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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

January 14, 2023 at 10:30AM – DANIEL FIELD

Come at 10:00am; meeting will begin at 10:30am

Presenter: Al Nodorft on Foreflight and Cockpit Management

After the meeting, we will have lunch at Village Deli

January 26 at 6:30PM – Dine Out

Southbound Smokehouse at SRP Park

1009 Center Street, North Augusta

February 11 at Noon – PEA PATCH AERODROME

February 26 at 6:30PM – Dine Out (Location TBD)

Treasurer's Message

Happy New Year! Like many of you, I have lofty plans and goals for this upcoming year. Most of my plans are focused on my new grandson, although I am also giving some attention to aviation exploits and personal growth. This will be the year I plan to finally to make it to Oshkosh!

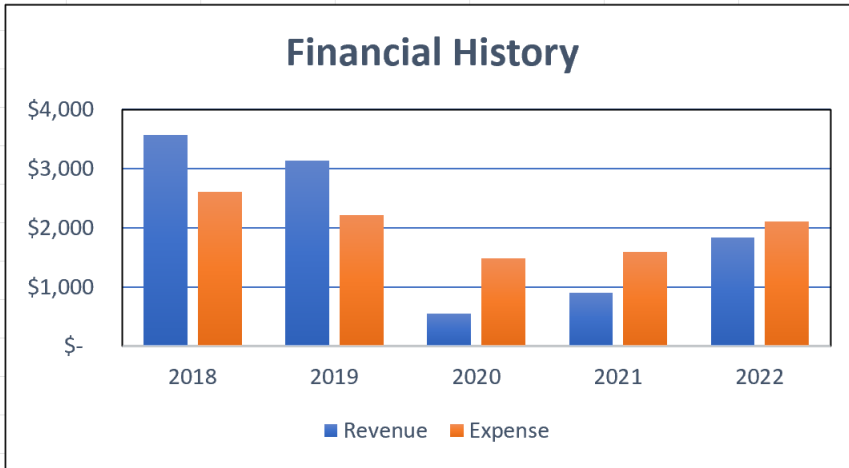
What are your goals for 2023? Do you resolve to fly more often? Are you planning to earn a new rating or brush up on your instrument skills? Did you buy a new airplane gadget or flight software? Do you want to learn more about building an airplane? Renew your membership and come to our member gatherings for inspiration and tips to enhance your aviation skills. Better yet, bring a friend and share aviation adventures with them!

Sandy Walther

Annual Treasurer's Report for 2022:

Total Revenue	\$1,831	Bank balance + cash at 12/31	\$4,016
Total Expense	\$2,100		
Net	-\$269		

Normally our chapter ends the year at break-even or a slight gain, but the pandemic and long recovery had forced us to dip into our cash reserves. Luckily we had reserves, and with our board's careful management, we kept our chapter in a healthy financial position. If we expand our view by combining revenues and expenses from the past five years, our total net was break-even.



Our revenues are dependent on membership dues and chapter activities (meal fees and seminars). Membership revenue is recovering, but is still lower than our pre-pandemic level.

Our insurance cost has stayed the same for the past four years, however our electricity cost has risen 50%.

If you have any questions or want to view additional detail, contact Sandy Walther.

Chapter Membership

It's time to renew your chapter membership! Chapter dues will remain at \$30 if you pay by January 31, then will be \$40 for those who pay late. Please bring your dues to our January gathering 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!

December Christmas Party

We enjoyed a delicious holiday meal on December 10th at the Pea Patch. It was wonderful to visit with our members and their families. Here are some pictures of the event:





Our first eat-out for 2023 will be at Southbound Smokehouse at SRP Park in North Augusta on Thursday, January 26 at 6:30pm. If you have questions or have not already confirmed, please contact Virginia Bush at 706-554-5618. Our Eat Out nights are a lot of fun. We'd love to have you join us!

January Meeting Preview

Our first meeting of 2023 will be led by Al Nodorft who will showcase Foreflight software. Al will share how he uses the software tool in his personal and charter flights. If you missed Al's previous Foreflight presentations, don't miss this one!

EAA National hosts Homebuilders Week January 23-27

An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA will be hosting our third annual Homebuilders Week online learning event for aircraft builders: (www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will start on Monday, January 23, 2023, and run until Friday, January 27, 2023. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 11:30 a.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

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

Visit EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

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.

Engine for Sale

Keith Robbins is selling a Continental O-300-D, 2294 TT 1077 MOH 2212 6 reman. cylinders, Air Flow Performance fuel injector system, Custom intake manifolds to match fuel system. For more information and pictures, call Keith at 702-359-2418.

Identify this Airplane

LAST MONTH



The mystery aircraft to the left is an **Embraer EMB312 Tucano**, a single turbo-prop aircraft with counter-insurgency capability, developed in Brazil. Design work began in 1979 and the prototype first flew in 1980. An improved variant known as the Short Tucano was license-produced in the United Kingdom. The Tucano made inroads into the military trainer arena and became one of Embraer's first international marketing successes. A total of 664 units were produced (504 by Embraer and 160 by Short Brothers), flying in 16 air forces over five continents.

[description courtesy of Wikipedia]

THIS MONTH

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



SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
January 8	Greenville, SC	Greenville Downtown	ATC	KGMU
January 22	Conway, SC	Conway-Horry County	122.7	KHYW
February 5	Beaufort, SC	Beaufort County	122.7	KARW
February 19	Georgetown, SC	Georgetown County	123.0	KGGE

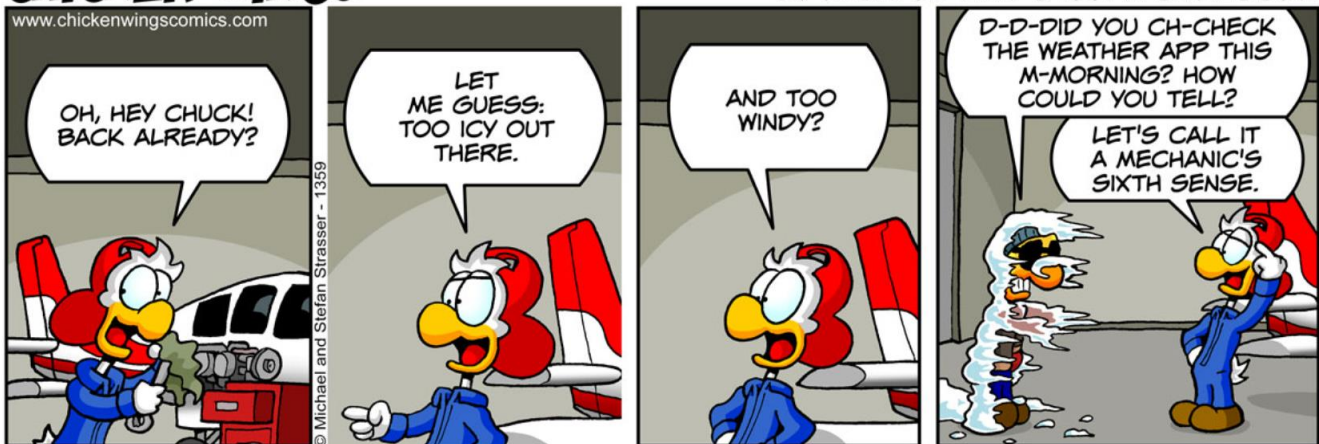
Other Upcoming Events

Feb 24, 2023 – Chilly Chili Fly-in at Triple Tree (tta.aero)

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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 122.80.

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