



EAA Chapter 172



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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Saturday, February 10 – Member Gathering at Pea Patch
Gather at 11:30am so we can start lunch at 12:00 noon
Chili Cookoff – bring your favorite chili, side or dessert to share
Presentation by Mick Youmans, P-51 Mustang Experience

Thursday, February 22 – Eat Out – Meet at 6:00pm; order at 6:30pm
The Feed Sack, 1069 Edgefield Rd, North Augusta, SC

Saturday, March 9 – Member Gathering

Thursday, March 28 – Eat Out

Saturday, April 20 – Member Gathering

Thursday, April 25 – Eat Out

January Meeting Recap

At our January gathering at Daniel Field, guest speakers Robert Harkrider and Jeff Annis shared information and stories as volunteer pilots of Angel Flight, a non-profit organization flying patients and caregivers to and from medical centers. We learned many of the passengers come to the Augusta area for treatment for burns or cancer. Angel Flight welcomes pilot volunteers who are instrument-rated and have an IFR-capable airplane (either manufactured or experimental).

Robert showed the website listing flights available for assignment and which ones were already selected by local pilots. Both Robert and Jeff emphasized how rewarding it is to have an excuse to fly and show folks how cool general aviation can be. “At heart, we all want to be an airline pilot. This is as close as you might get,” suggested Robert. “We welcome more local pilots to join us.”

Jeff indicated that he had also flown for Pilots N Paws, a non-profit that flies animals to their new adoptive home, and shared a few humorous incidents when he flew with furry passengers.

At the conclusion of the presentation, one of our members suggested we collect monetary donations for Angel Flight at our next meeting. **If you would like to donate, please bring a check made out to “Angel Flight” to our February meeting, or donate directly on their website at www.angelflightsoars.org.**





February Eat-Out

Our next eat-out will be at The Feed Sack, a new restaurant located at 1069 Edgefield Road North Augusta, SC (the Sweetwater Walmart corner),. Their menu features all-American basics such as sandwiches, burgers, fish and steak. Come at 6:00pm; ordering by 6:30pm. If you have questions or wish to add your name to the reservation list, please contact Sheila Connell, phone 803-279-7250.

Below are pictures from January's eat out at Frog and Hen.



Notes from Chapter Board Meeting

The chapter board officers met on January 15 and below are notes from the meeting.

1. Member Gatherings: We discussed arrangements for the next few member gatherings and ideas for future speakers and topics. Topics suggested included MOSAIC (FAA proposal to expand sport pilot privileges), implications of the proposed expansion of restricted airspace over Fort Eisenhower, an update on using Foreflight, and Tips for Cross Country flying. Al noted the normal April meeting falls during Sun-N-Fun, so we will move the date to April 20th.
2. Young Eagles: Steve Amster and Ronna Hiltz have volunteered to be our Young Eagles coordinators. We discussed various details for hosting a Young Eagles event in May, most likely held at Daniel Field. Ronna suggested we coordinate a Learn to Fly event soon after the Young Eagles date; she will gather info from the EAA website. Sandy had received emails from several people asking for flight training info, so there is a need for this kind of event. Ronna had also heard a local high school has an aviation program, so she will contact them.
3. Flyout / Group Trip: Sandy checked on the Sullenberger Aviation Museum in Charlotte which is due to reopen this summer. Other options include an Open House at an airport near Atlanta, and a visit to the aircraft manufacturer in Walhalla, SC. Sandy will continue to research and propose ideas at next meeting.
4. Pea Patch: We are considering selling the remaining two trailers owned by the chapter. Sandy and Jim will check their condition and present options at the next meeting.

EAA Supports MOSAIC

EAA has urged the FAA to move forward with its rule proposal titled MOSAIC (Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification). EAA notes that the new rule will significantly benefit general aviation – expanding the capability, size, and scope of aircraft that can be built utilizing industry consensus standards and aircraft that can be flown while exercising Sport Pilot privileges.

Other major aviation organizations, including AOPA, NBAA, and NATA, are co-signers with EAA on its comments to the FAA’s NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking). In submitting its comments, EAA emphasized that MOSAIC builds on 20 years of safety and success since the introduction of the sport pilot and light-sport aircraft regulations in 2004.

“For a decade, EAA has offered ideas to the FAA on safely expanding the potential of sport pilot and light-sport aircraft, and those innovations are the genesis of the MOSAIC concept,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board. “With MOSAIC, EAA’s initial ideas have been encompassed in an initiative that will maintain elevated levels of safety while expanding access to training aircraft and foster innovation, as well as bringing economic growth and workforce development into the aviation community. EAA has also brought forward suggestions for minor modifications that would make MOSAIC in its final version even more effective.”

Among the areas where EAA recommended enhancements to the proposal:

- Slightly increasing stall speed
- Allowing sport pilots to fly with up to three passengers
- Providing alternate means to verify night vision minimums for sport pilots to earn a night-flying endorsement
- Maintaining existing requirements and structure for light-sport aircraft repair certificates

“All of EAA’s recommendations consider safety as the priority, while envisioning pathways to take full advantage of opportunities that MOSAIC can provide for increased growth and vitality of recreational aviation,” Pelton said.

The FAA will now review the thousands of comments it has received during the just-concluded public comment period. The agency is expected to issue a final rule sometime in 2024 or early 2025.

EAA Ultralight Days February 22-24

Building on the previous years’ successes, **EAA Virtual Ultralight Days** returns for a third year on February 20-22 with three days of webinars focused on the lighter side of aviation.

The 15 total webinars – five on each of the three days – run from 1-8:15 p.m. (Central time) each day. The webinars are based on the highly successful format used during the previous EAA Virtual Ultralight Days, EAA Homebuilders Week, and EAA’s popular webinar series. Well-known subject matter experts in the ultralight community will present each live session with question-and-answer periods to address specific questions.

“Ultralight flying remains as one of the most accessible forms of recreational flight while also being one of the purest,” said Timm Bogenhagen, EAA Ultralight and Light Plane Community Manager. “Virtual Ultralight Days provides a free avenue to introduce more people to this segment of aviation and grow the knowledge of those already part of this community.”

Topics covered will include how to get started in ultralights; how-to instructions on a variety of ultralight aircraft like fixed-wing, powered parachutes, powered paragliders, and weight-shift trikes; and overall informative topics on maintenance, airport operations, safety inspections, and more.

All sessions are free of charge to everyone, with the archived video presentations available to EAA members afterward. Pre-registration is encouraged, with registration links and additional schedule information available at [EAA.org/UltralightDays](https://www.eaa.org/ultralightdays). <https://www.eaa.org/eeaa/aviation-interests/ultralights/virtual-ultralight-days>

SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
February 18	Greenville, SC	Greenville Downtown	ATC	KGMU
March 3	Mt. Pleasant, SC	Mount Pleasant Regional - Faison Field (East Cooper)	122.7	KLRO
March 17	Georgetown, SC	Georgetown County	123.0	KGGE
March 24	Hartsville, SC	Hartsville Regional	122.8	KHVS
April 7	Bishopville, SC	Lee County - Butters Field	122.9	52J

Other Upcoming Events

Feb 5 Triple Tree Chilly Chili (more info at tta.aero)

Feb 14-16 SC Aviation Association Convention, Marriott Myrtle Beach Resort

May 25-26 Augusta Air Show returns

Identify this Airplane

LAST MONTH



Last month's picture was a funny one! This is a Short SC.7 Skyvan, nicknamed the "Flying Shoebox", a British 19-seat twin turboprop, manufactured by Short Brothers of Belfast, Northern Ireland. It is used mostly for short-haul freight and skydiving. This Nemo version carried parajumpers in Lyon, France.

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.

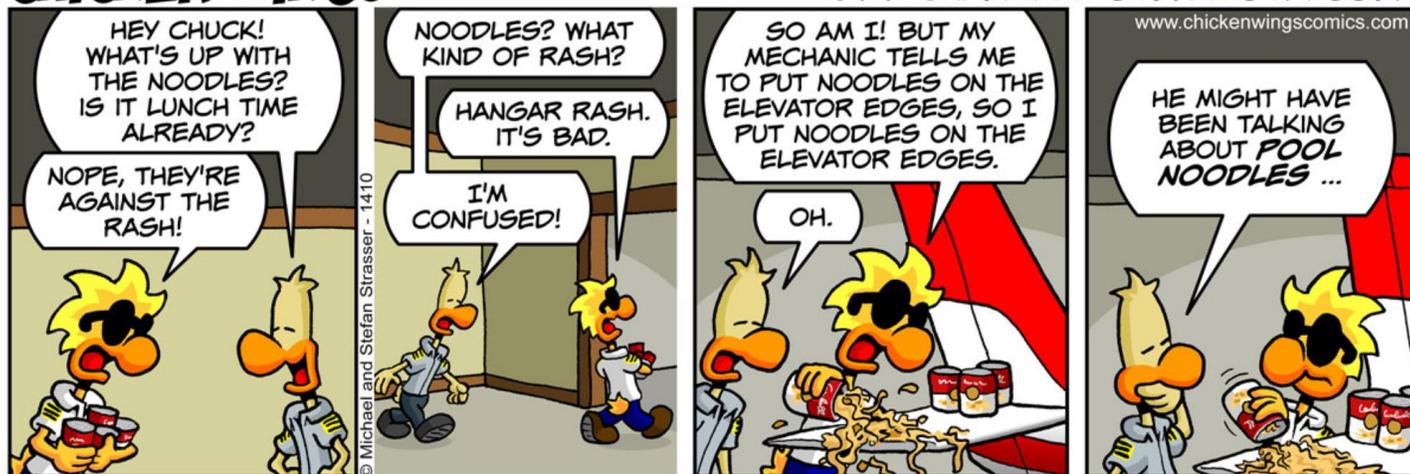


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WHERE TO FIND US:

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 122.70.

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