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EAA Chapter 961 *Flyer*

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Harrison Ford once remarked that he loved flying, in part, because he was just a number. Corporate America these days excels at reducing our lives, aspirations and experiences to just a number. But when he flew, he was just good ol' Three Five Echo (or whatever his N-number at the time was) was. He was not Han Solo. He was not Indiana Jones. He was not even Harrison Ford, he was just "Three Five Echo." While this gives us a certain amount of anonymity, it can and certainly should encourage the professionalism that we all aspire to. Even in the mistakes he made—most notably when he landed on the taxiway at Orange County Airport—he still kept that professionalism! Poor guy! He got the requisite phone number and called almost immediately! Everyone makes mistakes! Unfortunately, Ford lost the anonymity when his phone call was leaked onto YouTube. But that call IS instructive. He handled it perfectly, even calling himself a "schmuck" for landing on the taxiway. He was humble, teachable, and I must admit to enjoying hearing the FAA guys on the phone when they realized who they were talking to!

We come to aviation with a bewilderingly broad collection of backgrounds. Some are ex (or current) military. Some are ex (or current) airline pilots. Some have flown from decks of carriers. Some have broken the sound barrier; some have applied bug-killing chemicals to plants. A great number of you have even built your own airplanes. Some are in the process of just that. Every section of aviation has its own strengths, and yes, its weaknesses. Ask a C-5 pilot to fly a Pitts and it will likely get ugly. Ask an airline pilot to file his own flight plan and negotiate with flight service when the tower is closed. Ask a Light Sport pilot to do the ILS PRM into San Francisco on a dark and stormy night.

We have such a great opportunity to learn from each other. And, to be honest, this is something I think we do fairly well. I am impressed by this chapter's internal cohesion. And this is something I hope to encourage. We should be able to learn from each other. We should feel that our ideas and contributions are valuable. I think we all want this chapter to grow and for us to keep learning. Keep them coming!



Joe Baker
EAA 961
President



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DID YOU FLY OR HELP OUT AT THE OCT. 5th ROCK HILL 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ?

**Be sure to pick up your
FREE T-shirt at the
March 9th meeting**



See Dick Kruse at Sign In Desk

**“The important thing is to not stop
questioning.
Curiosity has its won reason for
existing”
*Albert Einstein***

**Your 2020 EAA 961 Chapter Dues
are now due.**

**Please mail your check, made out to
EAA 961, for \$25 to Treasurer**

**Paul Fischer
11500 Glenn Abbey Way
Charlotte NC 28277**

**He will also be glad to accept membership
applications, Name tag and or chapter shirt
orders**

**If you've previously ordered a name tag or shirt,
they will be available for you at the meeting.**

Please bring check or cash

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS and Programs



Normally my note in this report either asks for more help or mentions what those helpers have done for a Young Eagles Event.

The rain and cold have kept us rather quiet this month. We have a good deal ahead of us as the weather begins to warm.

The Ardrey Kell High School still has students to fly, there is an aviation camp at Monroe in June, the Joe Nall RC event at Triple Tree and a potential fund raising event for veterans in Gastonia along with a potential EAGLE FLIGHT (aimed at adults) in May at Monroe. These events will all be asking for airplanes, pilots and help on the ground. So as you can see, there is much ahead of us.

I do need to report that Pinky Funderburk invited Major Batson, JROTC Clover High School and I to meet and speak with his "Smoozers" group about aviation and mentoring our youth. I was honored to represent our EAA Chapter 961 to

Bob Kudwa kude@aol.com
Young Eagles Coordinator



Fellow EAA 961'ers

Our first quarter 2020 trash patrol is in the books. Despite the chilly temperature, our 14 (pretty sure that's the number) volunteers collected thirty-two bags of trash and



recyclables, one mattress, and a toilet. Yeah, did not see that one coming...Thanks to all of the volunteers. To quote former

Trash Commander, Gardy Wilson. "Many hands make quick work!" Here are pictures of the post cleanup celebration; not attended by everyone and proof of the toilet.

*(editors note
Post pickup*



celebrations are done at a local BoJangles and the biscuits and drinks are picked up by the chapter... Dick Kruse)

Interested in becoming a regular member of this active and growing chapter?

Just fill out the form shown below and send it along with a check for \$ 25 to Paul Fischer, Treasurer, made out to EAA CHAPTER 961

(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. _____ h,w,c.

E-mail address: _____

EAA Member Number: _____ *

Pilot Ratings: _____

Aircraft Owned or interested in: _____

Are you an 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 it 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 www.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**

**Your EAA Chapter 961 was recognized by
EAA National as a
2019 SILVER LEVEL CHAPTER**



Shown here with the banner that 961 received, along with the recognition letter, is Past President Rick Maury , President Joe Baker and Past Treasurer John Long.

The chapter achieved a rating that recognized EAA 961 as being in the top 93 % of all chapters. Rick and John were recognized as having led us to this achievement level.

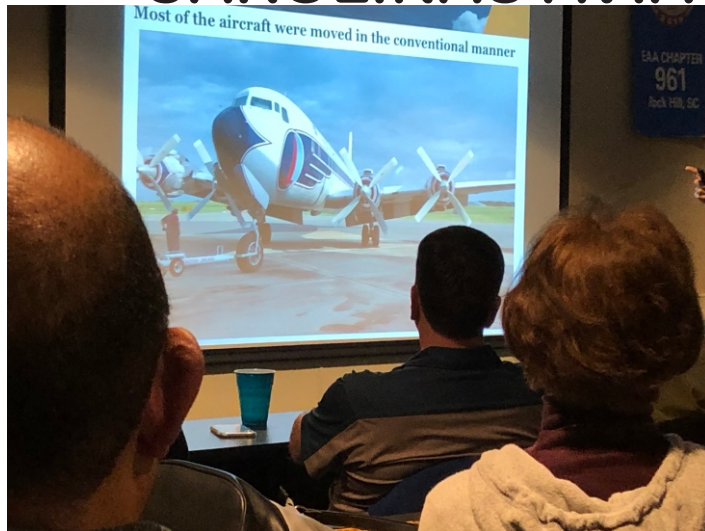
If you have or know of an individual or organization that has a story or experience to share that might be of interest to the chapter, please contact me.

Dick Kruse krussr05@gmail.com

We'd love to hear from you.

Ralph will share more of his Vietnam story at our June meeting where he will present the June program.

Our February EAA meeting presentation was presented by the “CAROLINAS AVIATION MUSEUM



Stephen Saucier, Museum President and Joe Baranowski, STEM Specialist, presented a very interesting and informative program that included video of the “Miracle On The Hudson” aircraft being re-located to its new home, once its new location is finished.

Prez Joe Baker is shown here, presenting a small token of our appreciation for their presentation. They can be reached for more information at



Stephen@carolinasaviation.org or
Joe@carolinasaviation.org

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

MARCH 9th

Angela Sells, Aviation Photographer and writer will give us an insight on how the professionals do it.

April 13TH

Josh Pusser from Titan (Shell) Aviation Fuels, will present a program about the development, formulation and distribution of aviation fuels along with fueling and safety tips to keep you safely flying.

APRIL 18th

Helicopter “Drop In” at JAARS N52. Field closed to fixed wing aircraft

MAY 11th

A presentation on AVIATION TIRES
their manufacture and upkeep
by MICHELIN AVIATION TIRES

JUNE 15th

VIETNAM AIR COMMANDO
presented by Ralph Griggs

Stacy Lutes

EAA 961

Fly-in / Fly-out Coordinator



BOYS AND GIRLS... Here's a listing of future flyouts from the SCBC (South Carolina Breakfast Club) along with a flyer for the "Chilly Fly-In Chili Cook-off to be held at 7NC1 on Saturday March 14th.

IF you hear of other fly-outs or fly-ins, email me at stacy_lutes@hotmail.com

Feb. 29 Chilly Chili Triple Tree, SC00

March 1 South Carolina Breakfast Club (SCBC) Mount Pleasant, KLRO

March 14 EAA 297 Fly-In and Chili Cook Off, Stag Air Park, 7NC1

March 15 SCBC, Pelion, SC 6J0

March 27-March 29 Uncle John's Fly-In, Triple Tree SC00 (GA, Like Nall in the Fall)

March 29 SCBC Bishopville, SC 52J

March 31-April 5 Sun N Fun Lakeland, FL, KLAL

April 5 SCBC Holy Hill, SC 5J5

April 19 Ehrhardt, SC Sc55

May 3 SCBC Rock Hill, SC KUZA

Next RC event at Triple Tree is May 9 - May16

**More information at their web sites:
southcarolinabreakfastclub.com
tripletreeaerodrome.com
flysnf.org**

Join us and celebrate
EAA Chapter 297's Annual

CHILLY FLY-IN and CHILI COOK-OFF

**Saturday March 14th
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**



Enjoy winter flying, delicious chili, and a 50/50 raffle.

STAG AIR PARK – 7NC1 N34 31.67 / W077 51.01
Runway 11/29 - 4000 ft Turf 2 am ESE Burgaw, NC
CTAF 122.9 - Fuel Available 100LL
Aviators Lane, Burgaw, NC 28425

For more information and current runway conditions:
mathoman@embarqmail.com

FLY SAFELY – FLY COURTEOUSLY

CALLING ALL HELICOPTER PILOTS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS

JAARS TOWNSEND FIELD, N52,
will be having a “Helicopter Drop-In” Saturday April 18th.
(The airfield will be closed to fixed-wing traffic)

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY APRIL 3rd, 2020

Call Kathy Andrews at 704-843-6168

or pat-oppel@jaars.org.

Provide name, address, mobile phone and the number of guests attending. If you are flying in please provide us with the type of helicopter you are bringing.

Reservations are required and a lunch will be provided.

Fuel will be available by prior arrangement.

There will be a STOL demo and earn wings credits during two FAA-certified classes



Directions for Flying In

JAARS Townsend Field (N52)
7710 Jaars Road
Waxhaw NC 28173

The red squares above indicate available parking spots.

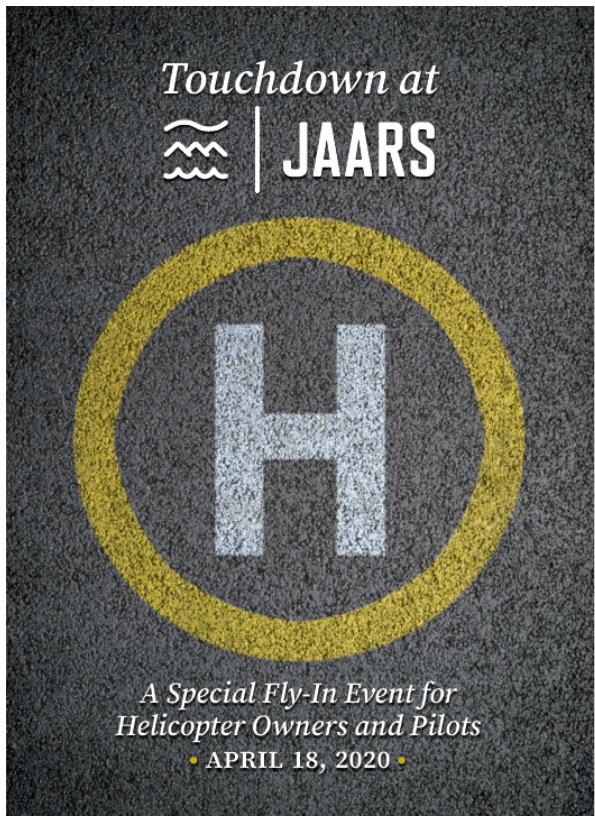
A ground marshal will assist you in parking on CTAF 123.0.

Please make refueling requests prior to the event by calling 704.843.6220.



JAARS

PO Box 248
Waxhaw NC 28173-0248
800.890.0628
jaars.org





Looking For or For Sale by 961 Members

WANTED Electric Tow Bar for Cessna 182
Brian Dominick
704-589-0444

briandominick@carolina.rr.com

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FOR SALE-Partially Completed Zenith Zodiak

Zenith Zodiak 601XL air frame is nearly completed. Fuselage is finished, control cables routed through the fuselage, empennage is completed and parts for wing are included as shown. Zodiac 601XL drawings & manuals 2nd edition, construction manual edition 2, photo assembly guides, construction log book and many other manuals and tools included used in addition to the ones shown.

The original owner completed this with build logs and did a quality job with the construction, it is very well documented and confirmed by an A&P pre-buy inspection. I took over the project but I don't have time to finish it as I'm completing my commercial license and building my hours to fly for the airlines.

Contact Tyler Gura, Owner: located for inspection near Statesville Regional Airport-KSVH THGaviator@gmail.com Cell-(980)-225-2251

Feel free to reach out for additional information.

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Do you have an idea of a program you would like to see presented at our monthly meetings? Contact Dick Kruse

krussr05@gmail.com or

Mike Ridnour dridnour@mindspring.com

Ever dream of having or living on your
own private airstrip ?

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03 / 21 with additional
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Property access from
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beautiful, buildable
homesites available,
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Registered and
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the FAA as an airport.

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Contact Ed Lee at edclee@comporium.net or
Les Kanna at leskanna6@gmail.com

HANGER FEASIBILITY STUDY AT UNITY AERODROME Sc76

We are doing a feasibility study of building 8 to 10 T-hangars at the Unity Aerodrome. The hangars and the airport runway would be owned by a LLC, which is inturn owned by the participants. Each participant would own or lease one or more individual hangars and be responsible for their prorata share of runway and common area maintenance/upkeep.

As the airport is in Lancaster county, the taxes on your airplane and hangar should be significantly less than the same size hangar at Rock Hill. As the property is to be owned, not leased, your ability to sell your hangar in the future is enhanced.

If you are interested in acquiring a hanger or need additional information contact:

Mike Brown 803 792-5468
Chris Kelly 205 706-9524
Unityhangars@gmail.com

2 New Tempest Spin-on
Oil Filters \$15 each
Bruce Windom
dbwindom@comcast.net
908-586-4875



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FOR SALE

46" YUKON ROLLING STORAGE CABINET
WITH SOLID WOOD TOP AND BEARING
SUPPORTED DRAWERS



ASKING \$ 200
Also have a Machinist
Work bench asking \$ 150

Wayne Thomas
waynes1world@gmail.com



ELECTRIC BIKE FOR SALE

This electric bicycle (ebike) is designed to look like a board track motorcycle from the early 1900's. It is a bicycle, not a moped. Requires no license or insurance. Beautiful vintage look. Virtually silent. Can be pedaled like a bicycle or let the electric motor do the work. Range is approximately 30 miles. Battery recharges from a standard outlet. Ready to ride. Needs nothing. 300 miles on the odometer.

Purchased new from Amazon in July of this year. Details and specs can be found here...

<https://www.amazon.com/T4B-Michael-Greaser-Electric-Bicycle/dp/B07J1XWZ1Z>

Selling because I purchased an upgraded model to pull a baby trailer. Can meet at local elementary school for test ride. Thanks for looking.

Call or text Jim Snider 704 -517-7767

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If you are a current member of EAA Chapter 961 and have a personal AVIATION RELATED item or items to donate or sell, please submit the information to me at this email address krussr05@gmail.com

Going forward, I will keep your item in the newsletter for only two issues unless I hear back from you that it is still available.

Thank You

**Dick Kruse
Secretary EAA 961**

FLIGHT REVIEWS

*Here is the contact info of a few of
your Chapter 961 member "CFI"s
who are available to do FR's.
Tail Wheel, Check out's, Aerobatic, etc.*

FLIGHT REVIEWS



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