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UPCOMING MEETING AUGUST 10th, 7 PM

Louis Kantor's TAXIWAY J HANGAR,

ROCK HILL AIRPORT

Burgers, Dogs and Canned drinks, starting at 6-ish

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Many of you know that my father and brother build model airplanes. My dad builds because he likes the particular airplane, paint scheme, or story attached to it, and my brother builds because he likes to advance the art. And he does. Before he chased other pursuits, he worked his way up to a position as a judge at the national annual contest of the International Plastic Modelers' Society. These guys are hard core. Exact color and placement of markings, guns, antennae and various paraphernalia get them all riled up. Oddball stories about these guys are legion.

So several years ago someone posted on a premier modeling website this question:

“What was the exact color of the interior undercoatings used by the Roswell UFO?”

Now, hard as it may seem to imagine, I somehow got most of the tact in the family. My sister got a healthy inheritance, too. My brothers? Not so much.

While most of the answers ranged from eye-rolling incredulity to outright disdain, Jim took a different tack.

(And I quote) “The Ipsi-Loreum company originally contracted for the ship's construction applied a base coat of malleable Trinitus Oxide, but discovered, from their Mark A model that, molecularly, it didn't handle the jump to hyperspace nearly as cleanly as the Bosphorus-based products did, so . . .

And on and on for a page and a half. Ever see the YouTube video of the “Turbo-Encabulator?” If not, look it up.

Comments were generally brutal. But one guy got it.

“Wow, I sit at the feet of a master!”

As much of our world descends into a debate on interstellar coatings (or arranging deck chairs on the Titanic, whichever metaphor you prefer), we have chances to make a difference!

Because stuff is really happening at EAA 961!

First, let's all congratulate Paul Fischer and all who helped to get our 501(c)(3) status! We got it! Official IRS letter and all! We can accept donations now and (the important part) you can call it a charitable donation! We already owe donation forms to a few of you, and we're working to get that taken care of. This is indeed great news for the chapter!

In related news, please see the write-up on the David Griffin Foundation in this newsletter. This is something we want to make happen, folks! Here, we truly can make a difference in peoples' lives. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

Also, planning for the Aug 15th "Aerial Parade" celebrating South Carolina Aviation Week is coming together. And we can use your help! The plan is to fly at legal altitude over a course around the county, giving folks a chance to see our airplanes and giving them a social-distancing way to show our support for aviation, York County and the the state of South Carolina. The path will (roughly) take us north to the southernmost edge of Lake Wylie, up to Clover, down over York, over the top of Rock Hill proper, over the Velodrome, east across the river, then down to the quarry, where we will return to the airport. No Class B required (please stay out of it! We've designed the course to miss even the 1800-foot shelf.) Detailed plans, times, frequencies and safety procedures are being drawn up by folks like Ken Nelson, who are a whole lot smarter 'n me! And breakfast will be provided to volunteers! We'll talk about it more at our meeting. Which, speaking of which, will be held in Louis Kantor's hangar this time. Louis is right next to John Long's hangar where we met last month, on the corner. We'll try to park the cars a little further in so that you who want to fly in have parking space. You know the drill. Food at 6-ish and meeting at seven!

We would also like to add a "getting to know you" feature to our newsletter in future issues. So when we call, please answer the phone!

See y'all on the tenth!

Joe Baker
President EAA 961

Treasurer's Two Cents Worth !

501(c)3 STATUS finally approved for EAA Chapter 961

As we have discussed at prior meetings and in earlier newsletters, we have been in the process of converting our current "non-profit" status into a 501(c)3 corporation.

One of our primary reasons for doing this is that 501(c)3 status allows individual and corporate donors to deduct their donations from their personal and corporate taxes.

Well, the good news is that we have received notification from the IRS that our application for 501(c)3 status has been approved.

Sincere thanks to our founders and all those who helped make this a reality.

This opens up numerous opportunities for our chapter in the way of providing tax benefits to those who would donate goods and services to our mission.

Our next mission.... **EVERYONE'S NEXT MISSION...** will be to spread the word.

Thanks

Paul Fischer
Treasurer EAA 961



Jessica Cox, only armless licensed pilot visits Rock Hill area, July 28th

It was a hot, miserable job. And the heat of the soldering and heat shrink tools I was using to install the wiring harness in the Hatz didn't help any, either. My phone rang. I saw that it was Steve Gould, the Rock Hill airport manager. I let it go to voicemail, since I had my hands full with wire and solder. A few minutes later, Rick Maury came bouncing up. "Jessica Cox is coming to Rock Hill and will be here at three!"

The name Jessica Cox rang a bell, but a very small one back in a dark corner of my mind. Who is Jessica Cox? Rick reminded me that she was the gal who got her pilot's license a number of years ago, and she did it with no arms! And I indeed remembered hearing about it all when she got her license. It was a great accomplishment. Still is!

Jessica was born with no arms. It was a surprise to her family, and it took years for everyone to embrace the situation for the opportunity that it was. Jessica has turned what many considered a handicap into one of her greatest strengths. Overcoming challenges—and encouraging others to own their lives and do the same—is the keystone of her message as a professional motivational speaker. She was on a promo tour, and was working on various disabilities legislation.

I got myself cleaned up, put on a clean shirt, and Rick and I drove over to the terminal. Fortunately, her Ercoupe was visible on Flight Aware, and we watched it come in. A pretty little thing, it landed, taxied up to the tie-down spot, shut down, and out climbed a lanky twenty-something guy who hadn't shaved in a couple of days

"Hey, that's not Jessica!"

It was Alex, who was flying certain legs for Jessica, who was indeed still on a speaking tour, but would be arriving in a little bit in their motor home, where the rest of the team traveled in air conditioned comfort. Alex was fun to talk to. He told us Jessica was getting practice driving the motor home, another of many of her skills she was determined to master. Alex was a professional pilot, had been hired at Skywest Airlines, but got his class date cancelled amid the Covid crisis.

Jessica Cox is a remarkable lady. She has earned a black belt in taekwondo, her scuba certification, and Bachelors' degree in Psychology. She learned to fly a number of years ago, initially as simply a challenge. Since she is a person to tackle challenges head on, she dove right into it. However, having to operate an airplane with just your feet and toes, most airplanes were inappropriate for it. Even with modifications, only certain models of the Ercoupe, with only the brake pedal on the floor, would fit the bill. Inexplicably, she went through several flight instructors, each of whom tried to talk her out of it. She eventually found an instructor near her home in Tucson who was willing to help make it all happen.

Alex informed us that Jessica would be there in the morning to talk with some reporters and planned to leave about 9:00 am. We made plans to be there. And we got the word out.

After talking to the local news folks, she spent some time with us out on the ramp chatting, and instead of shaking hands, doing her characteristic "foot tap." She gave the chapter a copy of her book, autographed with her foot! It is truly an inspirational work!

On this day, Jessica did not fly the airplane out of Rock Hill. Alex did. Having been born with no arms, Jessica does suffer from a few physical limitations, apart from the obvious. Having proportionally less skin area, she has difficulty self-regulating her body temperature. Skin is a great heat exchanger and she overheats easily, so she reluctantly stayed in the motor home while Alex blasted off in the Ercoupe. And we all know what the temperature was in South Carolina last week!

Thank you all for responding to the call, showing up (especially the Unity crowd!)

All the best to Jessica--from EAA Chapter 961--in her inspirational work!

Check out her videos on YouTube
and her site <https://www.jessicacox.com/>



UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

**Next meeting planned for
August 10th. Taxiway J,
Louis Kantor's hangar
Burgers, Dogs & Drinks at 6:30,
meeting starts at 7**

**This month's program is on
VIETNAM AIR COMMANDO
presented by Ralph Griggs**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Josh Pusser

a presentation on Aviation Fuels and Safety

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

AUGUST 15TH

**SCOUT CAROLINA AVIATION WEEK
Chapter formation fly-over of Rock Hill**

NOVEMBER 7-8

"WARBIRDS OVER MONROE"

**We hope to have a booth the to promote
the chapter**

**If you have an idea for a program presentation,
please, drop me a note**

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YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS and Programs

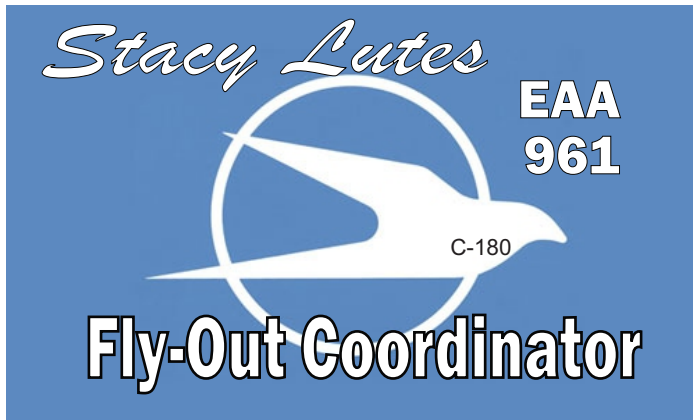


Normally I would be giving dates, places, and encouragement for our Young Eagles program. What has taken place lately in our South has put much of the country slowing or considering shutting down again. That has included our YE program. Receiving somewhat mixed signals from 'reputable sources' continues to keep me confused. It may be that many of you remain confused as well. Looking to school openings as a sign, we need to, as is always the case in aviation, focus on safety. When I fly Young Eagles I like to strap them in myself to insure they are in and properly belted. I can hardly do that from six feet. We may find guidance further down the road suggesting that masking during the seating process provides sufficient protection. Right now all I can offer you is my agreement that I am confused as well. Most of us have lived through seven pandemics yet this one seems to have far more politics, fear, confusion, and anxiety than any of the others. As we wait for the calm, I share your desire for normality, whatever that will look like in the future. God Bless America and keep her safe.

Bob Kudwa
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Young Eagles
Coordinator





No fly-outs are scheduled for August. South Carolina Breakfast Club has cancelled their events until September 27th. southcarolinabreakfastclub.com Triple Tree recently announced they have cancelled their remaining events for 2020. If you do plan to fly someplace, call ahead to get restaurant status.

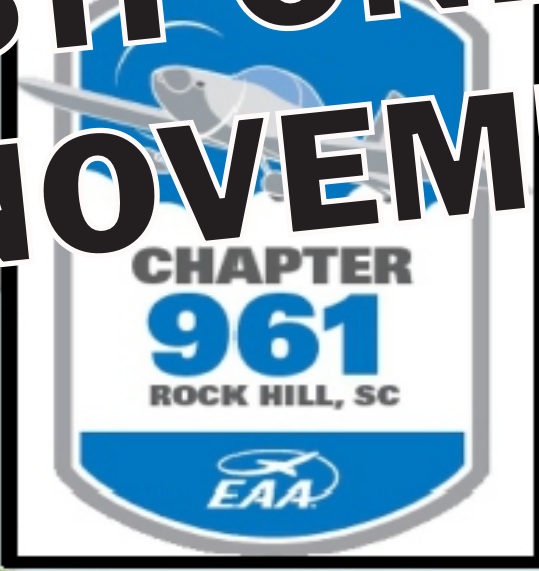
Thank you and happy flying!

Stacy

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*The older I get
The smarter my
father gets*



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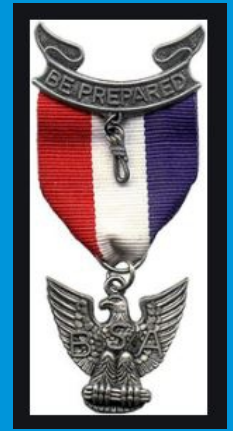
UNITY AERODROME (SC76)

Tentative Date

November 13-15

WATCH FOR UPDATES

Colin Baker Achieves the rank of EAGLE SCOUT



Because of the recent virus, Colin was not able to be presented his Eagle Award in a formal “Court of Honor”, so we as a chapter recognized him at our July meeting.

Here is proud Dad, Joe Baker, pinning the award on Colin. He was recognized for his accomplishment by a standing ovation from our members, many who were scouts and quite a few former Eagle Scouts themselves.



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JULY MEETING PRESENTERS



Ed Lee presented a program, detailing his flight back from Yakima Washington with his new bird, a RV-9A.

He had quite the story, getting around weather and getting fuel and food.

He also gave a brief presentation of his delivery trip of his Sonex that he took to the new owner in Dallas Texas.

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Ken Nelson, along with Rick Maury, did a presentation on the “DAVID GRIFFIN AVIATION FOUNDATION”

They laid out the structure of the “Rock Hill Flyers”, a flying club devoted to helping motivated and students achieve their pilots licence at basically the cost of fuel and exams. The foundation’s letter is presented in full on another page of this newsletter



WRAP UP OF THE “PINKY FUNDERBURK INTRODUCTION

In these uncertain times that we're facing today, it's good to reflect on the past and draw strength and understanding from it. We owe everything we are to the men and women that serve, and have served and sacrificed in our military so much for us to claim the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans today. Given an opportunity to spend time with the defenders of our freedom and share their stories with you is an honor. While this is just one story, I hope it encourages you to thank those who are currently serving when you see them, and those veterans that have served through the years to secure our future.

It is with great pleasure that I continue the story of Tom “Pinky” Funderburk this month and his life after the war.

Upon returning to his home in South Carolina, Pinky got a Chemistry degree at Wake Forest University in 1949. He married his sweetheart, Vivian, who graduated from Winthrop University in 1948. They had three boys, Brent, Mike and Jeff that provided him six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He calls this affectionately his “Funderfamily”.

He stayed in the Air Force Reserves where he continued serving his country for a total of 20 years and retired as a Major. He didn't fly planes again for the military, but served as a Supply Officer. Flying slots were hard to get and his squadron didn't have any airplanes.

Pinky's civilian work was for a company selling mechanical equipment and pumps. His boss had his flying license, and they decided to buy an airplane together. They bought a new Piper Cherokee in 1972, then eventually traded up to a Comanche, then to a twin engine Comanche and finally to a "beautiful V-tail Bonanza".

When I asked about him flying small planes again, he says, "It was pretty easy transitioning back to the small stuff." He had a commercial/instrument rating but had to take the FAA instrument because they didn't accept the military instrument license. He did most of the flying covering five states in the planes they owned. He flew to New Jersey, New York, Michigan and Texas as well as five other southern states.

He recalls flying the Twin Comanche to Houston and staying there for a week, every six weeks he would do this, as they were introducing a patented item to engineering contractors. He said he loved the flying and always filed IFR.

When I asked him about flying with his family, he says his wife didn't really like to fly. However, they would all fly together for fun family trips, especially to Myrtle Beach, SC. He did say she took a pinch hitter's course at Calloway Gardens and learned to land the Bonanza. He says, "I was very proud of her!"

I asked if any of his sons became pilots, and he says they all enjoyed flying with him. He'd pick them up from college in the plane and bring them home. Even though they enjoyed it, none got their pilots license.

Pinky has spent time speaking about his experiences with young people to encourage them to, “Stay in school. Take ROTC and go into scouting.” He is an inspiration to all of us. You can see his welcoming smile at our chapter Young Eagle events. While this may not seem like much to some; when you think about his young age of 95, it's incredibly impressive.

Several of our email conversations had me smiling, but one in particular was very inspiring as he is still a very active gentlemen. He was very excited when his apartment gym opened again by appointment so he could go workout. I can only hope that if I'm fortunate enough to get to 95, that I'll still want to work out as well.

You can tell by his life that the Citadel, as well as his military life, continued to play a large roll in his daily discipline even to this day. That kind of discipline carries throughout life and is a large part of what helps one be successful.

It's been an incredible experience getting to know more about him, and follow along on his life long journey in the cockpit. I hope that when things return to “normal “ that you will take some time to say “Hello” to him and thank him for his service. Without the brave men and women of World War II, we would not have the freedoms that we enjoy today. They truly are, “The Greatest Generation”

Thank you for allowing me to do these articles. It has been a pleasure. We will be doing a “Get To Know our Members with someone different each month. I will be reaching out to you.



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

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Zip Code: _____ Preferred Phone No. _____ h,w,c.

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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**



Looking For or For Sale by 961 Members

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Tail Wheel, Check out's, Aerobatic Training, etc.



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