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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

May 7, 10:00am: Clubhouse Cleanup Day, Pea Patch

It's time to clear out the dust! See list of maintenance tasks below.

May 14, Noon: EAA 172 Member Gathering, Pea Patch

The Young Eagles event has been postponed. Let's meet at Pea Patch instead. Topic is "Airplane Gadgets". Bring your favorite gizmo, gadget or share a technique related to aircraft or hangar ownership. For our lunch, we will provide pulled pork and buns; bring a side or dessert to share.

May 26, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out

Village Deli, 2803 Wrightsboro Rd, Augusta, GA

June 11, Noon: EAA 172 Member Gathering, Pea Patch

June 23, 6:30pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out

Clubhouse Cleanup on May 7th

It's time for spring cleaning at our Clubhouse! There are several small maintenance chores and overall sprucing up tasks we need to do. Let's gather Saturday morning on May 7th for a few hours. We will provide sandwiches and drinks for all who come to work.

Please contact Sandy Walther to confirm you are coming and to reserve your favorite task from the list below:

- Sweep and mop floors
- Reorganize kitchen gear and supplies
- Reorganize back room supply shelves / storage bins
- Scrub and clean out refrigerator
- Wash windows inside and outside
- Trim grass and pull weeds around outside of clubhouse
- Clean up the bathrooms
- Haul old, broken items to dumpster

Special thanks to Aaron Ramsey and his crew for sprucing up our porch area!

We are also planning on several much needed updates in the coming months. Tom & Ely DeGroot donated their old kitchen cabinets, which are now piled in one corner of our clubhouse. Soon we will be seeking help to replace our old cabinetry and range, replace bathroom vents, repair hangar roof, repair the picnic table and paint the clubhouse paneling.

April Meeting Recap

Al Nodorft showed off his Rihn DR-109 airplane project with eighteen members plus a guest. Al shared stories about reshaping the plexiglass top, searching for other Rihn builders, and the challenges of making everything fit together. We look forward to seeing your finished airplane someday soon!



May meeting preview

Our Young Eagles event is postponed until we can plan for it appropriately. Instead, let's meet up at Pea Patch and have a Show and Tell. Bring your favorite gizmo or gadget or tip related to aircraft ownership or hangar maintenance. We will provide pulled pork and buns; please bring a side or dessert to share.



May Eat Out

We are returning to our chapter favorite – Village Deli, 2803 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA. Village Deli has a variety of American foods such as sandwiches, burgers, and fried fish. If you have questions or have not already confirmed, please contact Virginia Bush at 706-554-5618.

Below are pictures from our April dinner at Beamie's at the River.



Have you paid your dues yet?

You know who you are!

Our annual membership dues are only \$30. Your dues help cover our chapter insurance and other fixed costs. Please show your support for our mission – to educate the public about aviation. If you have not yet paid, please bring your dues to our member gathering or mail a check payable to “EAA Chapter 172” to Sandy Walther, 2220 Gregory Lake Rd, North Augusta, SC 29860.

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

James Thiessen bought another airplane and wants to sell his Rans S12:

1996 Rans S12 for sale. Approximately 25 hrs on rebuilt Rotax 670/95hp (built by Rotax Rick, Hobbs meter reads 34hrs). 3 blade warp drive prop w/ prop balancer. Skins on wings replaced in 2019 (black/green). Have skins for ailerons and tail feathers but didn't change yet. New tundra tires and tubes. New fuel tanks (9 gal each). Electric fuel pump. Always covered and hangared. Asking \$14,800.



Identify this Airplane

Last month’s image was Solar Impulse, the first plane to fly 26 hours continuously day and night without fuel. Solar Impulse is the size of a Boeing 747, weighs as much as a small to mid-size car, and generates just enough electricity to power a scooter.

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
May 15	Manning, SC	Palmetto Air Plantation	122.8	SC41
May 29	Columbia, SC	Jim Hamilton/LB Owens (Columbia Downtown)	123.075	KCUB
June 12	Greenwood, SC	Greenwood County	122.975	KGRD
June 26	Salisbury, NC	Mid-Carolina Regional	122.725	KRUQ
July 10	Aiken, SC	Aiken Regional	122.8	KAIK
July 24	Spartanburg, SC	Spartanburg Downtown Memorial	123.0	KSPA
August 7	Moncks Corner, SC	Berkeley County	123.05	KMKS
August 21	Woodruff, SC	Triple Tree	122.9	SC00

Other Upcoming Events

May 6-14: Joe Nall Week, Triple Tree Aerodrome (tta.aero/aviation-events/joe-nall)

May 20-22: Stearmans Over Tullahoma, TN (<https://stearmanflight.org>)

July 25-31: EAA AirVenture Oshkosh (<https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure>)

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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.

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