



EAA Chapter 172

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OPEN

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS



Saturday, December 9

11:30am / Meal served at Noon - Pea Patch Clubhouse

You and your family are invited to join us in celebrating this holiday season!

We will provide lasagna and chicken parmesan, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Enjoy a delicious meal and the warmth of visiting with other chapter members and their families. We are also planning fun games with prizes!

Note: Although we will not be collecting toys or gifts for donation at this event, we encourage you to donate to a charity of your choice at other locations.

Calendar for the next few months:

Saturday, January 13 – Member Gathering
Thursday, January 25 – Eat Out
Saturday, February 10 – Member Gathering
Thursday, February 22 – Eat Out
Saturday, March 9 – Member Gathering
Thursday, March 28 – Eat Out

Chapter President's Message

As this year is coming to a close, I want to take a moment to thank all of you who attended chapter meetings and events, helped with clubhouse cleanup and renovations, volunteered as a guest speaker or event coordinator, and supported our chapter in so many different ways. I and the other board officers appreciate your support!

Your newly elected board met after the November member gathering and began planning for 2024. We have lots of ideas for meeting topics and fun activities. Our members are scattered throughout the CSRA, so we will occasionally have member gatherings at other airports or home workshops. We want to hear your ideas, too. Please feel free to contact any of the board members with suggestions, questions or concerns.

Our chapter is a group of people who are passionate about aviation. I am excited to be your chapter president, to promote the 'spirit of aviation' in all that we do.

Wishing a bright and happy holiday to you and your family!

Sandy

November Meeting Recap

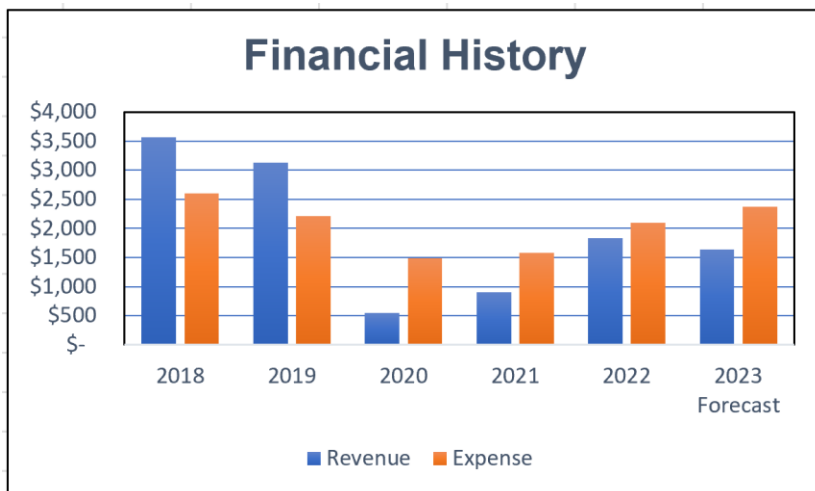
Our November 11th meeting was our annual business meeting during which we elected chapter officers for the coming year. Sandy Walther is taking on the role of President, with Al Nodorft continuing as Vice President and Ronna Hiltz continuing as Secretary. Jim Maher will take over as Treasurer.

Thank all those who shared their favorite Thanksgiving foods for our chapter meal!

After the business part of our meeting, we were treated to a slideshow of picture Charles Lewis and his wife took during their vacation, flying their airplane to Michigan. One highlight of their trip was visiting the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. Charles said he was reminded of the movie "Plane, Trains and Automobiles" because he saw exhibits of all three at the museum. They also flew to Mackinac Island, home of nearly a hundred fudge shops, as Charles claimed, and the famous Grand Hotel. Thank you, Charles for sharing your pictures.

Treasurer's Report

Chapter revenues (from membership dues and meal donations) are not covering our chapter expenses, so the board has decided to increase chapter dues to \$35 (was \$30). Frankly, our membership and meeting attendance has declined, so the board is working on strategies to recruit more members. Please do your part by renewing your membership and participating in our meetings and events.



Current cash balance is \$3,913.

2023 Forecast includes estimates for annual insurance, December utility bill and property tax, and membership dues.

Chapter Membership

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 the our holiday party on December 9th or mail a check payable to "EAA Chapter 172" to Sandy Walther, 2220 Gregory Lake Road, North Augusta, SC 29860.

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 several 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".

We look forward to seeing you at our monthly chapter gatherings and eat-outs!



Plan to join us in January when we resume our monthly Eat Outs on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Identify this Airplane

LAST MONTH



This picture is a Pipistrel Panthera, a lightweight, all-composite, highly efficient four-seat aircraft by Pipistrel of Slovenia. The petrol-powered version of the Panthera, powered by a Lycoming IO-540, is intended to cruise at 198 KTAS at FL 080 for over 1,000 nm with a 14.8 gph fuel burn.

For more information, visit <https://www.pipistrel-aircraft.com/products/panthera/>.

THIS MONTH

Just for fun, see if you can identify the airplane pictured below. 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.

SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
December 10	Hartsville, SC	Hartsville Regional	122.8	KHVS

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February 18	Greenville, SC	Greenville Downtown	ATC	KGMU
March 3	Mt. Pleasant, SC	Mount Pleasant Regional - Faison Field (East Cooper)	122.7	KLRO
March 17	Georgetown, SC	Georgetown County	123.0	KGGE

Other Upcoming Events

Feb 5 Triple Tree Chilly Chili (more info at tta.aero)

CHICKEN WINGS

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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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