



# Chapter 172

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**Nov 9:** EAA 172 meeting, Pea Patch (61GA)

### Other Local Events

**Nov 12:** Aluminum Overcast B-17 - Milledgeville, GA (KMLJ)

**Nov 15-17:** Aluminum Overcast B-17 - Savannah, GA (KSAV)

**Nov 15-17:** Ford Tri-Motor Tour – Myrtle Beach, SC (KSMYR)

**Nov 17th:** SC Breakfast Club – Rowan County, SC (KRUQ)

**Dec 1st:** SC Breakfast Club – Winnsboro, SC (KFDW)



## Flyout – Fun in Gilbert, SC

By Sandy Walther

It was a crisp fall morning on Nov 2nd, with clear blue sky and little to no wind. I smiled all the way to Aiken Airport, happy to have an excuse to fly. EAA Chapter 1467 was inviting area pilots to its annual Fall Fly-in to Gilbert International Airport for lunch.

Gilbert is a grass strip surrounded by trees and houses with hangars. And, boy it was tough to spot for this first timer. I made the normal radio calls as I closed in, but just couldn't figure out which green field was the right one. I ended up circling three times and finally found a grass runway.

On final I noticed my track on the GPS was supposed to be a couple miles to my right and the guys on the radio did NOT have me in sight. Oops, wrong grass strip!

Finally I saw a Cub and a Bonanza lined up to land nearby. That was Gilbert, I figured. After a quick climb and circle I came in for my landing. With everyone watching I skillfully landed perfectly (likely more luck than skill to be honest). It looked like I was the 38th plane to arrive, and my parking spot was at the very end. The ground crew welcomed me and thanked me for not giving up trying to find them.

A quick mile hike (okay, half mile) and I was in line for the buffet of fried chicken, pulled pork and chili dogs. There was quite a large crowd due to the fine weather but they had plenty of food. Joe and Cindy Britt were there with a couple from Twin Lakes. Ed Booth showed up after we finished eating.



The food and seating was set up in Ron Angerman's hangar. Every pilot I know was drooling over his man cave. Ron's workroom was pristine, ready for his next build project. The main hangar area was decorated with aviation artwork, old props, a couple flight suits and an ultralight hanging above the tables. He had a huge kitchen and family room to the side and even a fountain out front. It's a good thing my husband didn't come with me. He would never want to leave!



But I eventually had to go home. With a wave to the friendly ground crew and fellow Chapter 172 members, I trudged back down the line of aircraft (Grumman, Stinson, Cub, L-14, Super Cub, Cessna 140, Rv8, Decathlon, Bonanza and more). It was a much faster flight home, of course. I was grateful for the opportunity to meet more area pilots and enjoy a nice flight. I can't wait to do it again!

## **Workshop Opportunities:**

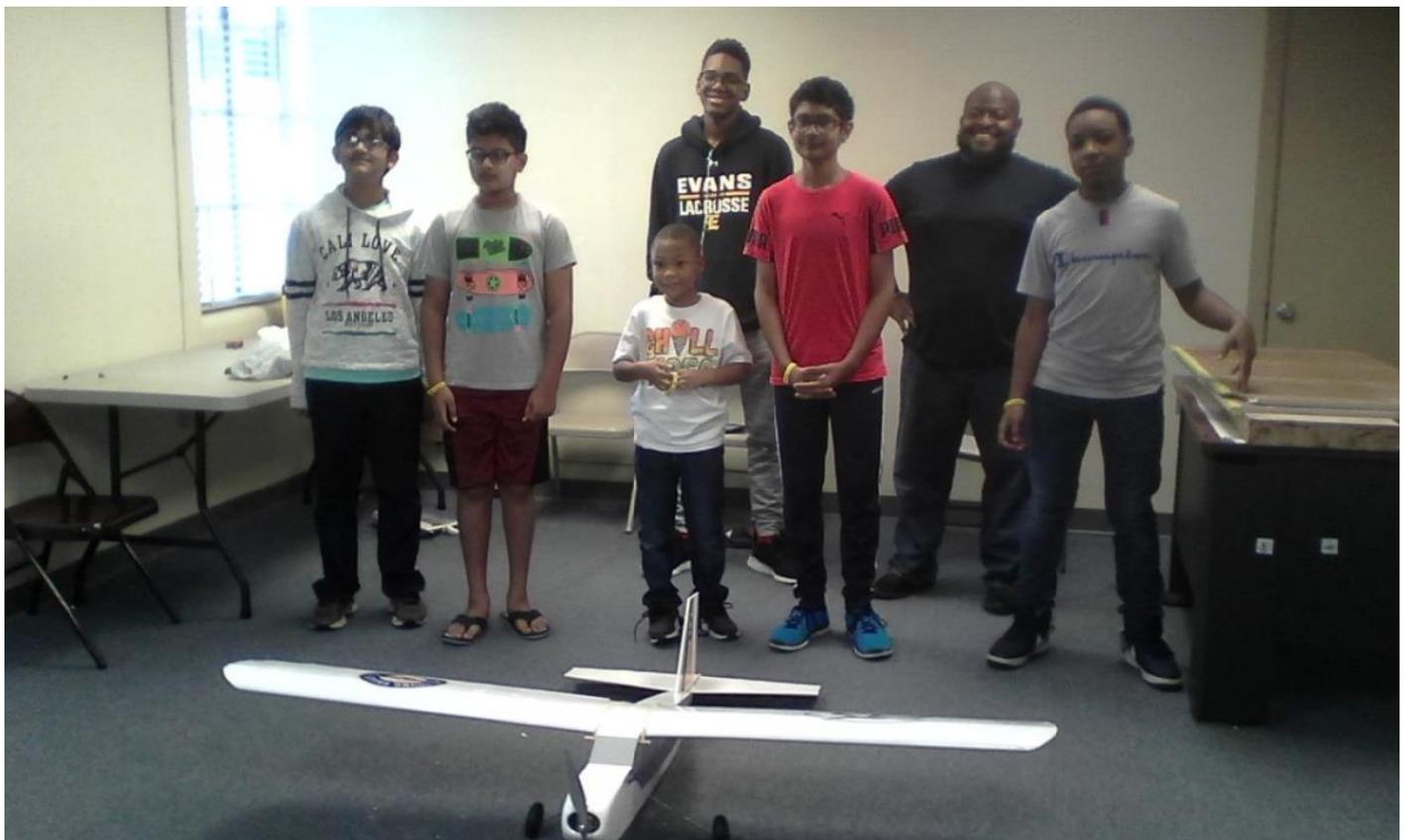
At our August meeting we announced plans to offer a riveting seminar early next year. A few folks have already signed up. We will teach you how to build an aluminum tool box using several riveting techniques. The tool box kit is \$35. Send payment in advance to our Treasurer, Sandy Walther, and we will order the kits for you. If you are interested, you can let us know by paying the money for the kit. This offer will remain open for several months before we finalize the date which will be early next year.

We also have the opportunity to hold a fabric covering workshop for \$65 each. We are NOT taking money at this time, but you can express your interest in the fabric covering workshop by contacting Al Nodorft.

## **November meeting preview**

For the November meeting we will have hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring side dishes that will go with the entrees.

The program will be a report on what Jim Maher has been able to put together with the local representative of the AMA – Academy of Model Aeronautics - Vern Horne. Tom DeGroot has also helped. The program will show the airplane that Vern and others have helped some local Stem Students build from a box of sticks, sheet balsa and iron on covering. Below is a picture of some of the core group that have put in plenty of hours building the airplane. Vern was able to work with people at KAGS to find a room to build the plane.



## December meeting:

The December meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Pea Patch (61GA). We will have our annual Christmas Party. Please remember to bring a Toys for Tots if you would like to donate.

## Meeting Schedule

Month	Day	Time	Event	Location	Food
November	9	12:30 pm	RC Demo	Pea Patch	Hot dogs and burgers
December	14	12:30 pm	Chapter Christmas Party	Pea Patch	Turkey/Ham
2020			TBD		

## Advertisements

### Plane to give away!

Ralph Mott is a former member of EAA Chapter 172 and many years ago bought a Junior Ace project from us. Unfortunately, he never completed the project, but now wants to give it to anyone that is interested in finishing it. Apparently, it is fairly complete but one wing will have to be rebuilt for sure. Ralph can be contacted by phone or email.

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### WHERE TO FIND US:

EAA172 meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at several locations around Augusta, GA throughout the year. However, our primary meeting place is at our chapter clubhouse on Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA) in Blythe, GA. Take Route 1 toward Blythe, turn south at the Citgo/Quik Mart station onto Bath-Edie Road. At the first intersection, turn right onto Patterson Road and follow ¼ mile. Make a left turn onto Boulineau Road (across from the Rec Center) and drive 1 mile. The entrance to Pea Patch is on your right. The clubhouse is at the end of a row of hangars next to the grass strip, just south of the windsock.



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