



EAA Chapter 172



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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Saturday, February 8 – Member Gathering at Pea Patch
11:30am Gather & Chat, 12:00 noon Buffet Lunch

Chili Cookoff – bring your favorite chili to share, or bring a side dish or dessert (and we will waive the meal fee)

Guest Speakers: Russell Spradley & Gordon Hershberger from Palmetto Avionics – Garmin Equipment & Upgrades

Thursday, February 27 – Eat Out at Sheehan's Irish Pub,
2571 Central Avenue, Augusta, GA 30904.
Come at 6:00pm, order by 6:30pm

Saturday, March 8 - Member gathering

Thursday, March 27 - Eat-out

Saturday, April 12 (TBD) - Member gathering

AVIATION SAFETY



Chapter President's Message

This past week has been a rough news week in the world of aviation. Last Wednesday, the mid-air collision over Washington DC was a horrific, tragic headline story on all the news channels. Then two days later, a medical flight plummeted into a neighborhood in NE Philadelphia, exploding and scattering flaming jet fuel over a densely populated area. Both incidents resulted in fatalities for all who were on the aircraft involved, plus at least one death and many injuries on the ground. It is sobering to hear the facts and see the victims faces, tragic to think of all the lives suddenly ended, and frustrating to hear all the non-pilot pundits speculating on pilot error to ATC hiring practices to political conspiracy theories. Instead, let's say a prayer for the families and friends of the victims. And let's always keep safety a priority in planning and operating our own flights.

- Sandy

February Meeting Preview

Our February meeting will be held at Pea Patch clubhouse. It's our annual chili cookoff, so bring your favorite pot of chili to share, or bring a side (cornbread, anyone?) or dessert. Sample the various recipes and vote on your favorite. The meal fee will be waived for those who bring a food dish to share. After we eat at noon, our guest speakers from Palmetto Aviation will give a presentation on Garmin avionics and upgrade paths.



February Eat-Out

Our next eat-out will be Thursday, February 27 at Sheehan's Irish Pub, 2571 Central Avenue, 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 January's eat-out at Formosa's.



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>

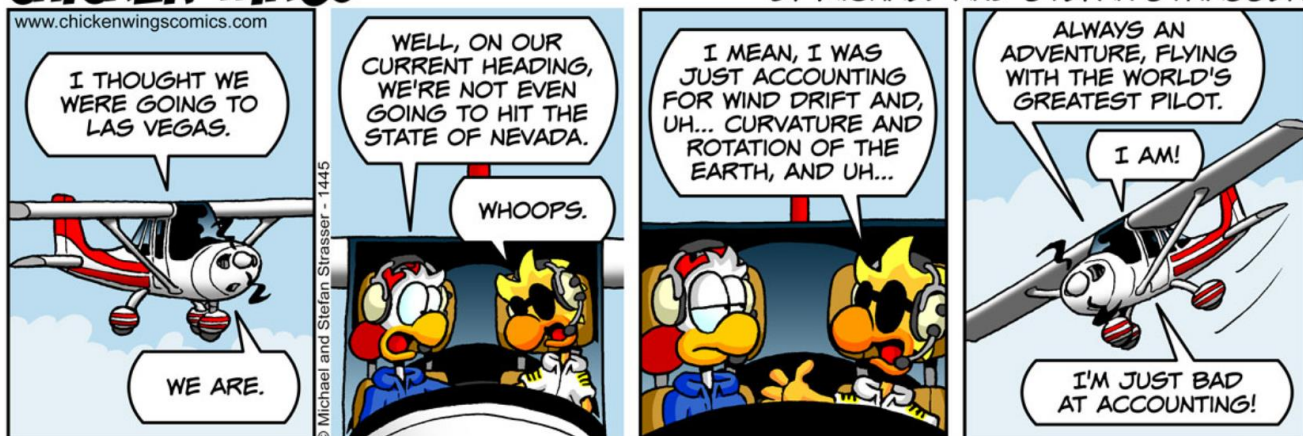
Collared polo shirts and plain tees will be available in white or light blue 50/50 cotton blend with our embroidered logo. Shirt sizes are unisex; women's sizes with v-neck can be special ordered. If you want a pocket on your shirt, the logo will need to be printed instead of embroidered. David will 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
Feb 2	CANCELLED	Charleston Executive	CANCELLED
February 16	Marion, SC	Marion County	122.8
March 2	Mount Pleasant, SC	Mount Pleasant Regional Airport - Faison Field (East Cooper)	122.7
March 16	Georgetown, SC	Georgetown County	123.0
March 30	Hartsville, SC	Hartsville Regional	122.8

CHICKEN WINGS®

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



Identify this Airplane

LAST MONTH



Last month's picture was futuristic EVTOL (electric) aircraft **Jetson One**. Jetson, Inc. describes their aircraft as a Formula One racing car for the sky. Made of lightweight aluminum and carbon fiber, this aircraft weighs in at 121 lbs. empty. Propulsion is from eight propellers governed with a powerful flight computer. Aircraft includes a ballistic parachute.

[courtesy of Jetson.com]

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.



Free Advertising



Pietenpol Aircamper for sale, hangared at Pea Patch. Asking \$11,000. For more information, contact Aaron Ramsey 803-292-2235.



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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