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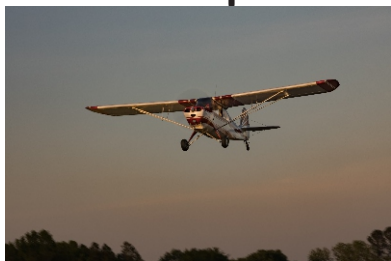


# ***APRIL 13th EAA 961 Meeting Canceled***

We hope everyone is staying well and sane through these hard and confusing times.

We will stay in touch regarding the May meeting and keep everyone informed.

Let's hope the world is back to a more normal state by then



Dick Kruse  
EAA 961  
Secretary



It was a dark and stormy night. Well, not really, but it was dark and weather was truly filthy. I was sitting in the front end of a regional jet with my friend Mike hoping to get our slot released to get into JFK. Raleigh was just as ugly as JFK was, and slots into the Big Apple's big airport were hard to come by. And not just JFK, Southwest was waiting for Baltimore, Delta for Atlanta, and everyone was waiting for just about everywhere. We were sitting there at RDU, engines shut down, APU running, watching our lives (and the commute home) slip away. The conversation up on the flight deck was kinda snippy, hoping we could get out in front of Southwest, and questioning the parentage of some of our dispatchers.

Just then we saw a guy leave the FBO, wander out and start pre-flighting a late-model Baron sitting on the FBO ramp. We questioned HIS parentage too, as he seemed to rub his part 91 status in our faces. Even worse, he came out of the FBO with a little girl, sorta bouncing across the ramp to the plane, not a care in the world. He fired up and as he taxied around all the shut-down airliners (girl in the back seat), we wondered whether such a spoiled little girl even knew how the "other half" lived. We wondered whether she had ever suffered standing in line to travel. We wondered if she had ever been told "no." And we wondered this out loud, of course.

Then our world fell down around us.

"Raleigh Ground, Angel Flight Six-four Echo ready for taxi."

Angel Flight. Ouch.

I just looked at Mike, and he just looked at me. Neither said a word. All of a sudden our charts needed arranging, and there just HAD to be something in the FMS that needed checking.

Mike broke the silence, "Ok, so now I feel like a heel." I had to agree. Angel flight was cleared for takeoff.

The Angel Flight story in the latest EAA Sport Aviation reminded me, uncomfortably, about that story.

And these are truly uncomfortable times--and bizarre. With many of us staying at home more, the commercials on TV (purchased months ago) have a serious disconnect with the news narrative. We see happy parties and cringe that they are not "social distancing." We see ads for cosmetic products and procedures and they just kinda sorta fall flat after seeing images of Italian army trucks carrying out the bodies.

With all this in mind, your chapter's board has been agonizing over a few very tough decisions. The biggest one is what to do with the April meeting. At first, we decided to wait and see what the next week or so demonstrated. After only a few days, it became crystal clear that meeting normally in April would be foolhardy and irresponsible. EAA National offered guidance only so far—they told us to get with local authorities and consider what they recommend. But with an international organization such as EAA, it is difficult to see how they could do otherwise. We have therefore decided to cancel the April meeting. For those of us who live for EAA and what it represents, this is a painful decision. But for many reasons, it is the right one.

We will re-evaluate for May. We are still working on the Joe Nall. The Triple Tree folks have stated that they will issue an update on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. And talking with the folks at EAA National, they are watching closely to see if Airventure will be affected. We all hope not.

I have not been involved with a better chapter, and am loathe to turn down chances to socialize, learn from each other, and encourage each other in our projects. I hope we return soon to normal.

Joe

Joe Baker President EAA 961



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**“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**

# Joe Nall Day / Triple Tree Update from Lee Wenniger EAA 961 Volunteer Coordinator

You may already be aware – quick update. Triple Tree is saying on their website that they will have a decision on Joe Nall event on April 2. However, I did also see today on EAA Spirit of Aviation Tour Site <https://eaa.org/eaa/events-and-experiences/EAs-Spirit-of-Aviation-Mobile-Experience> that EAA have cancelled their appearance in May.

I have an email in to EAA to see if there is a chance they would re-schedule if Triple Tree re-schedules, but will assume not.

Maybe Next Year Lee Wenniger

Lee just received his RV-8 Quick Build Fuselage and Wings  
He did a “Quick Time” video of the delivery and he shares the link here for any who are interested.

[https://youtu.be/-Bfww\\_grxo0](https://youtu.be/-Bfww_grxo0)

# YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS and Programs



Normally my missive in these newsletters is my turn to try and evoke some enthusiasm to help and encourage young people to enjoy and become pilots. I am thinking today is a good time to encourage each other.

These are somewhat unusual times; frightening actually. Our trust in each other and our Maker will be paramount as we trod through this crisis.

Many of us are leaving the bird in the hangar and staying home and protected. It is, for most of us, the only option. Keeping current and safe should always be our first concern for flight. I always fly the day ahead of any Young Eagles event. I can insure my airplane is operating properly, there are no 'bugs' lurking in there, and I am really current.

When it is our time to get 'back in the saddle' it will be important we put currency and safety first. I love you people and think finding 961 was a gift from above. God Bless and Keep all of you safe.

Bob Kudwa [kude@aol.com](mailto:kude@aol.com)  
Young Eagles Coordinator





**Our March EAA meeting proresenter was Angela Sells.**

**Angela, a member of EAA Chapter 961**



**shared her story of her journey and struggle from Air Force Veteran, to learning to fly, through her cancer recovery which led**

**to her new career as a professional Aviation photographer and writer.**

**She displayed and showed many photos that she has taken as a photographer at Fun N Sun and Oshkosh.**

**Here she is shown with chapter President, Joe Baker, being presented with a "Thank You" for contributing to our meeting.**



**You can view her work by logging into your Instagram account as**

**[@southernflygirl](#) or  
purchase her photos through  
[www.southernflygirl.com](http://www.southernflygirl.com)**

*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](http://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**



# **UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

**planned for when we resume our regular  
meetings**

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**Josh Purser  
a presentation on  
Aviation Fuels and Safety**

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

**VIETNAM AIR COMMANDO  
presented by Ralph Griggs**

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***Be sure to practice proper  
“Social Distancing”  
1,000’ AGL over populated areas  
and 500’ AGL over non-populated***



# Looking For or For Sale by 961 Members

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

**[briandominick@carolina.rr.com](mailto:briandominick@carolina.rr.com)**

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## FOR SALE-Partially Completed Zenith Zodiac

Zenith Zodiac 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](mailto: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

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Mike Ridnour [dridnour@mindspring.com](mailto:dridnour@mindspring.com)

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

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Les Kanna at [leskanna6@gmail.com](mailto: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  
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2 New Tempest Spin-on  
Oil Filters \$15 each  
Bruce Windom  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

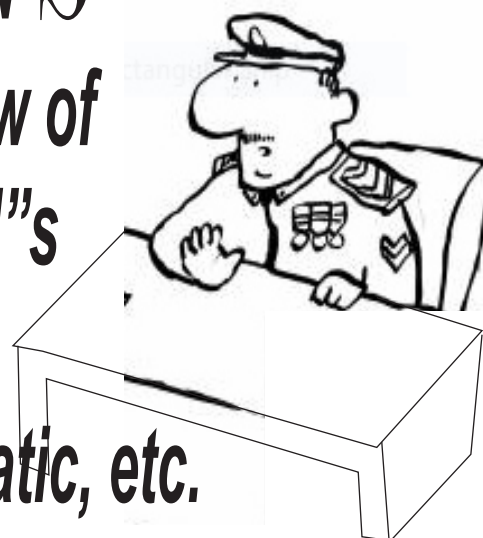


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# FLIGHT REVIEWS

*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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