



GAINESVILLE, GA KGVL

EAA611 Newsletter

LETTER FROM YOUR OFFICERS

Thank you for electing us officers for 2015. We don't know all of our chapter members but hope to meet each one of you. To give you a insight on who we are, we have a written a little bit about ourselves. Please track us down at our next event or meeting and say hello.

Shane Crider—President: I started training @ EPPS aviation in 1997 and came close to obtaining my private. Life put a hold on my passion for almost 15 years and not a day went by that I didn't think: "what if." I was able to return to my dream in 2012 and received my private shortly after @ Lanier Flight Center. I am slowly working on my instrument rating and currently fly a 150 named "Lulu". I spend every chance I can around airplanes, pilots and flying. I love anything aviation related. I am a videographer by trade and am learning how to combine my profession and passion into one by taking aerial video and photos.

I am excited and fired up about our EAA chapter. The members I have met have inspired me, taught me and had many stories and information about flying. I can't wait to meet each member.

Pat Phillips—Vice President: I am an on again, off again flyer. I got my Private ticket in 1981 and my instrument in 2005. I am finally shopping for my first airplane. I have always loved flying and

airplanes. Aerospace Engineering degree from Georgia Tech. I am married to Robin for almost 29 years. I am now living and working in Cumming, our son Jonathon is married and lives nearby.

Chris Dozier—Secretary: My love for aviation started as young kid when my dad took the family out to see the Blue Angels. I loved every aspect of flying and thought that one day I would like to be a pilot and fly. As the years went on the feeling never went away, and then one day I realized I was 30 and still had not done anything with my dream. I resolved that in the new year I was going to begin my training and finally realize my dream of flight. In 2012 I bought a Cessna 150 and hired Mike Fitzpatrick to be my instructor. I received my Private Pilot Certificate late 2013 and have been enjoying the privilege to fly ever since.

Aviation has opened the door to new opportunities for my wife and I which we would not have considered before. We have flown to many new places and seen amazing things, even long hauls to Pittsburgh, PA in that little Cessna turns an ordinary trip into a new sight seeing tour (and it cuts the time by more than half). We have had the opportunity to get involved with this EAA chapter and meet new friends and smiling faces who have the same passion of flight that I have.

Phil Shockey—Treasurer: I have always been interested in aircraft and flying. In fact, took a few lessons in college but did not pursue because studies, money and other career interests seemed to get in the way. After a lifetime and career with Cargill, kids grown and near retirement, I decided to visit the dream of learning to fly. So, in 2003 and at age 60, I obtained my pilots license flying a 172M at Toccoa with Tom Weir. Hanging around the Gainesville airport one day in late 2003 I met Troy and Kenny Wheeler. They had just founded Lanier Flight Center that September. I soon became a frequent visitor to the flight school and even worked some on the dispatch desk on weekends. It was then I began meeting EAA members and forming friendships as they visited the flight school and as result joined our EAA 611. I decided to retire from Cargill in 2005 and Troy suggested I go to work for him full-time. I enjoyed every minute of being a part of a new and growing aviation business and I enjoyed opportunities to build flying time as well. In 2011, with about 450 hours log time I decided to retire...again. Which brings us to today. I am no longer flying but continue to do accounting work for Troy part-time and still love being around airplanes which is why I so very much enjoy my EAA and LFC friendships today.

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WHAT'S NEW

Did you know that EAA 611 has a website, a Facebook page, a Twitter account and we have a Cracker Fly In webpage?

It takes a lot of hard work keeping our chapter running, so thank you to all who work in and on the chapter daily and weekly. We want to thank Mike Wewers for keeping our Facebook page up to date and us informed, Chis Dozier is focusing on our Twitter account and getting our Cracker Fly In Website off the ground. Chris and Shane keep our EAA chapter website up to date. We will do our best to keep all information up to date on meetings, fly-outs, fly-ins and other events. Also, we would like to see more activity on our website forum (yes, we have a forum). Please create an account and become active in our aviation community forum. If you have any suggestions for our websites or social media, or if you have any pictures that we can post, please let us know. We would love to see a picture of you and your aircraft.

Websites & Social Media:

EAA 611: <http://www.611.eaachapter.org/>

Cracker Fly In: <http://www.crackerflyin.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/EAA-611/161540667628>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EAA611>

W E L C O M E N E W M E M B E R S

We would like to welcome the newest members of EAA611. We encourage everyone to help spread the word and share our enthusiasm in aviation to others. We will contact our newest members with updates and information in order to help them feel more at home.

If you are a new member and have questions: please ask. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Newest Members:

Denton Kopietz

Bridget Dozier

John Noak

Joe Smith

Marie Smith

Mike Marien

U P D A T E S

- We mentioned at the banquet that our goal for 2015 was to provide several events and one of those is trying to bring EAA's B-17 to KGV. We have applied for the B-17 visit. Past history, the B-17 comes to the South East in the fall, so it may be some time before we hear from EAA on a schedule and if we are accepted as a host chapter. Troy agreed to let our chapter host the event at Lanier Flight Center. I will keep everyone posted on progress. We will need volunteers to help with the event if we are accepted.
- We will not apply for the Tri-Motor this year – we feel that 1 large event per year is enough for our chapter to undertake.
- We have scheduled several fun events so far for 2015. We are bringing back the scavenger hunt where participants will be given several clues to fly and find and take a digital photo of the clue. We will precede this event with a shrimp boil. The date is set for Saturday, May 2nd.
- We will host another poker run this fall and will announce the date soon.
- This year will be our 46th Cracker Fly In and we have hit the ground running with planning, advertising and organizing. Please let us know if you can volunteer for the event or for setup and tear down. Last year was a record year with over 2,000 adults paying at the gate. Weather permitting; we expect this year will be even bigger. We have new ideas to attract participants as well as new ideas to make the event run smoothly with so many spectators and aviators. Please check out www.crackerflyin.com for more information. Due to vendors, safety concerns and insurance we have to enforce some new guidelines for everyone. Safety is our first goal, so there will be a few changes made to help keep everyone safe and provide a spectacular event. Let us know your thoughts and give us your input. We will keep you posted on changes as we progress.
- We have our first Young Eagle flights scheduled for March 14th. Winn asked that all pilots be preflighted and at the Fuel Farm @ 8:30 and flights will begin promptly at 9:00.

FOR SALE

Several members and locals have asked if we could share with our chapter the aircraft, kits and parts that they have for sale. We will try to create a new category on our EAA 611 website soon so we can all post for sale items. In the mean time, below are the items that have been asked to be shared:

1980 Piper Warrior with a Lycoming 160 hp O 320-D3G engine. Paint is fairly recent and interior is cloth in good condition. Aircraft has been hangared since paint was applied. the aircraft is a solid 8 inside and outside in appearance, and the engine is running strong with no indication of maintenance needed. Aircraft has been flown weekly with recent trips across the US

and to the Bahamas.

TTAF is 5790 and TSMOH is 1967 Panel includes: Century 21 AP, KMA 24 Audio Panel, King KX 170B Navcomm with GS

MAC 1700 Navcomm, Spare KX 170B Navcomm, KR 87 ADF with remote head and flight timer, King KT-76A Transponder, Flightcomm 403 Intercomm with dual PTT switches, Electric Trim

Price: \$29,500. Aircraft is based at KGVV and has been maintained by AB Aviation for the last ten years.

Please contact me via email or telephone to discuss.

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My reason for writing is that I am needing to sell my kit plane project. We will be moving up to DE and I can't take the project along.. It is about 70 % completed, and I will take a loss on the price of the kit. Here are the details:

Sonex Aircraft Co.

Model - ONEX, tricycle gear configuration.

All parts to complete the airframe are included. I do not have the engine or instruments.

The details concerning this model can be seen on the Sonex website,

If you could get this info out to anyone interested, I will appreciate it. Karl Leatherman

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I have a friend that has the kit for an RV12 tail section. Her husband bought it before he passed away and now she would like to sell it. If you could please pass along the word that it is available and anyone interested should contact me.

John Pittman

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