



# Experimental Aircraft Association - Rock Hill, SC - KUZA

## **EAA Chapter 961 *Flyer***

### DECEMBER 2019

Ho ho ho and happy holidays! As we get ready for our annual holiday bash, which if you haven't yet signed up, do so soon. You don't want to be left out of the biggest social event of the season. It is a great time to socialize with your fellow chapter members.

As I write this, just before Thanksgiving, and it being my last article; I want to reflect a little on our chapter. First, I want to thank Joe Baker and Paul Fischer for stepping up. You are in great hands with both. Joe brings a wealth of aviation knowledge and family history of aviation. And Paul's enthusiasm for aviation will serve you well. When I started, first as a VP, then President, our chapter was small. About 30 or so members. I was the President and Secretary all in one. John was the treasurer. Conversations with Ken Nelson led me to ask him to take over as Secretary, which led to our monthly newsletter. Thank you, Ken. Then Dick Kruse showed up. He took the ball from Ken and has done a great job promoting our chapter. Thank you, Dick, for finding value in our chapter. Then there are the others. Gardy Wilson to do trash as well as his past service to the chapter. John Roberts, Les Kanna, Wally Overton thank you for the work to recognize our members for their Master Pilot awards. Eddie Smith for his help with our shirts. Dale Frump and Bob Kudwa on your tireless efforts for the Young Eagles program & Wayne Thomas for his work for the SCBC. "Cause we love to eat!"

And to all of you that show up to our events and meetings, thank you. Many have come to me and thanked me for my leadership, you're welcome. But I do not stand alone. If it wasn't for your participation, our chapter wouldn't be much. With the help of "my" team, we hopefully brought you programs that were of interest and provided the opportunity to learn a little something. We are up to about 125 members now. I know each and every one of you have something to contribute. I am constantly amazed at the talent in this group. You have inspired me.

In closing, I want to thank you all for allowing me to lead you. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to do so. I have learned a lot. I know you all will give Joe the same support you have given me. I believe the chapter is in good hands and will continue to thrive. Aviation has been my life's work. Not only professionally but also passionately. I grew up in the community as has Joe, (the incoming President). This aviation thing is in our blood. I would survive if I couldn't fly, but my life would certainly be measurably diminished and I have to thank you. You have kept me energized.

As your President, over and out. See you around the pattern.

***Rick Maury, Past President***



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Website <http://961.eaachapter.org>

Managed by member Chris Kelly [chris@control1comm.com](mailto:chris@control1comm.com)

# **YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS DECEMBER 7th**

**KUZA Terminal Building  
Briefing at 9:30**

**Flights starting at 10am**

for the newly formed  
Ardrey Kell High School Aviation Club  
planned completion ending before noon

**Additional Pilots and Planes  
needed and additional Ground and  
Registration help is always  
appreciated.**

If you can FLY or Help, please reply to  
Dick Kruse, EAA 961 Secretary ASAP  
[krussr05@gmail.com](mailto:krussr05@gmail.com)

**The GOAL for this Flight Series is to give  
every youth a Co-Pilot Experience and  
multiple planes will make this more efficient**  
Bob Kudwa, EAA 961 Young Eagles Coordinator  
[kude@aol.com](mailto:kude@aol.com)



**December 10th, a TUESDAY, in place of our regular monthly meeting.**

**It's finalized friends and members... The chapter's annual holiday party will be at "The Cove Restaurant", (formerly "the River Rat") 5301 Hwy 557, Clover SC 29710.**

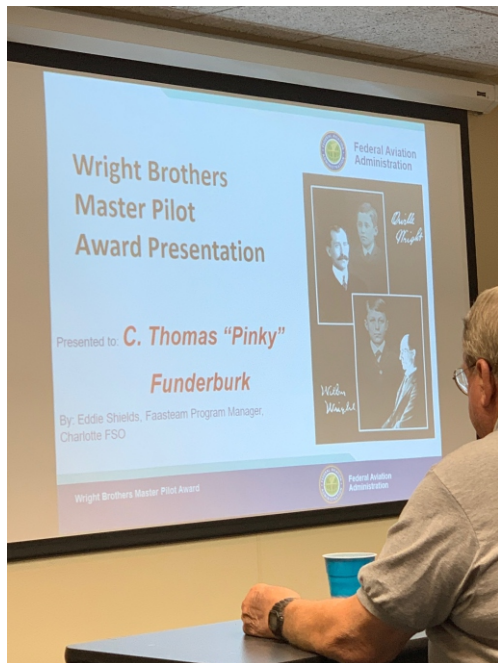
**It will be a buffet style meal and include a dessert. Price will be \$35 per person. Bar beverages will be additional**

**THERE MAY STILL BE TIME FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION. CONTACT JOHN LONG [JOHNLONG63@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHNLONG63@GMAIL.COM) RIGHT AWAY**

**The party starts at 6pm so please plan to be there to socialize and get acquainted.**

# At our November chapter meeting we celebrated Tom, "Pinky" Thunderburk receiving his FAA MASTER PILOT AWARD

Eddie Shields, 961 member, representing the CLT FSDO



Pinky was presented with a panel with his B-17's nose art that listed his crew members and missions





## **Clòb DÌ Chw9ë9w**

FLYING TO ME IS ONE OF THOSE RARE BEAUTIES—ONE OF THOSE GOD GIVEN THINGS -- NOT AS CLOSE AS FAMILY—BUT A SOLID CONTENDER- NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED, BUT ONE THAT STANDS BY SILENTLY OR BEAUTIFULLY NOISY- AS YOU LIKE IT—READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAKE MY LIFE WHOLE AND REAL AT THE PUSH OF A BUTTON OR THE FLICK OF A MEMORY.

FLYING IS FOREVER—AN EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BLESSED AND TOUCHED BY IT'S SINGULAR BEAUTY—IT'S CONTINUOUS REWARDS AND IT'S RARE AND RELIVABLE MEMORIES. I SORROW FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT FELT IT'S LOVE AND IT'S BEAUTY- YET PERHAPS IT'S SUCH THAT THERE ISN'T ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE TO SHARE.

THANK GOD FOR THOSE OF US TOUCHED BY IT'S GODLINESS

TOM FUNDERBURK FEBRUARY 14, 2008

## **EIGHTH AIR FORCE COMPARATIVE STATISTICS**

The Eighth Air Force was activated at Savannah, Georgia, 28 January 1942. In February a small detachment of officers arrived in England to make initial arrangement for the housing and basing of groups to follow, and by June 1942, aircraft, crews, and ground personnel had begun to arrive in the United Kingdom. On 17 August 1942, the first operational mission in its own aircraft was carried out by the Eighth Air Force -- the first of 459 days on which heavy bombers struck at enemy targets.

At peak personnel strength, the Eighth Air Force numbered more than 200,000 officers and men. At peak operating strength, it numbered 40 1/2 Heavy Bomb Groups, 15 Fighter Groups, and 2 Photo/ Recon Groups operating from bases in the United Kingdom. At this strength, a typical mission consisted of 1,400 heavy bombers escorted by 800 fighters, consuming 3,500,000 gallons of aviation gasoline, expending 250,000 rounds of .50 cal ammunition, destroying 25 German aircraft in the air and on the ground for the loss of 4 United

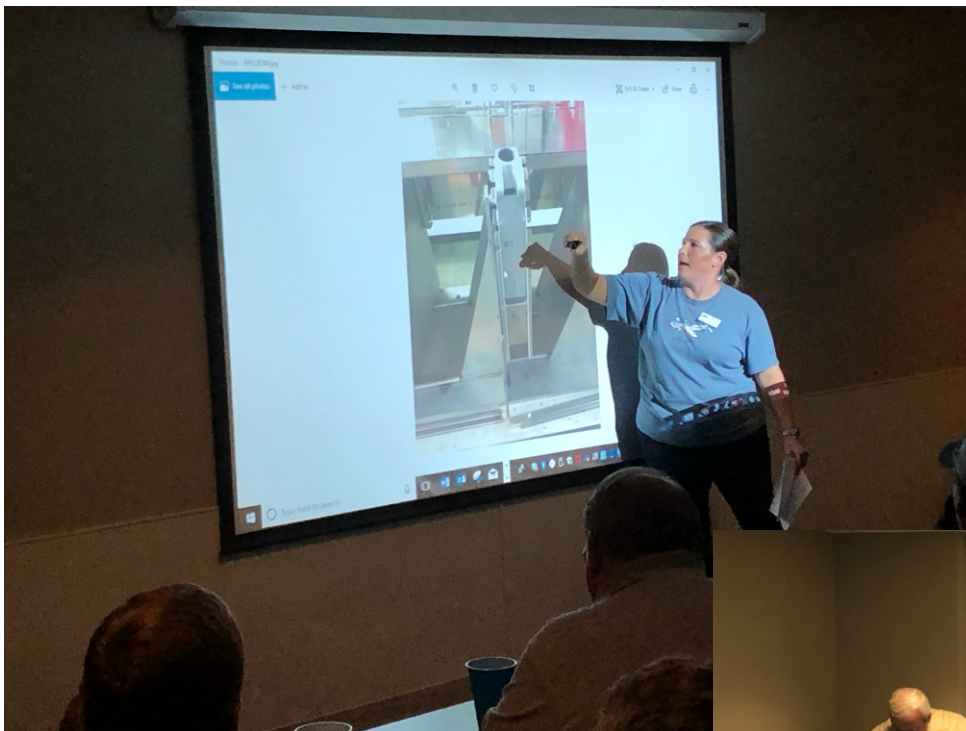
States fighters and five bombers, and dropping 3,300 tons of bombs on enemy targets of which on visual missions, 40% fell within one thousand feet of assigned Mean Point of Impacts and 75% within two thousand feet.



Behind these figures are the combat crews and fighter pilots who fought in the skies -- 46,456 of whom became casualties; the maintenance/ground personnel who kept the airplanes flying -- repaired 59,644 battle damaged aircraft, loaded the 732,231 tons of bombs expended, and linked and loaded the 99,256,341 rounds of ammunition; and the planners who directed the missions and guided the team.

There were 14 Medals of Honor, 220 Distinguished Service Crosses, 11 Distinguished Service Medals, 207 Legions of Merit, 817 Silver Stars, 41,497 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 478 Soldier's Medals, 6,845 Purple Hearts, 122,705 Air Medals, 2,972 Bronze Stars, 28,000 POW Medals, and 27 Unit Citations made to members of the Eighth Air Force.

**The Novemeber meeting of EAA 961 was a  
busy one with 5 new guests,  
the election of our 2020-2021 Officers  
Joe Baker, Pres, Louis Kantor VP,  
Treasurer Paul Fischer  
and Secretary Dick Kruse  
PLUS  
a Presentation by member Stacy Lutes on her  
family visit to the AIR CAN AIRCRAFT facility**



If you have an idea for a  
program, please contact  
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or Mike Ridnouer at  
[dridnouer@mindspring.com](mailto:dridnouer@mindspring.com)





# Chapter 961 now has an internet forum.

We hope this will be useful both for members who don't currently have an airplane and would like to take a ride with another member who does, and also for those willing to give another chapter member a ride in their aircraft.

***Go to [www.961.eaachapter.org](http://www.961.eaachapter.org)***

At the bottom left of our Chapter 961 home page, there's a link to our ***“Chapter 961 Forum”***. Click it and register if you'd like to join.

***YOU MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER TO  
BE APPROVED TO POST***

It's set up as a private forum and once I approve your registration you'll be able to see the topics and make posts to the forum.

We've decided to keep it a private forum so you may exchange phone numbers and email addresses with each other and not have those visible to the public.

Give it a shot, we hope it will be helpful for getting more chapter members up in the air together!

Chris Kelley...

Chapter 961 FACEBOOK and WEBSITE Manager

**Forget all that stuff about LIFT,  
WEIGHT, THRUST, DRAG.  
An airplane flies because of one  
thing... MONEY**

**We thank John and Rick for  
their many years of service to  
this chapter.**

**Our new treasurer is Paul Fischer  
[plfischer31@gmail.com](mailto:plfischer31@gmail.com)**

**11500 Glenn Abbey Way  
Charlotte NC 28277**

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

**He will be glad to receive your  
2020 Dues, \$25, made out to EAA 961,  
Membership applications  
Name tag and or chapter shirt orders**





# YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS

*It's not too late to help out with the YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS scheduled to start at 9am this coming Saturday morning at KUZA.*

*Please don't hesitate to fly in or bring your plane over to help if you've completed your EAA Young Eagles Training.*

*We are anticipating a number of young women to be part of this December 7th flight and having other ladies there to assist with seat and shoulder harnesses just makes it all go so much smoother.*

*We have quite a few young people that missed out on previous flights and I anticipate receiving quite a few more requests going forward and I look forward to having your participation as always*

*Thank You*

**Bob Kudwa** YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR  
[kude@aol.com](mailto:kude@aol.com)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

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**JANUARY 13th**

A presentation by Ed Lee on those  
mysterious and sometime troubling  
**CARBURETORS**

**FEBRUARY 10th**

An update and presentation on the  
**Charlotte Aviation Museum**

**MARCH 9th**

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

**MAY 11th**

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



# 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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**FOR SALE \$20**  
**CISA, Hardened Prop Lock**  
contact Dick Kruse  
[krussr05@gmail.com](mailto:krussr05@gmail.com)

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Contact Ed Lee at [edclee@comporium.net](mailto:edclee@comporium.net) or  
Les Kanna at [leskanna6@gmail.com](mailto:leskanna6@gmail.com)

Lee Wenninger (EAA 961 member) is early into a RV-8 Quick Build kit and is looking to:

- Buy or rent Fuselage and/or wing cradles for RV-8
- Buy or rent dimpler tool (eg DRDT-2)
- He would love to visit a few local builders in process to see how they have set up their shops
- He would be also be interested in purchasing a fairly complete RV build tool kit from someone if they have finished their build and won't need the tools anymore.

Contact Lee at [leewenninger@msn.com](mailto:leewenninger@msn.com)

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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)

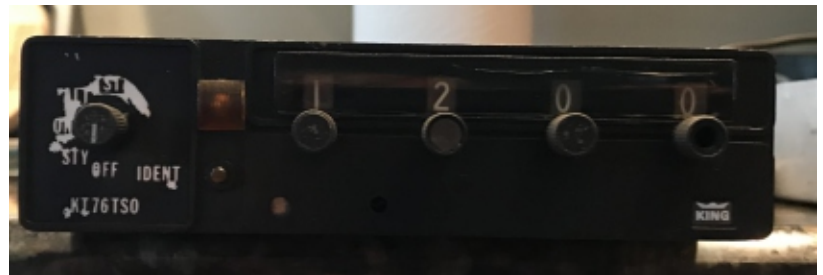
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**2 Transponders for sale.** Both were removed for upgrades. One is a King 76, face is worn but was working when removed. Other is a Bendix/King 76A, also working when remove. \$100 for the older 76 and \$250 fir the newer Bendix/King



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**Terry Griffin**  
**trg216@aol.com**  
**803-415-2317**



## **FOR SALE**

Garmin 327 transponder, Installed new in my RV8 in 2011, worked good, removed for ADS-B installation in 2017. Complete with mounting rack, installation manual and pilot's handbook. Asking \$500.00



**John Long johnlong63@gmail.com**

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#### 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 have an 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**

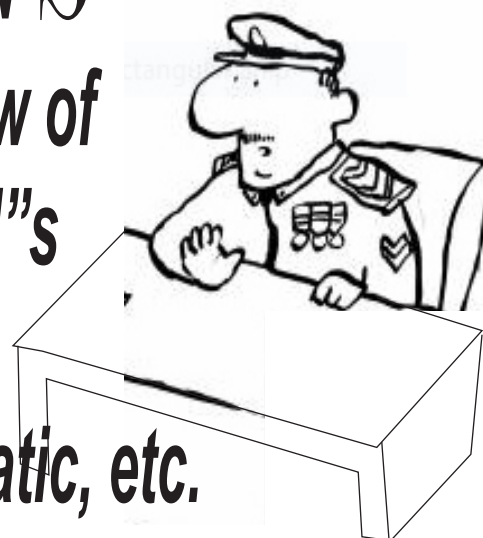
**Dick Kruse  
Secretary EAA 961**

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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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John Connor [gearupandfly@gmail.com](mailto:gearupandfly@gmail.com) 919-247-8115

Mitch Eudy [homes@mitcheudy.com](mailto:homes@mitcheudy.com) 704-634-0234

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John Staines [john.staines@gmail.com](mailto:john.staines@gmail.com) 386-846-2956

Tyler Fisher [tfisher1112@yahoo.com](mailto:tfisher1112@yahoo.com) 704-915-1682

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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activities for the entire family in local, regional and national events. EAA supports and  
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aircraft or interested in learning to fly or those who would like to be associated with those that do.*

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