

The Chapter 961 “Flyer”

A Monthly Newsletter

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Our Next Meeting:

Join us for this month’s meeting, on **Monday, November 9th**.

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 we have been doing since COVID-19 hit, we will be meeting at John Long’s hangar, located on the Taxiway J/Bryant Blvd side of the Rock Hill/York County Airport. The gate will remain open, so just follow the signs!

Hope to see y’all there!

Young Eagles:



I was hoping to start this month’s Young Eagles article with a date for our next event. I was also hoping to be taller and we know how that worked out...

What I want to encourage our members to do is not give up. By that I mean we might not be able to have a major event with many young people but we can, on an individual basis, help one kid at a time. I found some young people and flew them this past weekend. Their parents and I discussed what we could do to keep everyone safe. That is, of course, critical.

Word of mouth spreads the good news. I will bring a fistful of the appropriate documents to the next meeting. I am willing to collect and send the completed ones in to EAA headquarters. Young Eagles is not dead. We are sneaking around waiting for the opening we pray comes soon. God Bless America and the leaders of tomorrow.

Bob Kudwa
Young Eagles Coordinator
EAA Chapter 961

Fly-in Photography:

Here are some pictures EAA Chapter 961 Member Jay Selman took at the York Fly-in a few weeks ago.

Jay loves aviation photography, and does a lot of air-to-air photography for several magazines. He would be happy to work with anyone who is interested in having photos taken of their airplane. Feel free to contact Jay Selman at aviation.writer@gmail.com





President's Message:

Greetings, folks! The "Instead-O-KOSH" fly-in is ON! We are really excited, and can't wait to see y'all at Unity in two weeks (ish)! But before I get to that, I need to give a little shout out to the good folks at Holly Ridge Airport (N21) down near Topsail Beach. We oughta start calling it the EAA Chapter 961 Annex! First, chapter member Mike Soignet bought the place, and took his airplanes and his flying—along with that of his chapter member son James—away from Rock Hill and down there! Then chapter member Joe

Baranowski decided to abandon us and headed down thataway also. Looking around for a place to put his plane, someone suggested a little airstrip that a guy just bought and was looking to expand, build hangars, etc. It didn't take long for Joe and Mike to realize the Rock Hill connection!



And word gets around! We just hear rumors of chapter member Forrest Walton, who moved down that way earlier, is investigating the place with his new (to him) RV-6. Ok, guys, if everybody is gonna move to Holly Ridge, we need to figure out a way to visit for their chapter annex meetings! Still Holly

Ridge is, from all I hear, a great place to hang out. With so many EAA Chapter 961 members down there, how could it not be?



Ok, I warned you that as we get closer to “Instead-O-KOSH”, or IOK as we are calling it, We, as board members and planners, will be calling for volunteers to help make this a first-class event. The time is now! Some of you have already spoken for a few of the tasks we need to make the thing work. Please sing out! We need help with a myriad of things, including food, food service stuff, parking, camping, security, ATC functions (well, advisory in nature of course), judges, for both airplane and model building contests, and a whole bunch of things.

And we warned that the messages will probably come fast and furious as we work through and finalize stuff for the event. Buckle up, folks! This is gonna be a great event. And we can't thank Les Kanna and Ed and Liz

Lee, proprietors extraordinaire of Unity airfield! We couldn't do it without ya!

One final reminder. Several meetings ago we passed out some little wooden model airplanes. Build them and bring them! The best ones win prizes! You're not gonna want to miss it!

See y'all there!



Joe Baker
President

Secretary's Report:

Everyone enjoys fly-ins, getting a chance to see and hear various planes. Well, several monthly chapter meetings ago, Liz Lee passed out 19 quick build model airplane kits, the intention being that they would be brought to the Unity Fly-in and they would be judged, along with casual judging of planes that flew in. Nothing too serious, just fun. Time is starting to run short on completing the kit you grabbed at the meeting.

Now while these are “simple kits,” that doesn't mean you can't decorate or even modify your kit to better your chances of winning some sort of recognition for the best build.

We look forward to seeing all 19 kits show up for the Saturday portion of “Instead-O-Kosh,” out at Unity SC76.



Dick Kruse
Secretary

Member Profiles: John Roberts

Written by EAA Chapter 961 Member, Angela Sells

Our spotlight this month is on one of our long-time members, John Roberts. John was born in Rock Hill, SC, and still spends most of his time in this area, as well as at Lake Wylie. He has been married to Julia for 61 years. They have 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

John says he was always interested in airplanes as far back as he can remember. Growing up during WW2, he says planes were flying everywhere back then, and he'd watch them go across the sky every time one went overhead. He wanted to become a pilot and applied to



the ROTC but was unable to pass the physical. He recalls that was during the 60's and was probably not a bad thing with the Vietnam War coming.

John says that Les Kanna, a fellow EAA Chapter 961 member, was a great mentor to him and helped convince him to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a pilot. Les took him flying in his Grumman Cheetah and let him fly the plane. It was the spark that got the ball rolling for him to take lessons. He still wanted to fly, but it took some time before he could make time for working on his private pilot license. It was 1989 when he started lessons at the Rock Hill Airport. He would train at 6am in the morning before he went to work and was able to obtain his PPL in 1990.

He bought a Grumman Cheetah and flew it for 2 years. He later purchased a B-35 Bonanza to use for work as well as leisure. John says his father enjoyed flying with him, but in time had difficulty getting in and out of the B-35, so he replaced it with a Bonanza A-36 so that his father could still enjoy flying with him.

I asked John if any of his family decided to become pilots, he says they all enjoyed flying with him, but none decided to become pilots. He recalls many fun trips taking the grandkids flying.

His favorite place to fly for the \$100 hamburger run is to see his brothers in North Myrtle Beach. John says that's the real luxury of owning and flying a plane, being able to make trips like these to see family and friends.

His advice to young people training is to compress your training as much as possible so that you don't have to relearn things each lesson. The more often you can fly, the quicker you can complete your training and the less it costs.

John has been to Oshkosh 5 or 6 times, but he has one visit that stands out above all the rest. He says he wouldn't trade any other visits for this one.

He decided to build a plans-made Skyote Aeromarine, single engine, single-seat sport biplane. It was an 8-year labor of love. He says it was the equivalent of getting a 'college degree' in building an airplane. You could only buy ribs for the aircraft and it took time to make it all come together.

Right before EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2016, John had the plane nearly ready and decided to fly it to OSH that year. He said it was quite the undertaking, as the plane only holds 12 gallons of useable fuel and has a 10-pound luggage capacity. He enlisted the help of a friend to drive a motorhome and follow him along the route. It took a great deal of planning, but he arrived without incident on the Friday before opening at AirVenture.

Upon arrival, the tower had just opened for incoming traffic and directed him to the Experimental Aircraft area for parking. As he was entering the Experimental area, a gentleman showed up and asked if he would like to park at the Arch. The brown Arch is the famous spot on the EAA grounds where everyone wants to have their photograph taken to show they were there and near show center. It's considered the "Gateway to Aviation". A select few planes get to be parked in this area. John's Skyote was the first one to park there for this show.

Later after being gone from his airplane for a bit, he came back to find a business card asking him to give a call when he had a chance. Not thinking much about it, John waited before calling. In the meantime, he received a call from Budd Anderson telling John that EAA wanted him to write an article and photograph the Skyote for their magazine. Turned out the business card was from the VP of Publishing for the EAA. EAA wasn't the only publication interested in the Skyote, Kit Plane showed up as well and asked to do an article and photographs for their magazine.

He said along about Wednesday or Thursday of that week, he came back to the plane to find a note on it this time saying he had won an award and needed to be at the ceremony on Friday. John and some friends that helped in building the plane went along to see what award he had won.

Listening to John tell the story of his 'Airventure' experience is simply amazing. He recalls going to the ceremony and seeing around 100 awards on the table. He said several times an award was being announced, he thought it would be the one for him. Finally, there were only 6 awards left on the table, and it turned out he won the Bronze Lindy for his beautifully crafted Skyote.



EAA's definition of the Lindy Award, "Named after aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, the Lindy Awards acknowledge the tireless effort necessary to create an aircraft that's truly the "best of the best." The Lindy is recognized worldwide as the ultimate recognition of aircraft craftsmanship.

John describes the experience as 'a fairytale' and his best Oshkosh to date. He recognizes what an amazing honor it is to have received this recognition for his hard work and dedication to creating this incredible aircraft.

He still owns and flies the Skyote. It flies at around 100mph and he says, "It's a nice flying plane." You can read more about it on his blog at www.skyotelog.blogspot.com

He used this as his build-ing record for the airplane and the FAA inspector said it was the best build record he had ever seen.

I am amazed at the breadth of talented members we have in our chapter, and it's an honor to get to know more about each of them. Please take the time to meet and greet John the next time we gather together at one of our meetings or events.

Tour de York - Part Deux:

More Aviation Photography, this time from EAA 961 Member Angela Sells.







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Editor's Note: I know that there are many more CFIs in Chapter 961. If you are a CFI, CFII, MEI, DPE, etc. please send me an email with your information and I'll get you on this list next month!

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Jeff LeVie

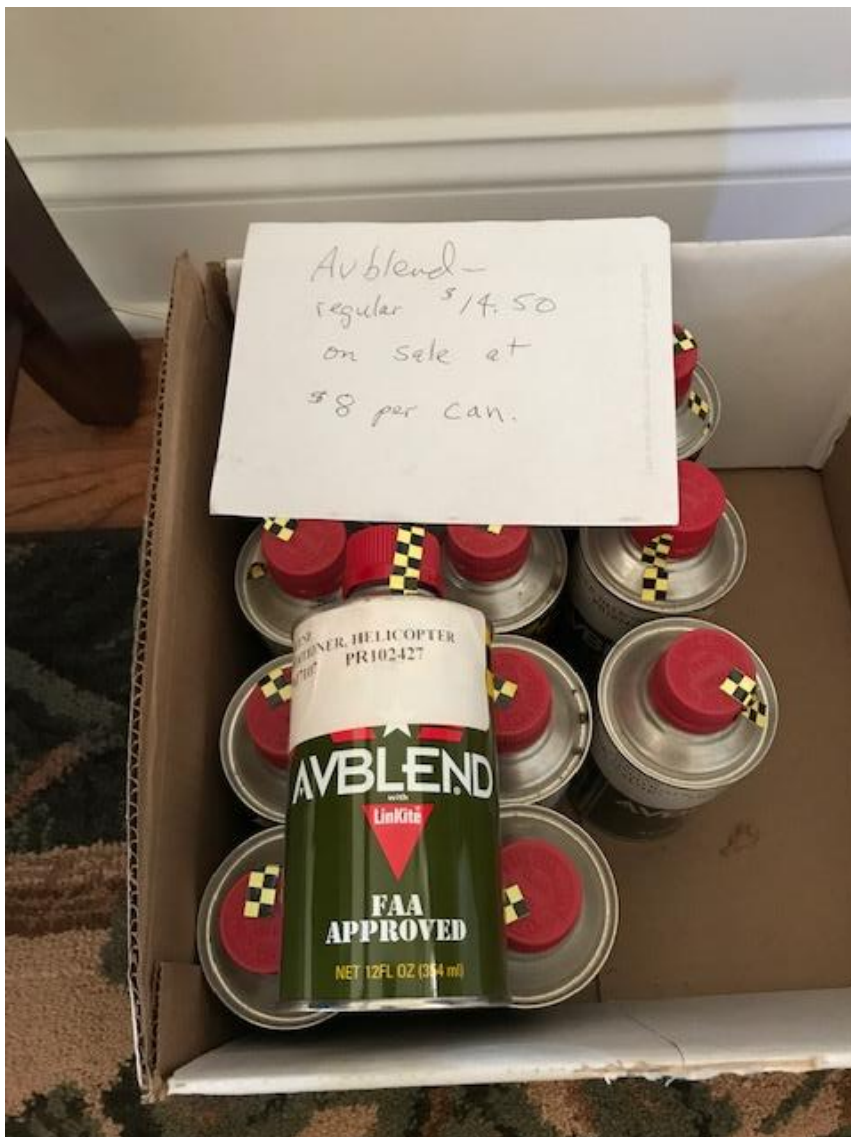
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