



Chapter 172

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Jan 11th : EAA 172 meeting, Pea Patch (61GA)

Feb 8th : EAA 172 meeting, TBD

Other Local Events

Jan 19th: SC Breakfast Club – Low Country Regional (KRBW)

Feb 2nd: SC Breakfast Club – Grand Strand (KCRE)

President's Desk

Another year come and gone. We had a great year with some great programs and looking forward to another great year this year for our chapter. I would like to thank again the staff that has helped me tremendously, which has benefitted you as well. Please remember to thank them as well as those that help out during the meeting. I won't name names as I would forget someone but thank you!

2020 will come with major changes for me personally. I am retiring after 29-1/2 years with John Deere. As those of you who have retired know, I will have lots of free time now... 😊

I plan to do more flying for Augusta Aviation and hopefully become a captain on the King Air. I have flown a little for them throughout 2019 as copilot and looking forward to more.

I also plan to spend more time on working on my DR-109 project. Would be great to finish that while I can still get a medical.

Finally, I am planning to buy rental houses which potentially will keep me busy with rehab as well.

So my new year will be full of new experiences and surprises. I am looking forward to it. Also, please note that my cell number has been changed. My new number is 706-945-8144.

Fly safe!

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January meeting preview

The meeting will be held at the Pea Patch at 12:00 pm. We will have the chili cook-off and all are invited to compete. Please bring appropriate sides as well.

Our guest speaker will be Dave Dent, talking about how to buy an airplane – avoiding pitfalls.

December meeting minutes:

We had a great meeting in December, with holiday food and good times. I ate way too much from the goodie table. We had 20 people on the sign in sheet.

Passing of a past EAA 172 President Daniel Silliman

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Daniel Silliman

Augusta, GA—Daniel B. Silliman, 90 years old, of Augusta, Georgia, entered into rest December 5, 2019 at his home.

Dan served in the New York Air National Guard during the [Korean Conflict](#), he had the opportunity to sell insurance, which he continued with in New York and Augusta for 46 years.

While in Augusta, he was a past Commander of the Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron, past President of the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 172. He was also a member of the Augusta Kiwanis Club for 54 years and a Member of the [Elks Lodge](#) 205. Dan became a master craftsman with his skill of building Bi-planes, furniture and cabinetry. In addition to these hobbies he loved Jazz, Dancing, sports cars, flying bi-planes and reading the Wall Street Journal.

New Experimental Helicopter Dealer

I am passing this note on to the membership. I thought it was fun information.

Hi, my name is Dave Storey and I live in middle TN. I recently built a Composite FX XET helicopter. I liked the kit and design of the helicopter so well that I recently became a dealer for Composite FX. I started an LLC and made a new website, storeyaviation.com. Please read my "ABOUT" page to find out more of who I am and how I got to this point.

There are 2 reasons that I became a dealer. First is that there is not enough help out there for individuals who want to safely build their own helicopter. I wanted to offer anyone in my area an option for assistance.

Second reason is, after all my research on which helicopter to build, the XE Series line of personal helicopters stuck out as the most modern and ergonomic design of any kit build helicopter out there. And they have a 2-seat variant prototype that has already flown. It is over built in design and builds like an oversized RC helicopter kit. After I purchased my kit and built it, I now truly believe it is one of the safest designs currently on the market.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and I would greatly appreciate it if you could forward my webpage to any interested members or your chapters website links page.

<http://storeyaviation.com/>

Thank you in advance.

Best Regards,
Dave Storey

Workshop Opportunities:

We are still looking for those wanting to learn new riveting skills. A few folks have already signed up. We will teach you how to build an aluminum toolbox using several riveting techniques. The toolbox 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.

Meeting Schedule

Month	Day	Time	Event	Location	Food
January	11	12:30 pm	Find out how to prepare for your BFR	Pea Patch	Chili Cook-off
February	8th	12:30 pm	TBD	Pea Patch	TBD

Advertisements

Free advertising!

Do you have stuff in your hanger that you would like to clear out and make a few bucks? Do you have some aviation books or supplies that you will never need again?

Do you want to get it advertised in next month's newsletter? Send your list of stuff WITH prices to Tom DeGrootd at Degrootdt@gmail.com

FOR SALE

POBER PIXIE II TWO PLACE AIRPLANE

Pober Pixie two place open cockpit airplane, dual controls, hydraulic toe brakes.

Continental a75 engine with 0 hours SMO. No leaks, smooth as silk.

270 hours on airframe. Flies hands-off 70 mph.

This aircraft falls under the FAA definition of a Light-Sport Airplane

Current condition inspection.

Top quality build -- a real steal at only \$15,000.

Located at the Louisville, Georgia airport (2J3)

Serious buyer call or text Jim at 904-209-8379 (cell).

Or e-mail flyerjim55@gmail.com



WHERE TO FIND US:

EAA172 meets every 2nd 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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