



# EAA Chapter 172



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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**Saturday, January 11** – Member Gathering at Daniel Field  
9:30am Coffee and snacks, 10:00am Presentation Topic:  
Overview of EAA and Aviation Statistics

**Thursday, January 23** – Eat Out at Formosa's, 3830 Washington Road,  
Martinez, GA. Come at 6:00pm, order by 6:30pm

Saturday, February 8 10:00am Member gathering  
Thursday, February 27 6:30pm Eat-out  
Saturday, March 8 10:00am Member gathering

## Chapter President's Message

Happy New Year!

I would like to welcome the new members who have joined us recently. **Gerhard Schubert** is a former chapter president with a wide variety of technical expertise from Memphis. **Dave & Sheryl Cress** recently moved to Aiken and are originally from Ohio. Dave is a former tech advisor, an experienced builder of "3-1/2 airplanes", an ultralight enthusiast, and also holds a seaplane rating. **Don Solki** is an aviation enthusiast who grew up near Oshkosh, Wisconsin and is interested in becoming a pilot.

We appreciate the chapter members who have renewed their membership for 2025. Chapter dues are \$35, late renewals are \$40. If you have not yet paid your dues, please bring your payment to the next gathering or send a check payable to "EAA Chapter 172" to Jim Maher, 2130 Howard Mill Road, North Augusta, SC 29841. Member dues help fund our chapter's activities and right to operate (insurance, taxes utilities, maintenance).

Thank you to new member Dave Cress for volunteering to fill the Vice President role for Chapter 172. Dave, Jim and I will be working together to schedule a series of relevant and educational presentations and activities that will appeal to pilots and aviation enthusiasts. At the past several gatherings, chapter members were asked which topics and activities were of interest. We will be including as many of these suggestions as possible. Please reach out to any of the chapter officers to share your ideas and feedback.

As you will hear in January's presentation, our mission is to foster, promote and engage in aviation education. When you meet a local pilot or someone who is interested in aviation, please invite them to our chapter events. We welcome aviation enthusiasts regardless of their flying experience. Let's share the fun!

*- Sandy*

## Christmas Party Memories

Many of our members were out of town or had other family commitments, but we had a nice turnout of new and old chapter members. We enjoyed a delicious meal of ham and a wide variety of side dishes. Somehow none of us brought a dessert! That just meant we had an excuse to eat a few extra Christmas cookies later. After eating, we played a fun game called "Noel / No-L". Each team had to call out items within a category (e.g. Winter Clothing) without using words containing an "L" or repeating an earlier answer.



## January Meeting Preview

Our January meeting will be held at Daniel Field. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, this is the one you definitely want to be at!

We are advertising the January meeting at local flight schools and airports. Students and experienced pilots are invited to learn about EAA and to introduce our chapter. This is a terrific opportunity to recruit new members to join our chapter. Even long-time EAA members will likely learn something new.

The presentation will include current statistics about pilots and aircraft, aviation trends.



## January Eat-Out

Our next eat-out will be at Formosa's, 3830 Washington Road in Martinez, 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 at 706-832-2058.



## 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.

<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. You want to actually use that pocket, right? David will handle payment directly and deliver your order to a chapter event, if you wish. David's email is [dave@davestease.com](mailto:dave@davestease.com) if you have any questions.

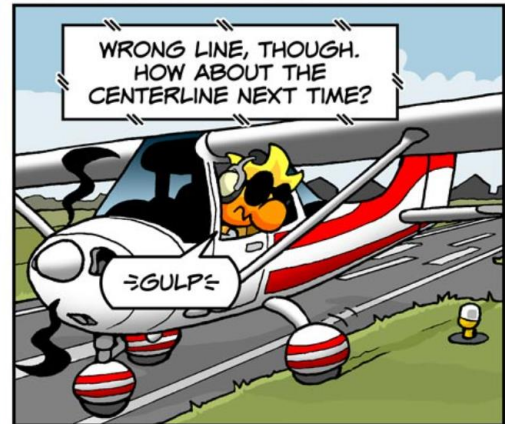


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## SC Breakfast Club Schedule

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Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
January 19	Greenville, SC	Greenville Downtown	ATC	<a href="#">KGMU</a>
Feb 2	Charleston, SC	Charleston Executive	122.8	<a href="#">KJZI</a>
February 16	Marion, SC	Marion County	122.8	<a href="#">KMAO</a>
March 2	Mount Pleasant, SC	Mount Pleasant Regional Airport - Faison Field (East Cooper)	122.7	<a href="#">KLRO</a>

## Other Upcoming Events

Feb 1 Chilly Chili at Triple Tree Aerodrome ([tta.aero](http://tta.aero))

## Identify this Airplane

### LAST MONTH



Last month's picture was a **HondaJet**, manufactured by Honda Aircraft Company headquartered in Greensboro, North Carolina. Honda Aircraft has introduced a number of innovations in general aviation (GA) jet aircraft, including an over-wing engine mount, natural laminar flow wings, and carbon composite fuselage. Honda Aircraft Company was also the first aircraft manufacturer to collaborate with Garmin to develop glass cockpits for GA jet aircraft.

[courtesy of Wikipedia]

### 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

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](mailto:sandywalther@yahoo.com).

### **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. Pea Patch Aerodrome CTAF is 122.70.

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