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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Nov 11th: EAA 172 Gathering, Pea Patch Aerodrome 61GA, 12:00 Noon
Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>: EAA 172 Board Meeting (open to all EAA 172 members)
Dec 11<sup>th</sup>: EAA 172 Gathering, Pea Patch Aerodrome 61GA, 12:00 Noon
Dec 28<sup>th</sup>: EAA 172 Board Meeting (open to all EAA 172 members)

## SC Breakfast Club Schedule

14-Nov	Conway, SC	Conway/Horry County	122.7	KHYW
28-Nov	Winnsboro, SC	Fairfield County	123.05	KFDW
12-Dec	CANCELLED	Allendale County	CANCELLED	KAQX
9-Jan	Greenville, SC	Greenville Downtown	ATC	KGMU
23-Jan	Florence, SC	Florence Regional	ATC	KFLO
6-Feb	Beaufort, SC	Beaufort County	122.7	KARW
21-Feb	Georgetown, SC	Georgetown County	123	KGGE
		Mount Pleasant Regional Faison Field (East		
6-Mar	Mt. Pleasant, SC	Cooper)	122.7	KLRO

## Other Events

Nov 12-14, 2021	Stuart Airshow	USAF F-16 Demo	
	Stuart, FL	USAF A-10 Demo	
Dec 3-4, 2021	New Bern Christmas Flotilla/Air Show		
	New Bern Waterfront, New Bern, NC		
Dec 3-4, 2021	SUN 'n FUN Holiday Fly-In		
	Festival and Car Show Lakeland, FL		
Mar 19-20, 2022	NAS JRB New Orleans Air Show	US Navy Blue Angels	
	Belle Chasse, LA		
Ma 19-20, 2022	Space Coast Warbird AirShow		
	Titusville, FL		

# **November Gatering**

For November's gathering we will be having be soup and salad . Please bring a soup or salad to share. We will be having the Poker Run, so get with another member if you need to and let them get you your cards.



## **October's Eat Out**

Eat out at Cucina's in Evans, Ga.

There were 16 of us there! It was the last one for this year. It was also the birthday of Virginia Bush, so our waitress brought her cake with several spoons to share and led us in singing the birthday song! At my request, the waitress let her mask down for the photo! Unfortunately, the photographer missed getting a shot of the third table! All those who missed out missed out big time! We are looking forward to starting them back next year after the holidays!

## Sheila





Our 2021 Triple Tree adventure

#### By Jim Maher

I have been to Triple Tree twice before this year. The first time was when Ronna and I drove up for the day, on Saturday, I think it was in 2017, and the President of EAA, Jack Pelton was presenting there. We ran into some friends from Sun N Fun and had a fun time. The other time was when Joe Britt invited me to fly up with him in his RV9A and I jumped at the chance. Joe even let me "manipulate the controls" for a little while to get a feel for how the 9A flys. That was great fun and a fond memory.

Then for a couple of years since Ronna and I have had our camper we have been trying to make it up there, but the move to the new house, and then Covid postponed our plans. So this year we committed ourselves to Triple Tree come hell or high water. We would have liked to have gone for the full week but we had other "stuff" to do so we didn't get up there until Thursday. It was just as well because it had rained heavily the first part of the week and was still pretty soggy by the time we arrived. Since this was our first time camping there, we spent a bit of time driving around to find a spot to setup camp. Before getting to our final spot we got the rig stuck in soggy ground. Luckily there were a bunch of friendly "plane" people who came to our rescue and got us un-stuck. We decided to dry-camp since we were only there for 3 days. (To those of you who are not campers, that means camping without TV, microwave oven and AC.) There were already quite a few people camping and a fair amount of aircraft.

Friday morning it really started to get busy. The number of aircraft operations nearly rivaled Sun N Fun at times. What really impressed me was the variety of aircraft present at this event. There was every type of aircraft from Ultralights to Cessna Caravans. Most of the factory built aircraft types were represented, from vintage to more modern Cessnas, Pipers and Beechcraft. There were also a fair amount of Homebuilts as well. The WWII era and other military aircraft, included a P51 mustang, a P40 as well as a Cessna L19/Bird-dog. There were also a couple of military trainers that were apparently giving rides. The rotor craft were also represented with a privately

owned UH-1 Huey on display, a Bell 47 that was giving rides like they do at Oshkosh, along with several other types. If you like the open cockpit, bugs in your teeth type of flying, there was a Stearman giving rides all day long.

We were pleasantly surprised to find that this event was attended by many of the folks we have met through our Chapter including past president Sid Brown and his son Ben, Aron Ramsey, and Ken Rayburn.

Joe Britt landed on Friday at around 10AM. We caught up with him a bit later in the day and were introduced to a couple of his friends that he met up with there. We found everyone at this event to be super friendly and helpful. We could not even walk anywhere without being offered rides. Carl & amp; Sandy Walther flew in on Saturday morning and I even got a shot of them landing. Ronna and I were so happy to be able to just hang out there with friends and to be able to relax and participate as just spectators instead of working as volunteers. We love our "work" at Oshkosh and Sun N Fun but is was a nice change of pace to just enjoy a fly-in with friends.





# Request for additional content for the newsletter

Newsletter Ideas

The newsletter is for the benefit of the club. Here are some questions I have, to see if anyone has anything for an upcoming newsletter.

Technical articles on how you solved a challenge, new products, techniques, etc.

Anyone have a cool story about a flight: first flight, trips and cool destination, events, flight where you achieved an "ah-ha" moment. Any "\$100 Hamburger" destinations.

Photo essays related to anything involving aviation or members (destinations, "gatherings," shows, etc.)

Anything that flying has allowed you to do, see, visit,.

Any news of interest to the group. Essays of interest to readers.

Challenges for experimental aviation (e.g., insurance, price of fuel, services, FAA, etc.)

Photos with captions.

Looking for volunteers for Member profiles.

Other ideas -- Please contact me at DeGroodtt@Gmail.com

# Advertisements

## Free advertising!

Do you have stuff in your hanger 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

### 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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