



Experimental Aircraft Association - Rock Hill, SC - KUZA

EAA Chapter 961 *Flyer*

July 3rd, 2018

Celebrate Your Freedom To Fly This 4th of July



**FREEDOM IS NOT
FREE
ALL PAID SOME,
SOME PAID ALL**

We should all be thankful for the freedoms bought for us by the blood of patriots and by the service of many of our EAA Chapter members.

Greetings fellow EAAers

Hope your summer is off to a great start. First order of business is to once again thank Dick Kruse for stepping forward with the enthusiastic take over for Ken as Secretary and editor of the newsletter.

Our next meeting for July on the 9th will be a little different. Not so much a formal meeting, but more as a social

one. As Dick said, fly, drive, walk or run. And bring a good story.

August 18th is Rock Hill Airport Open House. We will need people to cook breakfast. Bring an airplane to display or a project to represent the chapter. And of course, to fly Young Eagles. We will need both airmen and people on the ground. We'll do more planning at our Aug. 13th meeting. This is important to our community at large as well as the airport. We can also promote the B-17 visit in Nov. Please contact Paul Scoskie at pscokie@reagan.com / 502-645-3179 to get your name on the list of volunteers. The earlier the better, so he can start organizing work details. *I look forward to seeing y'all next week Rick Maury*



Treasurer's Report



John Long
Treasurer

Balance as of June 13th, 2018
\$ 4,390.50



EDITORS NOTES

First off, I want to thank everyone who has helped me by contributing ideas and materials that we can use in this newsletter. I appreciate and welcome anything you can send my way.

krussr05@gmail.com has plenty of storage space for your contributions.

I want to call your attention to several upcoming events. As always, your participation is key to the successful outcome.

This coming Monday, July 9th the regular meeting starts at 5:30, NOT the normal time and will be on the ramp at Rock Hill.

The August 13th meeting will be in the regular place and at the regular times and features Joe Baker's grandfathers "GUEST BOOK" from the Detroit City Airport . Joe has done massive research on the aviation, political and celebrities who signed the book and I for one am looking forward to hearing these stories.

September 10th takes us away from Rock Hill to 'THE ARK ON THE LAKE' as Bob Kudwa describes his idyllic location on Lake Wiley where the home he spent 5 years building and his amphibious Super Cub. A beautiful location for an EAA meeting. More information and the address will follow as we get closer to the date.

November 6th will be a big event for this chapter with the B-17 being at Rock Hill. Many helpers will be needed to make the event enjoyable for all. We will need people to help out on the SCBC style breakfast for the volunteers and to man the various duties from 10am until 5. The more helpers, the lighter and shorter the shifts. Please contact Pail Scoskie to sign up pscoskie@reagan.com / 502-645-3179

Fly safe and share your flying and aviation passion, safely Dick Kruse



your participation is needed

August 18th, 2018

Rock Hill Open House
and

YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

**You MUST have completed the
YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAM
to participate**

Dale Frump - Young Eagles Coordinator
dale.frump@gmail.com with questions



NOV 6, 2018

B-17 "ALUMINUM OVERCAST" Tour



GROUND TOURS AVAILABLE AT EVERY STOP!

**BOOK
in Advance
and SAVE!**
B17.org

Rock Hill Airport

**VOLUNTEER
HELP
NEEDED**

Paul Scoskie is looking for anyone who will help out for part or all of the day the B-17 will be at Rock Hill. Crowd and Ramp Control, Merchandise Sales and other opportunities. Times have not been determined as of now.
Contact Paul to help out pscokie@reagan.com

Quick Look At Upcoming 961 Events

- **July 9th Chapter Fly/Taxi-In on the Rock Hill Ramp NOTE TIME..1730 hours**
- **July 23rd-29th Oshkosh AirVenture**
- **August 13th. Regular meeting.**
Joe Baker Presents “My Grandfathers Guestbook from Detroit City Airport.”
- **August 18th Rock Hill Open House and Young Eagles flights**
Your participation is needed to make this work !
Sign-up NOW maury4@comporium.net and dale.frumpp@gmail.com for Young Eagles
- **September 10th ... Regular meeting and times...**
BOB KUDWA's on Lake Wylie
Watch for address and details
- **October 8th Regular time and place**
Ed Lee will present on the Corvair conversions he has been doing for his SONEX
- **November 6th. Rock Hill Airport**
EAA B-17 “Aluminum Overcast”
Your participation is needed to make this work !
Sign-up NOW Paul.Scoski@reagan.com
- **DECEMBER ... 961 CHAPTER HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY ...Details to be announced**



Looking For

FLIGHT REVIEWS

Here is the contact info of your Chapter 961 member "CFI"s who are available to do FR's.



Joe Baker	k7cci@yahoo.com	704-564-2807
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David Graham	jetjockey@comporium.net	980-228-0758
John Staines	john.staines@gmail.com	386-846-2956

If you'd like to be included in this list of instructors, please forward your information to me krussr05@gmail.com

Flying for Food

Thanks to Aerowood CFI
Ron Horton for sharing his
Flying for Food list.



*If you have corrections or additions, please
email them to me* krussr05@gmail.com

EHO (50 nm) - Shelby NC. Flying Pig BBQ. Walk down the ramp toward the runway to the path through the grass to the cemetery, open lock (code is "SOCK") and walk thru cemetery and cross road to restaurant. Open Mon-Fri 1030a-730p, Sat 11a-4p, closed Sunday.

Stanton's BBQ and Fish Camp Fly-In Restaurant. (approx.62 nm) 2300' **Grass** strip near Bennettsville SC. Not on sectional (34.73N 79.67W) , need to be current on your short field flying – and you can't take an Aerowood airplane to a grass field without approval from an Aerowood CFI (which you get by taking them there and buying them lunch ☐). Open Thu and Fri 11a-2p and 5p-830p, Sat 11a-830p, Sun 11a-230p. Closed Mon-Wed

SPA (66 nm) – Spartanburg SC. 5 minute drive (courtesy car or Uber) the Beacon Drive-in. Serving since 1946!

43A (67 nm) - Montgomery County, Star NC – Martha's Grill. Love it, especially for breakfast. Right off the end of the runway, short walk from FBO. Open Mon-Sat 5a-2p, plus on Thu and Fri they stay open 5a-8p. Closed Sunday.

HKY (67 nm) (with going around CLT Class B)– Hickory NC. Crosswind Café. Open M-F 8a-3p, Sat 8a-2p. Closed Sun. Also has Hickory Aviation Museum, open Tue-Fri 10a-3p, Sat 10a-5p, Sun 1p-5p.

FQD (69 nm) – Rutherfordton, NC. 57 Alpha Café. Open Tue-Sun 11a-3p

Bq1 (82 nm) - Gilliam-McConnell Airport, home of the Pik-n-Pig. 2500' paved strip with interesting approaches. Open Tue-Sat 11a-8p, Sun 12n-3p. Parallel turf RWY on N side of 13/31

GMU (86 nm) – Greenville SC. Runway Café – includes playground for kids and a 20% discount for pilots. Open Sun-Tue 11a-220p, Wed-Thu 11a-230p, 5p-830p, Fri and Sat 11a=830p

MTV (101 nm) – Blue Ridge Airport, Martinsville VA. Simply Suzanne's Café. Best burger around and great mountain views without really getting in the middle of the hills! Open 11a-4p Tue-Sun, Closed Mon

TDF (110 nm) – Person County, Roxboro NC. Reliable sources (even though they are pilots) say that you can get a ride over to the Homestead Steakhouse and Restaurant. Open Tue-Thu 5p-9p, Fri 5p-930p, Sun 1130a-830p, closed Monday.

HNZ (130 nm) - Henderson NC. Fly in, get the courtesy car, and drive 5.2 mi to Main Street in Oxford NC to eat Italian at Milano's. Well worth the short drive! Open Mon-Sat 1030a-930p, Sun 11a-930p

CHS (130 nm) or LRO (134 nm) - Charleston is a nice place to visit but airports aren't that close to town. Love landing at CHS or LRO, getting a courtesy or rental car and going downtown to wander around and eat overlooking the water at Fleet Landing <http://fleetlanding.net/> .

WFO (133 nm) - Fort Airport, South Boston VA. Call Emie's Restaurant and they will come pick you up at the airport. There are lots of seafood restaurants at Shem Creek, which is only 12 miles from LRO.

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Flying for Food - Continued

SUT (142 nm) - Brunswick County, Southport NC. Good seafood restaurants nearby, the Provision Company. Open Lunch and Dinner 7 days/week. BUT it is closed Nov-March. Next door is Yacht Basin Eatery, then beside that is Fishy Fishy Café, all three are on the water. They stay open later into the winter AND they have a webcam so you can see what the weather is before you go! You can rent a car through the FBO - though if you just want seafood for lunch you might be able to get the crew car. **BONUS** – beside Fishy Fishy is Potter's Seafood, so pack a cooler and buy fresh fish caught on the NC coast and unloaded from the boat at the adjacent dock.

LZU (177 nm) – Lawrenceville, GA. The Flying Machine Restaurant is located on the south end of the field.

SSI (235 nm) - St Simon's Island, GA. 235 nm from EQY. Get the courtesy car and drive (or you can walk if it's a nice day, only 0.3 mile) to Southern Soul BBQ, featured on Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. Open Mon-Sat 11a-9p, Sun 11a-6p.

FFA (250 nm) – First Flight, Kitty Hawk NC. **Birthplace of aviation** – where the Wright Brothers flew on Dec 17, 1903. **Every pilot has to make the pilgrimage here.** Land (3000' paved strip, be good at crosswinds), walk over to the Wright Brothers Memorial, then less than a mile walk to Outer Banks Brewing Company.

From UZA, fly to TYI then between the restricted areas to FFA. If you need fuel, MQI is 6 miles across the water from FFA. Then you can fly VFR down the coast, just offshore from the Outer Banks, and land at MRH. Return inland from there – you can continue to follow the coast South but you'll have to go offshore to a void Restricted areas.

I look forward to any additions or corrections. . . Dick

Bill and Debbie Wilson visit

Don's Dream Machines

Debbie and I had the privilege to visit Don Lee and the folks in the engine and cover/paint shop earlier in May at "Don's dream Machines", (KEKY) Bessemer Airport, AL.

Their cover/paint shop had at least four projects in at different stages. We saw a finished Cub project that has already received more than one Grand Champion award. Needless to say, it was beautiful. DDM is a fine engine and tube/fabric shop!

In one of the following photos, Don Wade, the new owner is on the right with Lee on the left. DDM built the cub for the EAA raffle at 2018 AirVenture. Look at the cover of the April 2018 Sport aviation magazine. Don is flying the raffle Cub and they have a fine article about DDM

Bill and Debbie Wilson



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

In an effort to foster great friendships among the chapter members, we are going to introduce a current and a newer member from time to time

Introducing Mitch Eudy

Mitch is a native of Union County NC and an active Realtor. In addition, he and his wife Marilyn own and operate a wedding and meeting venue just south of Monroe "The Camillia Gardens". Though he didn't grow up in an aviation family, he has always been fascinated with airplanes, fueled by his fathers friend who owned a Luscombe and would give him rides from "Bundy International" That plane suffered an ignoble end when a hornets nest fell from under the seat during a landing.



After 39 years the flying bug finally took over and he overcame his safety concerns. In his words: "...*What a mistake to have delayed learning to fly*", as he figured out that aviation is as safe as you make it. He feels fortunate to have learned from four experienced and seasoned flight instructors and knows that the right instructor helps a pilot determine how far and effectively they can pursue their flying dreams.

Having completed his CFI this spring he came away with the examiners words impressed on him: "...*it is the flight instructor's responsibility to break the cycle of bad habits and instruction while teaching the knowledge and safe operations, knowing and following the many rules and regulations*".

Flying for Mitch is simply a dream come true from the age of 16. He feels inspired to pursue that dream, especially after being introduced to many of the members of this chapter and he looks forward to learning from their experience and knowledge while being a contributing member to pay it forward.

Introducing Pick Freeman & Gardy Wilson

Long Standing Chapter Members

Pick's interest in flying started with balsa and rice paper models then into control line flying, chopping of crepe paper tails. He did Air Force ROTC in college and while waiting to go to graduate school got caught up in the draft and enlisted in the Air Force. His original assignment thrust him into the very special ops program of Pararescue as a parachutist and combat medic. While in his 2nd enlistment he applied to OCS and went to Officers School and Pilot Training. His graduation flying assignment was Viet Nam and "1" Corp as a forward air controller. He also flew O-2As, O1-Es and OV-10s supporting the 5th Special Forces (Army) in their out-country missions. He made it back for a Rescue C-130 tour and when he got out tried for the airlines, The gas crisis of 1973 put a crimp in that plan.

Flying C-130 gunships in the Reserves paid the rent and he was able to swap assignments with a friend and got into NCANG where he accumulated 30 years and 7,000 hours in the C-130. In 1976 he moved to Charlotte and flew off the Gulf ramp for Johnny Cunningham in all the single and twin Cessnas and then into corporate flying in the Citation 2 and Hawker 700.

Piedmont signed on in 1985, the oldest in his class at 40 years old. Pick got to fly the B-727, B-757 and the B-767 and the three Fokkers that Piedmont had and made Captain in 1989 just before the merger with US Airways and was forced out at age 60, leaving with 27,000 hours, even though he wanted to stay to 65. ***"I just loved flying, still do"***

EAA caught his eye when he returned from Viet Nam and he started building a BD-5 and became a Life member. Pick gets to Oshkosh occasionally and has been actively engaged in Chapter 961 since 2004. He's now flying a GC-1B Golbe Swift from the Rock Hill airport about twice a week and loves it., along with meeting new EAAs.

"What a retirement ! We have a heck of a chapter and I hope it continues to grow"
Pick





Gardy is a native of York SC and was first interested in light aircraft when a father's friend started taking him for rides from the York Airstrip in a C-170. As he grew up he had the opportunity to hitch rides locally with a few different people, He even hopped a ride

once when JAARS was practicing landing in one of their Helio Couriers (that took some begging).

After graduating college, was single and working, he started taking flying lessons at the Rock Hill Airport and hasn't stopped since getting his license in June of 1963. The day he soloed, he had rushed from his National Guard drill, still in his fatigues and his instructor surprised him by climbing out of the C-150 and declaring him competent to solo.

He has had several very good flying partners through the years and has owned his own planes for many years, currently a C-180 and an L-19 BirdDog. Gardy feels extremely fortunate to have learned to fly tail wheel from Capt. Tiny Mize, who later also did his instrument training in the 180.

Over the years he has enjoyed having the ability and resources to fly and still uses the 180 to visit his three adult children who live out of the area and to use it as well for business and pleasure travel. His son Paul, living in Atlanta, caught the flying bug and owns a C-182 and they occasionally meet up somewhere between there and Rock Hill for breakfast or lunch.

(A side note, Gardy created, built and donated to the City of Rock Hill the "Airport Overlook" just off Bryant blvd) dk

As Gardy puts it so clearly: "In Summary, my flying has meant a great deal to me. But, my aviation-related friends whom I have met along the way, are among my most special blessings. The caliber of these friends, their impressive knowledge of aircraft AND their flying skills and flying history continue to humble me on a daily basis. We have a wonderful group of pilots and flying families in our area and in our EAA chapter."