



EAA Chapter 172



December 2024

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS



Saturday, December 14 – Holiday Party for chapter members, visitors and their families at the Pea Patch clubhouse.

Celebrate the season and enjoy a delicious meal with your chapter. We will serve ham and whatever sides and desserts you can bring to share.

There is a rumor we will have entertaining stories, games and prizes, too! Come at 11:30am to visit before we begin the buffet line at noon.

2025 Events for the next few months

Saturday, January 11	10:00am Member gathering at Daniel Field
Thursday, January 23	6:30pm Eat-out
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

Thank you to all who attended chapter meetings and events, volunteered as a guest speaker or event coordinator, and supported our chapter in many different ways. We appreciate your support!

Our December gathering is a holiday party for members and their whole family. Visitors are welcome, too, to celebrate the season and meet our chapter. We have several new members who joined our chapter this year. If you have not had a chance to meet them yet, this holiday party is a great opportunity to do so.

We will serve a buffet feast starting with ham; please bring a side or dessert to share. We need potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, salad, and more. Please call or email me with your RSVP and the food you want to bring. This will help us plan on a good variety for our feast.

Our feast....That reminds me of the who-feast in Whoville in "Dr. Suess's The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" movie.

What is your favorite Christmas season movie?

- *Sandy*

November's Board Officer Elections and Meeting



During our business meeting in November, members elected Sandy and Jim to continue in their current roles. Thank you to Al Nodorft who served as Vice President throughout this year (and President in earlier years).

If you are interested in helping organize chapter meetings and events, talk with Sandy and Jim about volunteering to be a chapter leader in the Vice President or Secretary role. If you are interested in becoming more involved in chapter activities but not yet ready to take on an officer role, again please talk with Sandy and Jim. We welcome any help you can provide.

President – Sandy Walther

Vice President - OPEN

Treasurer – Jim Maher

Secretary - Open

After the business part of our meeting, David Cress shared his story about an aviation accident in which he was lucky to survive. He showed pictures of the aftermath and what obviously went wrong with the ultralight he had purchased. Thank you, David, for helping us learn from your experience!

Chapter Membership Dues

It's time to renew your chapter membership! Chapter dues will be \$35 if you pay by December 31, then will be \$40 for those who pay late. Please bring your dues to our holiday party on December 14 or mail a check payable to "EAA Chapter 172" to Jim Maher at 2130 Howard Mill Road, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Your dues help fund our chapter's activities and right to operate (insurance, taxes, utilities, maintenance). We have an exciting year planned with guest speakers on interesting aviation topics and ideas for fun events. For updates on chapter activities, watch your email for these monthly newsletters and visit our website at <https://eaa172.org> or our Facebook site "EAA Chapter 172".

Chapter Shirts & Other Gear

Exciting news! David Cress, our November guest speaker, 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/eaa-172-15d>

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 if you have any questions.



SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
December 15	Florence, SC	Florence Regional	ATC	KFLO

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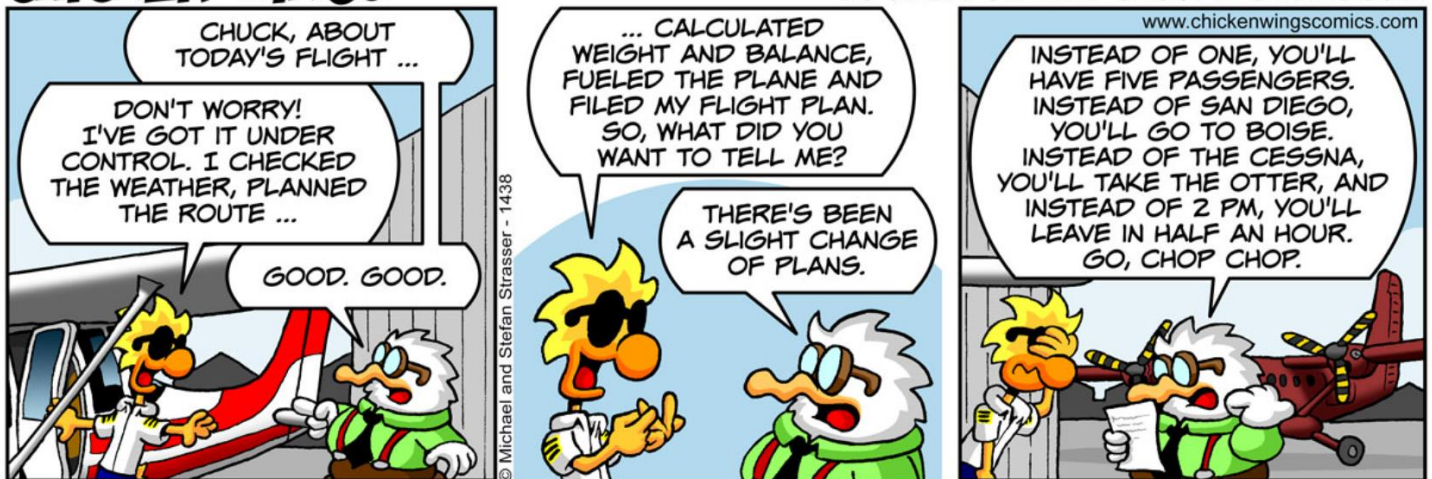
Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
January 19	Greenville, SC	Greenville Downtown	ATC	KGMU
Feb 2	Charleston, SC	Charleston Executive	122.8	KJZI
February 16	Marion, SC	Marion County	122.8	KMAO
March 2	Mount Pleasant, SC	Mount Pleasant Regional Airport - Faison Field (East Cooper)	122.7	KLRO

Other Upcoming Events

Feb 1 Chilly Chili at Triple Tree Aerodrome (tta.aero)

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BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



Identify this Airplane



LAST MONTH

Last month's picture was a 2001 model **Jabiru SP-470**. Jabiru Aircraft Pty Ltd is an Australian aircraft manufacturer that produces a range of kit- and ready-built civil light aircraft in Bundaberg, Queensland. The company also designs and manufactures a range of light aircraft engines. The aircraft are built largely of composite materials and are conventional high-wing monoplanes with typically tricycle undercarriage. Taildragger versions were produced in the early days of Jabiru. The wings could be removed for ease of storage or transportation.

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.

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. Pea Patch Aerodrome CTAF is 122.70.



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