisex; women's sizes with v-neck can be special ordered. If you want a pocket on your shirt, the logo will need to be printed instead of embroidered. David will handle payment directly and deliver your order to a chapter event, if you wish. David's email is dave@davestease.com if you have any questions.



SC Breakfast Club Schedule

2025

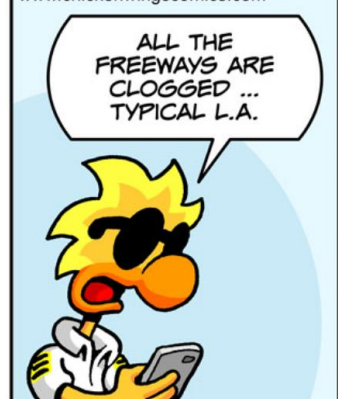
Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
April 13	Bishopville, SC	Lee County - Butters Field	122.9	52J
April 27	Ehrhardt, SC	Broxton Bridge Plantation	122.9	SC55
May 4	Aiken, SC	Aiken Regional	122.8	KAIK
May 18	Manning, SC	Palmetto Air Plantation	122.8	SC41
June 1	Rock Hill, SC	Rock Hill (York Co) - Bryant Field	123.05	KUZA

Other Upcoming Events

April 1-6 Sun-N-Fun, Lakeland, FL (flsfnf.org)
 April 12 Marine Corp Airshow in Beaufort, SC (www.beaufortairshow.com)
 May 9 -16 Joe Nall (RC) Week at Triple Tree
 May 23-25 Midsouth Sailplane Soaring Championship at Triple Tree

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Identify this Airplane

LAST MONTH



Last month's picture was a **Piuma Evolution**, a single-seat ultralight motorglider designed in Italy. The pictured model is powered by a Konig 3-cylinder KFM 107 engine, although many builders opt for a Rotax 447. Empty weight is 350 lbs. For more information, go to www.piumaproject.com.

THIS MONTH

It's time for an aircraft that is a big bigger.

Just for fun, see if you can identify the airplane pictured to the right. The answer will be revealed in the next newsletter.



Free Advertising



Kent Sidel is selling his **Aerolite 103 Ultralight**, asking \$20,000. Interested buyers should contact Dana Linn at Star Light Sport Aircraft, Twin Lakes Airport, Graniteville, SC, phone 803-439-9118.

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 122.70.



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