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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Dec 11: EAA 172 Holiday Celebration, Pea Patch (61GA)

“Mingle & Jingle” starts at 11:30; buffet to open at Noon

Dec 28, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Board Meeting (open to all EAA 172 members)

Jan 8, 2022 at Noon: EAA 172 Member Gathering, Pea Patch (61GA)

Guest Speaker & Topic TBD. Lunch will be chili – vote for your favorite one

Jan 27, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out

Feb 12, Noon: EAA 172 Member Gathering, Pea Patch (61GA)

February Theme: Bring a friend who is an aviator or interested in aviation!

Feb 24, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out, 6:30pm

Mar 12, 10:00 am: EAA 172 Member Gathering, possibly Daniel Field

Guest Speaker & Topic TBD.

Lunch will be at Village Deli if we meet at Daniel Field

Mar 24, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out

President's Message

My dear EAA172 Members and Friends,

This year started with a lot of uncertainty, and it has definitely lived up to its expectations. As many of you know I also own Augusta Flight School. We really struggled with the flight school last year but now we are back firing on all cylinders and have a steady flow of pilots seeking certification. I do want to thank everybody in our chapter as I am humbled and honored to be the president of it. I'm motivated to continue the vision and path of progress set in motion by my predecessors.

As individuals and communities we have evolved along with the virus this year. Our chapter did host the Wrens' annual fly-in which turned out to be bigger success than we had anticipated. It only shows our resilience as aviators and renewed my faith to grow our congregation. I would like to thank Sid Brown along with his family for leading with hospitality during the Wren's Fly-in. We held our poker run last month in which I wish we had more participation but still I would take it as a success as it is a start and I would like to thank Dennis Allen for taking the lead on it and arranging the volunteers at all the airports.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share my thoughts and vision with everybody.

1. We are not moving the chapter; the Pea Patch hangar is our home and will continue to remain.
2. We need to sustain and improve our clubhouse.
3. We need to have more flying-related activities.
4. We need more workshops to encourage airplane building.
5. We need to promote aviation through Young Eagles and fly-ins.

My vision will just be a delusion without more members stepping forward to help. We need more help! Hence I am looking forward to hearing more from all our members, Please call me at 706-414-1340 or email me at airnandi@gmail.com or walk up to me before or after the meeting.

Thank you!
Nandi Shetty
President EAA172

November Meeting Recap

We had a nice turnout at our November 11th meeting, enjoying a variety of delicious soups as our meal. Several members participated in the poker run that morning. The airplanes who flew to four other airfields before joining us at Pea Patch reported the winds made their ride rather bumpy. But the intrepid aviators persevered! The players' poker hands came to a close call between Tom DeGroot and Charlie Connell, with Charlie edging out Tom for the big win. Special thanks go to Dennis and Nandi for organizing the Poker Run.

At the November meeting we also held our annual election of our governing board. We are thankful all of our 2021 board members agreed to continue in their current positions, although Tom asked to retire as Newsletter Editor. There were no other volunteers at the meeting, so the members unanimously elected the board for another year. If you want to help out with the newsletter or have ideas or feedback, you are welcome to contact any of the board members. We would love to hear from you!



December meeting preview

In lieu of our regular meeting, we will celebrate the holidays with a sumptuous buffet at Pea Patch. Turkey and ham will be provided, so bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. "Mingle and Jingle" social time begins at 11:30am, and the buffet line starts at Noon. If you wish, bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots.

It's time to renew your membership with EAA Chapter 172!

Our Board waived membership dues for 2021 due to the pandemic. We have returned to meeting monthly, and even though inflation is rising, the annual membership will remain at our pre-pandemic rate of \$30. You can bring your dues to the December holiday gathering or mail a check payable to "EAA Chapter 172" to Sandy Walther, 2220 Gregory Lake Rd, North Augusta, SC 29860.

December Eat Out

No Thursday night eat-out in December. Save your appetite for January!

2022 Preview

The Board met on November 30th to plan activities for 2022. We discussed exciting ideas for this next year with fun events and a slate of guest speakers on interesting aspects of aviation. Your board members pledge the following actions:

1. Invite members to join our regularly scheduled board meetings (3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm online).
2. Distribute newsletter on the first of each month.
3. Publish calendar of events on EAA 172 website.
4. Post member gathering reminder on EAA 172 Facebook site.
5. Add a weekly aviation-related post on EAA172 Facebook site.

Your help is needed! If you are looking for ways to be involved, reach out to any of the board members and/or come to a board meeting. We welcome your ideas, too!



SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Nov 28: SC Breakfast Club, Conway, SC (KHYW)
Dec 12: SC Breakfast Club – CANCELLED
Jan 9, 2022: SC Breakfast Club, Greenville, SC (KGMU)
Jan 23: SC Breakfast Club, Florence, SC (KFLO)
Feb 6: SC Breakfast Club, Beaufort, SC (KARW)
Feb 21: SC Breakfast Club, Georgetown, SC (KGGE)
Mar 6: SC Breakfast Club, Mt. Pleasant, SC (KLRO)

Other Upcoming Events

Dec 3-4: New Bern Christmas Flotilla/ Air Show, New Bern, NC
Dec 3-4: Sun-N-Fun Holiday Fly-in and Car Show, Lakeland, FL
Mar 19-20: NAS JRB New Orleans, Air Show, Belle Chasse, LA
Mar 19-20: Space Coast Warbird Air Show, Titusville, FL
Apr 5-10: Sun-N-Fun Aerospace Expo, Lakeland, FL
(<https://flsynf.org>)

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 Sandy Walther at sandywalther@yahoo.com

Identify this Airplane

Back by popular demand! Below is a picture of an unusual aircraft. Just for fun, see if you can identify it. The answer will be revealed in the next newsletter.



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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