



EAA Chapter 172



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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Saturday, March 8 – Member Gathering at Pea Patch
11:30am Gather & Chat, 12:00 noon Buffet Lunch
Meal will be Sandwiches – please bring side (salad, chips)
or dessert to share
Topic: “Motorgliders are Plane Fun” by Dave Cress

Thursday, March 27 – Eat Out at T Bonz Steakhouse,
601 North Belair, Evans, GA 30904.
Come at 6:00pm, order by 6:30pm

APRIL - No member gathering due to Masters & Sun-N-Fun
Thursday, April 24 - Eat-out
Saturday, May 10 - Member gathering
Thursday, May 22 – Eat-out

Chapter President's Message

Continuous learning has always been a priority in my life. My career requires continuous education. My hobbies and interests lead me to explore the intranet for information and videos. And my daughter has always heard me ask “so what did you learn from that?” I wholeheartedly agree that embracing a mindset of lifelong learning is essential in today’s fast-paced society.

As EAA members, we have access to a huge library of articles and videos online at eaa.org. And we have the opportunity to learn and share more aviation knowledge at chapter meetings. I encourage you all to participate in chapter meetings and activities, to visit with old friends in the chapter and meet our new members.

Here are a couple aviation-related topics that caught my attention recently.

EAA offered a series of online presentations during their annual “Ultralight Days” February 18-20. If you missed these, you can find many of the presentations at eaa.org/videos/ultralight-aircraft/ultralight-days-2025.

Did you catch the *Classic Instructor* column in the January 2025 issue of EAA Sport Aviation magazine? A student pilot asked about aircraft making straight-in approaches at a non-towered airport. In this case, there were two aircraft in the pattern when a third pilot announced they were 8 miles out and intended to make a straight-in approach to the runway. Instructor Steve Krog provided both legal and “common sense” guidance. We’ve all faced something similar. How did you handle this kind of situation? And what did you learn from that?

- Sandy

February Meeting Recap

Russ Spradley, his son and A&P Gordon Hershberger from Palmetto Avionics shared a wealth of info about Garmin avionics. Gordon brought a few singed items to illustrate real-life stories about wiring. Palmetto Avionics is known for their reliable, high-quality work, proving their expertise in responding to our many questions. Thank you, Russ and the entire Palmetto Avionics team!

March Meeting Preview

Our March 8th meeting will be held at Pea Patch clubhouse. We will be serving sandwiches (bread, cold cuts, cheese and condiments provided). Please bring a side dish such as slaw/salad and chips, or dessert to share. Buffet lunch begins at noon, then Dave Cress will give a presentation on Motorgliders. Are they gliders, light-sport aircraft, or ultralights? Come and learn about the different types, how they are built, and how they fly.



March Eat-Out

Our next eat-out will be Thursday, March 27 at T-Bonz Steakhouse, 601 N. Belair, Evans, 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 Sheila Connell, phone 706-832-2058.

Below are pictures from February's eat-out at Sheehan'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

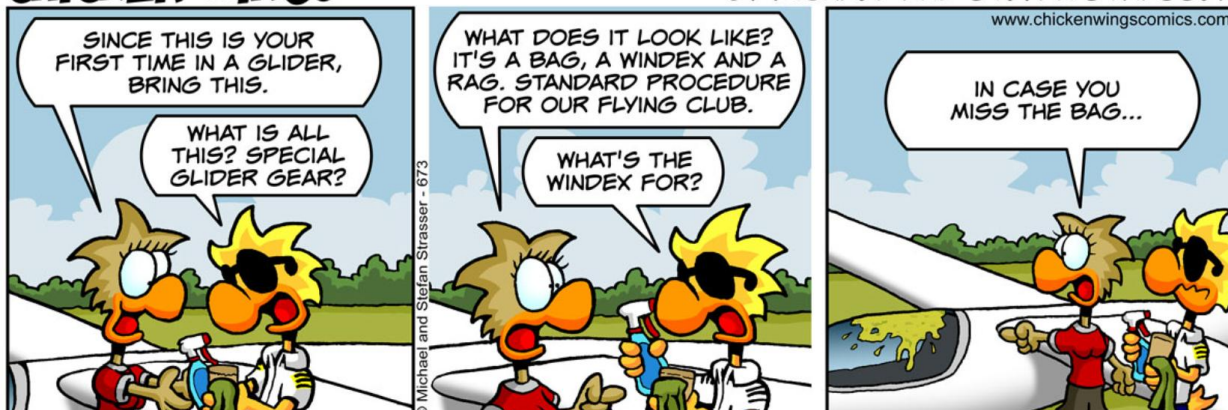
Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
March 16	Georgetown, SC	Georgetown County	123.0	KGGE
March 30	Hartsville, SC	Hartsville Regional	122.8	KHVS
April 13	Bishopville, SC	Lee County - Butters Field	122.9	52J
April 27	Ehrhardt, SC	Broxton Bridge Plantation	122.9	SC55
May 4	Aiken, SC	Aiken Regional	122.8	KAIK
May 18	Manning, SC	Palmetto Air Plantation	122.8	SC41

Other Upcoming Events

March 29 Uncle John's Fly-in at Triple Tree (tta.aero)
 April 1-6 Sun-N-Fun, Lakeland, FL (flsynf.org)
 April 12 Marine Corp Airshow in Beaufort, SC (www.beaufortairshow.com)
 May 9 -16 Joe Nall (RC) Week at Triple Tree
 May 23-25 Midsouth Sailplane Soaring Championship at Triple Tree

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Identify this Airplane

LAST MONTH



Last month's picture was a **Piper PA-15 Vagabond**, a two-seat high wing aircraft powered by a 65hp Lycoming O-145 engine. The PA-15 Vagabond was Piper's first post-World War II design. The prototype first flew in 1947 with production deliveries in 1948. It utilized much of the same production tooling and components as Piper's famous Cub design. The Vagabond fuselage featured side-by-side seating, rather than Cub's tandem seating.

[courtesy of Wikipedia.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



Piaggio Vespa Ultralight 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-Eddie Road. At the first intersection, turn right onto Patterson Road and follow 1/4 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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