



# Chapter 172

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

November 14th – EAA 172 Meeting 12:00 pm @ Pea Patch  
**Please note the time change for this month**

## President's Desk

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather. Cami and I took advantage of it and flew up to Asheville for some leaf peeping. Missed the peak by a little bit, but enjoyed the time hiking and looking at waterfalls. Just a beautiful area up there. Need to do more of that.

On 31 Oct Charlie Connell hosted a rivet workshop in his Pea Patch workshop. Four members put together a toolbox kit from Vans aircraft, learning several rivet techniques and gaining experience. If you missed this workshop and would be interested, please let me know. We can schedule another one. We are also open to hosting a fabric workshop if anyone is interested. Let me know.

Because we have had very little chapter activity this year due to Covid, we are extending everyone's membership through 2021 for all current members. Hopefully in 2021 we can return to our normal set of activities and maybe more. I hope you will join us.

Our November meeting will be at the Pea Patch at 12:00. Please bring your own sack lunch and masks if you feel the need. Our guest speaker will be Dave Dent, talking about Burt Rutan's Boomerang –

the odd twin engine aircraft. Dave had a hand in some of its construction, so it should be interesting. You can learn more about it at the following link: <http://rutanboomerang.com/>

Fly safe - Al

## Tom Whisnant passing:

I did not know Tom, but Shelia Connell was able to relay thoughts on when Tom was an Active member.

Our chapter has lost another significant “old-timer” to the heavens, Tom Whisnant. We say significant for the following reasons. In an unassuming manner, with his mechanical abilities, he was instrumental in the maintenance of the clubhouse thru his many years of active membership. As the owner and operator of a Cessna 150, he also shared responsibilities of his fellow co-owners of the property known as the Pea Patch. He and his late wife, Betty, were regular members/active participants of EAA 172 activities for several years. Tom was a good man who was always willing to lend a hand at the “drop of a hat”, whether it was for digging ditches, installing fences, or routine maintenance.

Suffering tragedies throughout life (ie, losing two daughters to death in the span of a year’s time) took a toll on his being, but his “been there, done that” experiences made him stronger.

Farewell, Friend, May you Rest In Peace.

## Meeting Schedule

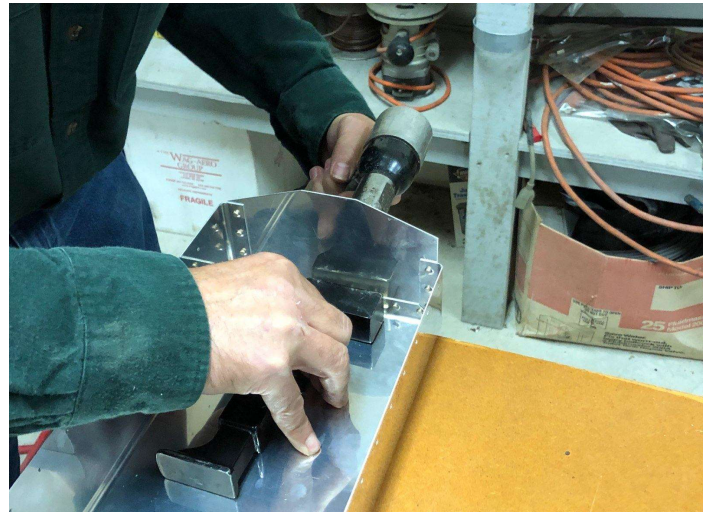
Month	Day	Time	Event	Location	Food
November	14th	Noon	Burt Rutan’s Boomerang	Pea Patch	Bring your own beverage and snack
December	12th	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
January	14th	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

## Club Activity – Rivet Workshop

By Tom DeGroodt

Charlie Connell opened his shop up for the Rivet Workshop. The toolbox project comes from Van’s Aircraft. Even though it is an easy project Van’s has made it where you need to incorporate many different techniques of bucking the rivets to give you a good idea of what you can expect in a larger project. We had 4 members build toolboxes. The project was fun, but I think everyone had more fun just being together and doing a club activity.





# Aviation Museums

By Tom DeGroodt

No Report for this month

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### 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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