

# The Chapter 961 “Flyer”

A Monthly Newsletter

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It's fly-in season! This month we have lots of good information about fly-ins coming up, including the Women in Aviation, Pageland, and Instead-O-KOSH fly-ins, as well as a recap of the York fly-in this past weekend.

Keep reading for our regular messages from some of our chapter presidency members, news on what the young people in our chapter are up to with the David Griffin Aviation Foundation, and an updated Classifieds section.

THE FIRST IN FLIGHT CHAPTER OF  
**WOMEN IN AVIATION**  
PRESENTS

## FALL IN LOVE WITH FLIGHT FESTIVAL

Enjoy a morning full of aviation,  
costumes and your favorite Fall treats!

**OCTOBER 17TH**  
**9:30-11:30 AM**

**LAKE NORMAN AIRPORT**  
**RACE CITY AVIATION**  
149 YEAGER RD, MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT**  
-Candy for kids of all ages

**RAFFLE**  
-JetBlue round trip tickets for two  
-Introductory flight lessons  
-Aviation art

**COSTUME CONTEST**  
-Dress up in your best halloween costume to compete for prizes

**SCHOLARSHIP**  
-2020 Flight Training Scholarship winner announced

**CIDER & DOUGHNUTS**  
-Delicious taste of Fall

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## Our Next Meeting:

Join us for this month's meeting, on **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

We will begin the meeting at **7:00 PM**, but be sure to get there at **6:30 PM** for social time. Food and drinks will be provided!

Just like last month's meeting, we will meet at John Long's hangar, located on the Taxiway J side of Rock Hill/York County Airport. The gate will remain open, so just follow the signs!



Our presentation will be by **John Staines**. Weather permitting, he will be bringing in an **ICON A5** to the meeting. Regardless of weather, he will be doing a presentation on this new American amphibious light-sport aircraft.

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## York Fly-in Turnout:

We had fantastic representation from Chapter 961 at the York fly-in on Saturday, October 3rd. Special congratulations go to Eddie and Debbie Shields for hosting the event, and to Terry and Tyler Fisher for facilitating as airboss and head of grounds crew!

From Terry Fisher:

“Glad you all could come!! Our gorgeous October fall fly-in was attended by 39 aircraft not based at York, and included P-51 fly-bys as well as SNJ and T-34 participation and fly-bys. Hot dog lunch was so popular they ran out of hotdogs! Thanks for the superb professionalism and courtesy of all arriving and departing pilots. Flour bombing and spot landing contest was held as well. Thanks to the York Airport owners for a great mowed grass field with ample parking as well as the free lunch!”



# President's Message:

My fellow EAA'ers,

You all know about our long-planned celebration of flight, "Instead-O-KOSH," originally intended to be held during the last weekend of the cancelled AirVenture in August. Developments of the pandemic caused this local gathering to be postponed, into the then-distant month of November. Surely things would have settled by then, right?

Then we decided to tie our event to the Warriors and Warbirds show in Monroe, due to be held the weekend before our event at Unity. If they ran, we ran, and if they cancelled, we'd cancel.

Then last week they cancelled.

And your board got together and we discussed. And two things became very clear. First, the Monroe folks expressed extremely strong disappointment in their cancellation, which seemed to be driven mostly by the expected attendance, and the gatherings along a flight line. Second, it became very clear that we are not Warriors and Warbirds.

Both SC and NC are lifting restrictions. It was not, however, enough for the Monroe planners to allow the show to run. It seems our positions now illustrate the difference between IOK and Monroe. They were expecting thousands. We were expecting dozens. They would have a flight line where there would be little opportunity to maintain a social distance, where we would have lots of room for that. The NC documents I've found allowed for gatherings up to 300, and SC indicates 250. And further, South Carolina now allows 100% capacity at restaurants.

Anything we would do at our event would pretty clearly fit within the SC guidelines (I actually found a SC proclamation to this effect, dated Oct 2!) Additionally, the owners of the airfield have expressed a desire to go ahead with the event.

Besides, it looks like we are in good company. Many of the Carolina traditional fly-ins are running. Pageland is on, Laney's and York both ran last week, and I believe there is something fairly local every weekend in October.

It seems there is a strong desire to make this event happen. We as a board, therefore, have decided to go ahead with the "Instead-O-KOSH" event to be held at Unity Aerodrome the weekend of the 13th of November, just over a month away.

But we have made some changes. It will now be a two-day, one-night affair, rather than the two-night shindig we originally planned. So, the new and improved IOK will be held Friday the 13th of November (and we'll openly flout the old wives' tales), and continue into a breakfast, then a traditional fly-in at Unity on Saturday the 14th. Still on the schedule is dinner, a movie, and flour bombing on Saturday.

So, we have work to do! Watch your email! Check your SPAM folder! If you aren't receiving the emails from Dick and Emma, please reach out. Those who were originally scheduled to work on committees will continue. And for those of you who would like to volunteer, we would love to have you! Time to start planning!



Joe Baker  
President

A vibrant yellow poster for the Pageland Chili Fly-In. At the top, it says "PAGELAND CHILI FLY-IN" in large, bold letters. Below that, it lists the date and time: "November 1st 2020 12-3:00 PM". The poster features illustrations of three different aircraft: a red and white biplane, a green and white biplane, and a green and white monoplane. The text "BRINGING THE HEAT!" is written in large, bold letters, followed by "Grab a bowl of hot chili and enjoy the company of friends". At the bottom, it says "KPYG PAGELAND, SC" and "CALL FOR DETAILS | 704-559-9806". There is a QR code in the bottom left corner with the text "Scan for updates!" above it. In the bottom right corner, it says "Sponsored by the Town of Pageland" with a small logo.

## Secretary's Report:

Ladies and Gentlemen, members and visitors of EAA Chapter 961,

I am so pleased to see the large turnouts at our monthly hangar meetings. While we've struggled with this whole "Social Distancing" thing, it appears that those that have attended have found their own way to feel safe and comfortable.

While lately we have struggled with fan noise trying to stay cool, those of us that were at last month's meeting were as pleasantly surprised as I was with the generous donation by John Long of a sound system. This next meeting probably won't need fans, but for those of us that have experienced hearing loss from years of standing next to percussive things and airplanes for so long, we sure appreciated it.

Each meeting we set out a sign-up sheet for visitors, with the intent to gather their names and an email address so that we can add them to our newsletter and advisory emails. They also have a peel off name tag labeled "GUEST". We also provide peel off name tags for members who may have forgotten their EAA Chapter 961 name tag. (In spite of my nagging members to remember theirs, I forgot my name tag last time.) Previously, we have provided a sign-up sheet for members, but over the past several months, fewer and fewer members have taken the time to sign it, so last month I eliminated it and of course those regulars were looking for it. This coming meeting, I'll make an effort to see that the member sheet gets circulated amongst the group.

If you need a permanent EAA Chapter 961 name tag or shirt, be sure to let our Treasurer, Paul Fischer know, and he'll order one up for you. You can always drop him an email. [plfischer31@gmail.com](mailto:plfischer31@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing many friends, old and new, at the upcoming meeting and getting an opportunity to see the ICON A5 up close, weather permitting.



Dick Kruse  
Secretary

## Treasurer's Two Cents:

At our last meeting, I was surprisingly, I mean REALLY surprisingly, honored with a one-of-a-kind trophy designed and created by our Secretary Dick Kruse, celebrating my efforts in obtaining 501(c)3 status for the chapter.

Having had no time to prepare (or even think about) an acceptance speech, I believe that I mumbled a few words of gratitude for the recognition and gave a virtual (COVID-19) handshake to Prez Baker and went back to my vantage point outside the hangar.



What I would have said, had I had time to prepare, was that there are so many folks in the history of our chapter that had a part in it. Beginning with our founders, Kenneth E. Zillmer, President, Thomas A. Lempicke, Vice President, and William Seals, Secretary/Treasurer, who established Chapter 961 in 1991, continuing with Gene Thomas and Dale Frump who rejuvenated the Chapter in 2003, and ultimately culminating with the more recent contributors of Rick Maury, John Long, Joe Baker, Louis Kantor, and Dick Kruse who provided information, guidance, and motivation to the process.

I also would be remiss if I did not mention EAA National and Patti Arthur who really put the necessary wording out for all of the Chapters to use in applying for 501(c)3 status.

So, as we celebrate our new-found ability to reward those who contribute to our mission, “To promote aviation, aviation education, and safe and affordable flying!”, let us thank and honor all of those who assisted in its bringing about.



Paul Fischer  
Secretary

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## Trash Pick-up:

EAA Chapter 961 completed its third quarterly trash pick-up for the Rock Hill-York County Airport area on Saturday September 12, 2020. Bag counts are down again—probably due to COVID-19 related issues, and the excellent care provided by the grass mowing crew. Ten bags of trash and recyclables, another mattress, and various old building supplies were collected by nine volunteers utilizing 13.5 man hours. The socially distanced tall tale session at Bojangles afterwards was a huge success!

Bob Cottom & Mike Drews  
Trash Pick-up Coordinators



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## Member Profiles: Jocelyn Koziara

Written by EAA Chapter 961 Member, Angela Sells



Our spotlight this month is on one of our new members, Jocelyn Koziara. Jocelyn is 15 years old, and attends Catawba High School in Fort Mill, SC. She was born in Tupelo, MS and moved to Rock Hill, SC when she was only three. Her father is a member of our Chapter as well, David Hess. She is the youngest of three children.

With her Dad being a pilot, she's grown up around flying and says, “I've always loved it.” It wasn't until this past summer that she began thinking about

becoming a pilot herself. She recalls how excited her Dad was when she told him she wanted to start taking flying lessons.

Jocelyn says she was nervous, but excited when she took her first lesson. The enthusiasm she has when she speaks about flying is evident in her voice. She is a recipient of the David Griffin Aviation Foundation scholarship, and has been training with Joe Baker in the Cherokee 140. For now, it's her favorite plane. Her current goal is to solo on her sixteenth birthday coming up in November.

While Jocelyn isn't flying on her own just yet, she has traveled many times with her Dad, and says her favorite \$100 hamburger flight is to the Alpha 57 Cafe in Rutherfordton, NC because, "They have the best banana pudding!"

Even though she's a student herself, she has some wise words for fellow students, "Be patient with yourself. It takes time and you can't learn to fly overnight."

She discovered EAA through her Dad, and has attended events with him. She says her mom isn't as interested in flying, but is her biggest supporter in working towards her PPL. She hasn't been to Oshkosh yet, but looks forward to a time when she can experience it. As a new member of EAA, Jocelyn is excited about the opportunities that EAA has to offer with support, encouragement and resources in helping members achieve their goals.

Jocelyn was a pleasure to interview, and incredibly excited about the possibilities in aviation. She says the more she flies, the more she would like to pursue a career as a pilot. She wants to do what she loves, and she's off to a great start.

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## David Griffin Aviation Foundation:

The David Griffin Aviation Foundation has a primary mission of supporting the Rock Hill Flyers flying club.

The DGAF/RHF held their first event on Thursday, October 1st where all our Student Pilots, CFI's and Aircraft were in the same place at the same time. On the far right is our newest training aircraft, a 1969 Cherokee 140B, to complement our Cherokee Cruiser. Both are 160hp Lycoming powered with excellent radio panels.



On the front row are the Student Pilot members of Rock Hill Flyers, from left to right: Ayden Martin, Caden Eversole, Lauren Adams, Trey Newberry, Jocelyn Koziara and Rachel Ford. In the back row are the CFI cadre, from left to right: Sherman Morgan, Ken Nelson, Louis Kantor, Cherokee owner Rick VanDam and Joe Baker. All of our Student Pilots have received dual instruction in the Rock Hill Flyers and are working towards solo and a Private License.

Thank you to everyone, including all members of EAA Chapter 961, for the financial support that has gotten the Rock Hill Flyers up in the air.

## Classifieds:

There is always an open invitation for our EAA Chapter 961 Members to advertise relevant information in the monthly newsletter. This includes, but is not limited to:

- EAA Chapter 961 **Certified Flight Instructors** (for Instruction and/or Flight Reviews)
- EAA Chapter 961 **A&P Mechanics**
- Airplanes/Aviation Items/Parts/Tools **For Sale or Trade**

## Certified Flight Instructors:

**Editor's Note:** I know that there are many more CFIs in Chapter 961. I sent an email out last week asking for folks to send me their information, but now is an opportune time as well. If you are a CFI, CFII, DPE, etc. please send me an email with your information and I'll get you on this list next month! Thanks.

Please send your Name, Email, Phone Number, and Specialty to: [emmatehani@gmail.com](mailto:emmatehani@gmail.com)

Name:	Email:	Phone Number:	Specialty:
<b>Gerry McBurney</b> CFII – SEL, MEL	<a href="mailto:gemail@earthlink.net">gemail@earthlink.net</a>	315-382-2943	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter Flight Advisor</li><li>• Flight Reviews</li><li>• Instruction</li></ul>
<b>Bill Vaughn</b> CFII – SEL, MEL	<a href="mailto:vaughnclt@bellsouth.net">vaughnclt@bellsouth.net</a>	704-231-4352	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grumman Checkouts</li><li>• Flight Reviews</li></ul>

## For Sale:

Appareo Stratus 2 ADS-B wireless receiver. Going price on Ebay looks to be around \$250.

Jeff LeVie

704-965-3583

[jtlevie@gmail.com](mailto:jtlevie@gmail.com)



## For Sale:

Pair of PA-28 front seat shoulder harnesses  
Attaches to rear seat seatbelts

Originally \$60 each  
\$30 for both

Dick Kruse

704-999-4025

# FOR SALE



1946 Aeronca "Champ" A65-8 Continental Engine  
Marvel-Schebler Carburetor with mixture control.  
Approx 4 gph burn in cruise on Non-Ethanol Auto Fuel by STC  
13 Gallon Main cowl tank plus two 5 gallon wing tanks  
"Grove" hydraulic Disc Brakes with Parking Brake feature.  
Flies true and has minimal oil consumption and NO leaks  
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Shoulder/seat belt harnesses front and back.  
Seats and interior re-upholstered  
Has been hangared or covered since 2008 recovering.  
New Hartzell prop, oversize tires, windscreen, upper and lower cowling nose  
bowl and side windows, 2015. STC for door removal.  
3122 TTAF, approx 960 hours SMOH  
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**EAA CHAPTER  
961  
Rock Hill, SC  
a 501(c)3 Organization**

09/14/2020

Proposed, seconded and adopted, September 14th, 2020, at the regularly scheduled chapter meeting, that the chapter make a cash donation of \$1,000 to the "David Griffin Foundation" in support of their efforts to provide affordable flight training to students who might not otherwise be able to afford it.

A vote was taken by a show of hands, approximately 50 members in attendance, with all affirmative votes, non opposed

Treasurer Paul Fischer was then directed to make out a check for \$1,000 and present it to the David Griffin Foundation organization, a 501(c)3 organization.

Richard A. Kruse  
Secretary  
EAA Chapter 961

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Kruse".

Interested in becoming a regular member of this active and growing chapter?  
Dues paid after September 1st, of any year will cover the following year.

**EAA CHAPTER 961 MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM**

Please fill in the information below.

Mail the completed form with a check for \$25.00 (payable to EAA Chapter 961) To:

**Paul Fischer / Treasurer EAA 961**  
**11500 Glenn Abbey Way**  
**Charlotte NC 28277**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ home, work, cell

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*EAA Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Pilot Ratings: \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft Owned or interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Are you a Young Eagles EAA Member? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ \*\***

Do you want to order a chapter name tag? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Do you want to order a chapter shirt? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If YES, then what SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

(Grey is the standard but other colors are available.)

EAA is for both pilots and non-pilots who are interested in aviation. Founded in 1953, EAA offers activities for the entire family in local, regional, and national events. EAA supports and encourages those who are building or restoring aircraft and those flying or renting any type of aircraft or interested in learning to fly or those who would like to be associated with those that do.

**\*You must either be, or become, an EAA National member to be a member of local Chapters. To join EAA call 800 - JOIN EAA or go online at [ww.eaa.org](http://ww.eaa.org).**

**\*\*Young Eagles that have completed their registration using the code that is on the back of their Young Eagles Logbook and received their EAA membership number are exempt from paying EAA 961 dues until the end of the year they turn 18, per revised chapter bylaws of 30 Dec, 2019.**