



# Chapter 172

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**May 11:** Young Eagles, 9:00AM, Daniel Field (DNL)

**May 23:** EAA172 Night Out, 6:30PM, California Dreaming, Augusta

**June 8:** Tour of FAA Tower & Fire Dept., 11:00AM, Augusta Regional Airport (AGS)

## SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB

**May 5:** Bryant Field, Rock Hill (UZA)

**May 19:** Whiteplains, Lexington (SC99)

**June 2:** Palmetto Air Plantation, Manning, (SC41)

## President's Desk

Do you remember your first exposure to aviation? Were you the kid clinging to a chain-link fence at the end of a runway as an airplane took off overhead? Did you live near an airport and hear aircraft buzzing around all day? Did you fly for the very first time when you were young, and got bitten by the bug?

Each of us has an aviation story. Each one is unique, but the enduring passion is the same -- the dream of being in command of a machine that flies through the air! It begins at some point in our lives and becomes reality with that first leap of faith and the climb into the left seat of an airplane cockpit with an instructor.

The EAA Young Eagles program has dedicated more than 25 years to giving youth ages 8-17 their first free ride in an airplane. It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids to the world of aviation. As of this month, more than 2,144,000 young people have enjoyed their introductory flight through the Young Eagles program. These flights are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers like you and I.

Join on us May 11<sup>th</sup> at Daniel Field in helping offer the experience for a kid to fly. You don't have to be the pilot, just simply be there to help on the ground. You never know whose storied life in aviation you just became a part of!



## May Meeting:

There is no meeting for the month of May. Instead, we will be having our annual Young Eagles Day on May 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9AM at Daniel Field. If you have not already contacted Nandi Shetty to volunteer and you would like to, call him at (706) 414-1340. We need volunteers to help out to make this day one to remember for all the kids we introduce to aviation! **Important:** All adult volunteers must have passed EAA's online best-practices training and background check as required by EAA's Youth Protection Policy and Program. You can access these and find out more info at <https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program>.

This month's Night Out/Eat Out will be Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at California Dreaming, 3241 Washington Rd. Augusta, (706) 860-6206. We'll meet about 6:30PM. Please join us -- we try to get there a little early for socializing and beverages!



## April Meeting Minutes:

April's meeting returned us to Pea Patch for our famous annual fish fry. We had 27 members and 3 guests present, and 2 guests joined the chapter! Welcome to Andrew Desbrow and Andrew Powell! Don Bush was our guest presenter, who brought us up to date about Tom Reilly's XP-82 Twin Mustang project. As you well know by now, Tom's XP-82 restoration in Douglas had nearly taken-on a life of its own and developed quite a following in the aviation world. The aircraft finally flew on December 31, 2018 for the first time in 60 years, after a 10.5 year restoration encompassing 207,000 labor hours. Earlier this spring, during its test phase of flying, the left Merlin engine developed oil pressure problems, and which was finally removed and sent to *Vintage V12s* in Tehachapi, CA to determine the cause of low oil pressure. It was found that some piping misfit was the source of the oil pressure loss, and the engine was repaired, tested, and returned to Douglas on the 26th of March. The engine was reinstalled and the Twin Mustang was soon back in the air.

Test pilot Ray Fowler received his check-rating check-ride on 3rd of April and became the only XP-82 type-rated pilot in the world!

Ray and Max Hodges flew the aircraft down to Lakeland Linder Airport for Sun n' Fun 2019, and wowed the crowd! The aircraft was given center stage on the Warbird Ramp, and during the week flew 3 demonstrations and



A proud Ray Fowler after becoming the only XP-82 certified pilot on Earth!

ultimately won Grand Champion, Warbirds!

Don also updated us about future plans for the Twin Mustang, and potential buyers/investors of this ultra-rare bird. Thanks for a great presentation and update Don!

Also a big thank-you to Steve Thompson, Tom Patton, Gary & Shirley Hardin, and anybody I forgot to mention for the wonderful fish, French fries, and onion rings!!



Frying some fish, and some other shenanigans going on in the hangar!



Don Bush giving presentation about the XP-82



Tom Reilly with Grand Champion Award



The XP-82 with the Night Show Fireworks at Sun 'n Fun

## Meeting Schedule

Month	Day	Time	Event	Location	Food
May	11	9:00 am	Young Eagles Flights	Daniel Field	Snacks/Pizza
June	8	11:00 am	Tour of FAA Tower & Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting, Augusta	Augusta Regional	Sconyers BBQ (?)
July	13	11:30 am	Learning to Fly Powered Parachutes - Al Nodorft	Pea Patch	Cold Cuts
August	10	11:30 am	Vacation Flying - Sandy Howard	Pea Patch	Burgers & Hot Dogs
September	14	9:00 am	Wrens Fly-in	Wrens	N/A

## NAME THAT AIRPLANE?



This month's design comes as either a factory built, or a kit. It's a 2-place and optional as an LSA or Part 23. It can build as a tail-dragger, or even as a retract. Useful load is 448 pounds with 31.7 gallons of fuel, and can utilize the Rotax 912 UL/ULS/iS, the Rotax 914 UL, or the Rotax 915 iS. Can you name this sporty little airplane?



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## Sun 'n Fun 2019



Lighted drones perform during the night air show



The XP-82 Twin Mustang was a crowd-pleaser!

**PARTY INVITATION**

**You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!**

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY A "PIG PICKEN". NO PRESENTS.  
6250 ELAM ROAD, GARFIELD, GA. 30425  
LOCATION ID: 7GA3  
LATITUDE: 32.39.800 LONGITUDE: 82.04.516 FREQ: 122.9  
LAND TO THE SOUTH 170 DEGREE  
HACIENDA DE GAY AIRSTRIP

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019  
START EATING TIME: 2:00 PM  
RSVP TO: 478.982.3421

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Julie Clark taxis her T-34. This was her last performance at Sun n' Fun, as she retires this year



Campers in the Homebuilts section awoke to hot air balloons rising into the skies on a beautiful Saturday morning!



The Blue Angles performed an unprecedented 4 times during the week, thrilling young and old alike!