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“Brunswick to Brazil”

August 25, 1927

80 Years Ago This Month,
Columbia Aviation Pioneer
Paul Redfern Attempted His
Record-Breaking, Ill-Fated
Flight

See page 8 for August 25, 2007 symposium info!



The President's Cockpit



It is HOT! Almost too hot to fly. Nahhhhh.

Over the last few weeks, I think I have flown "PapaJuliette" over 4000 miles! And get this ... for a few days, I was signed up to potentially do 10,000 miles for one event! Am I crazy? :-)

The longest trip was to Yellowstone and Mt. Rushmore with 10 other RVs and is written up here at <http://www.bowenaero.com>. We even made the local newspaper "-). The more recent trip was the annual trek to Airventure (Oshkosh) and boy was this one an adventure! Left the Thursday before to get to Rock Falls, IL (KSQI) for formation practice as Ken Harrill, Danny Kight (Anderson, SC) and Tad Sargent (near Charlotte, NC) would make up "Charlie Flight" in the 35-ship formation routine tribute honoring Van's Aircraft 35 years at Oshkosh. A more detailed story on this will be in the next newsletter issue (along with links to lots of pictures .. and video!). Let's just say that the entire team did a great job and that "Charlie Flight" did alright representing the "Carolinas". I did not get back until the Wednesday AFTER Airventure! I won't go into details here but there is probably a story there somewhere. :-)

While at Airventure this year, I got a chance to represent EAA Chapter 242 as President at a President's Forum .. giving feedback to "the management" and was asked to attend another forum with representatives from the FAA. Both of these meetings were rewarding for me and of course as you probably suspect, they got to hear some of my "opinions". :-) I am now scheduled to return for another session with EAA "management" to discuss ideas along with some other Chapter leaders. Stay tuned.

And oh, I got tagged for an interview with the Sport Aviation people so they took some aerial photos of me and "PapaJuliette"! Can't wait to see them.

The new runway seems to be finished and it looks GREAT!! As of this writing the ramp is not finished so it is not clear when the airport will open, but when it does, I know there will be a mad rush to see who lands and takes off first. Any "guesses" as to who it might be (or has been by now)??

Ken is almost finished with organizing the workshop and the Chapter "archives" (lots of good technical stuff). We are awaiting new keys for the door and as soon as he gets those, he will be handing them out.

Coming REAL SOON ... a new fly-in ... Right in our back yard ...almost. It will be held at the "Tripletree Aerodrome (SC00) just north of Laurens County. More details coming ... watch the bulletin board at the SAC and our website. For now see this link <http://www.tripletreeaerodrome.com/>. It promises to be a fantastic adventure.

Finally, I must say that your many thoughts and prayers were answered as Xen came through his double bypass surgery successfully. He was walking the next day and was at the SAC eating cake and ice cream before the week was out. Way to go Xen!! We are still discussing how to get him in the Champ for a trip around the patch from the new runway. :-)

Keep the shiny side up, at least most of the time.

James

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Maiden Flight of N431JC

Photos by Jimmy Comer.

Jim Comer of Sumter, reports that his Vans RV-7A made its maiden flight on Saturday, June 30, 2007, at 0700. ***Congratulations Jim!***



Jim Comer with his RV-7A just after its first flight.



Taxiing out for the “maiden voyage.”



First flight as seen from the spotter plane.



A big “congratulations” from a friend after the flight.



Family and friends celebrate the first flight of N431JC.



The Comers' in front of their new bird.

July Young Eagles - A Respectable Turn-Out And Fun For All

By Ron Shelton

The weather was great and thirty one more young eagles enjoyed the thrill of flight from the Palmetto Sport Aviation flight center at Owens Airport in July. We continued to garner results from our May promotion in the Columbia Star and The State newspapers, and, the big hand-out of Young Eagles flyers at Celebrate Freedom/Ft. Jackson as well as continued promotional efforts. Pilots and ground support workers were given many expressions of excitement and appreciation by the youth who flew and their families and leaders as well -all very happy campers! Pilots for the July rally were Bill Blythe, Gerry Biehl, Trip Gregory, Joel Mason, George Esslinger, Francis Drayton, Buddy Young and Daryl Nations. Some pilots had flown some young eagles before the rally on their own which brought the total to report for the month to forty.

We also had students from the St. Lawrence Place Summer Camp and the Summerville Christian Ministries Youth. Officer David Nieves of the Lexington County Sheriff Department again arranged for several young eagles from his work at Northside Middle School and other organizations.

The total so far for '07 is 461, putting us well

ahead of '06 and our goal by this time of year. We also added some new pilots for this year, giving us 31 pilots participating so far this year and putting us ahead of this time a year ago as well. We've had 20 pilots exceed 10 young eagles this year and more will soon be there. Every pilot whom exceeds 10 will be eligible to convert his young eagle flights

into one dollar each for Air Academy Camp.

EAA 242 has a student at Air Academy at the time of this writing. EAA 242 is now very close to 7000 young eagles flights! --- 6971.

Helping with ground support so far this year are: Tristan Amer, George Batten, Sharon Berger, Paul Carter, Margaret Claypool, Tammy Clauss, Tony Clauss, Rick Craft, Pam Davis, Hayden Davis, Jean Edwards, George Esslinger, Dan Heath, Tim Huebel, Eduardo Irrizarry, George Jones, Paul Kelly, Murali Koppa, Lori Lijewski, Steve Littlejohn, Claude Lott, Ralph Mantel, McLearn family, Xen Motsinger, Josh Nations, Michelle Nations, Ken Plants, Steve Richardson, Don Roberts, Jean Roberts, Bob Rose, Tom Savage, Don Schmotzer, Stan Schmotzer, Ron Shelton, Jerry Sowell and Donald Vining.

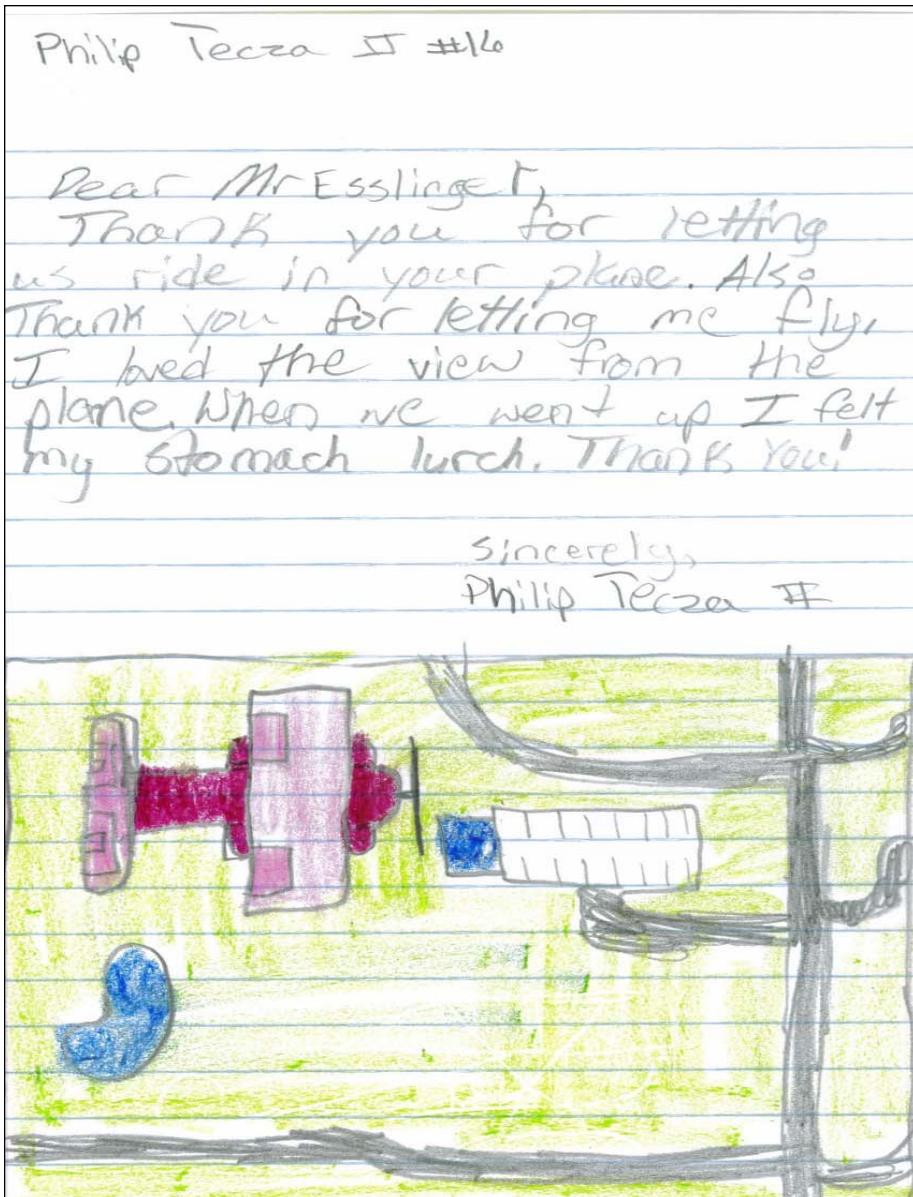


Young eagles ready for an adventure with Trip Hutto.



George Esslinger still adding more young eagles after topping 900 recently.

Young Eagles' Letters...



EAA 242
 Young Eagles
 Statistics for 2007

Total of 461 flights as of
 July 20, 2007

Al Beard	1
Gerry Biehl	13
Bill Blythe	14
Niel Bonacum	9
Mac Burton	3
Paul Carter	28
James Clark.....	5
Brian Christiano	19
Don Cook.....	12
Bill Crothers.....	3
Francis Drayton.....	41
George Esslinger	33
Doug Evans	17
Allen Folger	30
Trip Gregory.....	21
Mike Kinsella	11
Patty Hamilton.....	3
Ken Harrill	4
Bob Holliday	10
Mike Hoover	11
Joel Mason	38
Rob McLear.....	29
Daryl Nations	13
Dennis Perry	10
John Pipkin	11
Steve Richardson	5
Don Roberts	8
Ron Shelton	10
Bob Stearns.....	5
Matt Wolf.....	5
Buddy Young	17

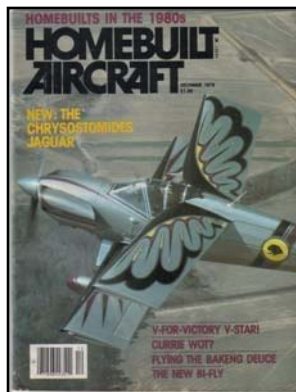
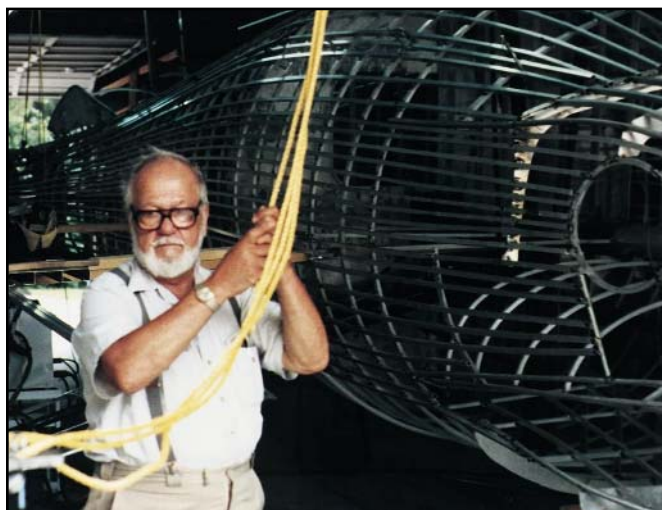
Stavros Chrysostomides – A talented 242er Goes West...

By Jean Edwards

The year 2007 has brought several great losses to Chapter 242, including one of our lifetime members, Stavros Chrysostomides. Although many of our members knew Stavros far longer than I did, I treasured the friendship I had with both Stavros and his late wife Pauline.

Stavros was one of the most creative people, in multiple ways, I've ever met. He was always thinking of designing new things, making old things better, putting his talents out there for all to see and enjoy. He designed and built aircraft, sculpted wildlife, designed crosses for churches, a huge prehistoric shark for the SC State Museum, and the giant ice cream cone for Zesto's in Triangle City in West Columbia.

Years ago, Stavros had his own kiln for producing his incredibly detailed wildlife sculpture. When he was ready to market his product, he asked me to write his brochure. I went out to the Chrysostomides home on Fairfield Road to gather background information. Talk about hospitality! They treated me to all kinds of Greek goodies from their refrigerator. It was as good as going to the



Greek Festival at their church, the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Sumter Street. (Even though Pauline died several years ago, I can still picture her selling jewelry at the Festival.) Her warm smile also greeted friends and others at the Festival and every other time I ever saw her.

The lost wax method of casting the detailed sculpture was explained to me by Stavros, a master at his art. His attention to detail was well evident in his work! He not only cast his own work; he cast work for other artists as well. I consider myself fortunate to have worked with Stavros on his brochure. I still have a copy of it; it hung on my bulletin board at work until I retired and is now packed up in one of the boxes I brought home from there when I did retire.

To see an example of his work, check out the sculpture in the Sport Aviation Center (SAC). It's a memorial to our former Chapter Treasurer and friend, Walter Carson, who died along with his son in a crash several years ago. Walter's family asked that memorials to him and his son be sent to Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens, and they used the memorials to purchase one of Stavros' sculptures to honor Walter and Will's memory. In the walled in garden on the Lexington side of the river is a piece called "River Otters" and it is delightfully realistic and beautiful. It is a perfect way to honor his memory!

When I think of my friend Stavros, I picture a man short of stature but huge in terms of talent, heart, and caring, always smiling with his handlebar mustache all curled up on each side. For those of you who missed knowing him, know that you missed knowing one of the most talented, creative people I've ever known. I'll always smile at thoughts of Stavros. His works will last forever and memories will pop up every time I see one!

George and Lucy Walters Celebrate Their Long EZ's 20th Anniversary with Friends at CUB

On July 15, 2007, George and Lucy Walters hosted a party to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their Long EZ. George presented a video for everyone to enjoy which showed Long EZ flights from many years ago.



George and Lucy Walters with their 20-years-young Long EZ.



Everyone enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, and a festive evening celebrating with the Walters.

Paul Redfern Historic Caribbean Flight 80th Anniversary Event

Symposium at the State Museum on
Saturday, August 25, 2007
9am to 12 noon

Ending with a toast to Paul Rinaldo Redfern at precisely 12:46pm, his departure time.

The symposium will feature four or more speakers and will review the history of Redfern's aviation contributions and deliver interesting and significant updates on current and past activities aimed at solving the lingering mystery.

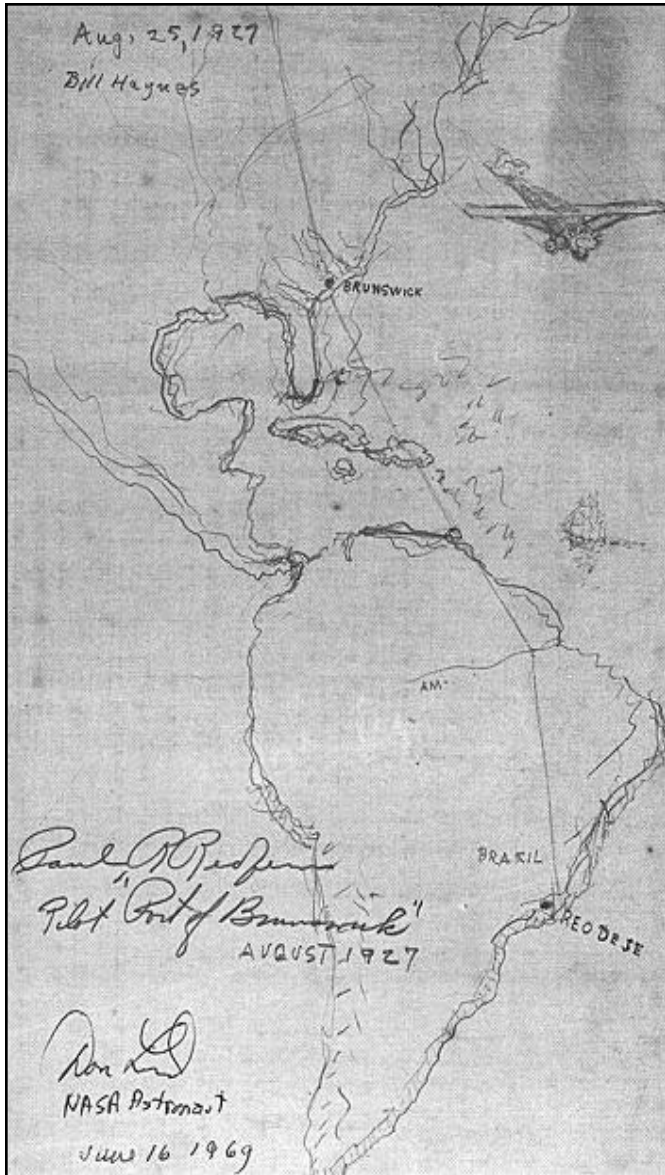
For additional historic information:
http://www.eaa242.org/PaulRedfern/redfern_001.asp

EAA 242 members attend FREE

More info:
Ron Shelton - 796 1892
Tom Savage - 796 8488



Paul Redfern (right) and one of his sponsors just before his departure on August 25, 1927.



Paul Redfern and his friend Bill Haynes created this hand-drawn map of his proposed flight and autographed it. Later, during a commemoration in 1969, the map was autographed by an astronaut who participated in the occasion.

New Members

Rick and Riley Morris
Columbia

*Rick is currently training for his
Sport Pilot Certificate*




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Mark Your Calendar!

**Palmetto Sports Aviation
Annual Banquet**

Guest Speaker

NTSB Vice Chairman Robert L. Sumwalt

November 17, 2007

Embassy Suites Hotel

Aviation Humor

Submitted by Steve Sanderson

Dallas/Fort Worth Clearance Delivery: Nine Eight Two Sierra Yankee stand by to copy clearance.

N982SY: Nine Eight Two Sierra Yankee ready to copy.

Clearance Delivery: Nine Eight Two Sierra Yankee is cleared direct Rockport, after departure fly runway heading at or below 2,000, expect 10,000 in 10 minutes, contact Dallas Forth Worth Departure 125.2, squawk 2351.

N982SY: Nine Eight Two Sierra Yankee fly runway -- hey, if you guys don't hold still and be quiet, your mother and I will be flying to the Bahamas without you for spring break next week and you'll be in Dallas with the babysitter. Am I clear?

Clearance Delivery: Oh no. Can I please go too, daddy?

N982S0Y: Sure, come on. Guess I forgot to turn loose of the transmit button. Sorry.

Classified ads

For Sale - Cessna 172F, N5521R, 5600 hours total time, 1250 hours SMOH, IFR certified, \$34,900. Call Art Lynch, 794-3215, email: artlynch@avidaviator.com.

Wanted - Three or four member partnership in a Light Sport Aircraft. Investment available: \$20,000 to \$40,000. Call Art Lynch, 794-3215, email: artlynch@avidaviator.com

For Rent - Building 50 x 50 Hangar at Whiteplains this summer. Hangar should house 3-4 airplanes depending on size. Will rent at market rates. Call Don Nowakowski at 802-899-5163 if interested in renting space.

Chapter Notices

ROCK RAKERS STILL NEEDED

Volunteers needed to clear rocks from the aviation park area at the SAC. Contact Xen at 796-5984 if you are able to help.

NOTICE FROM DO LITTLE FIELD - 03/20/07

First, We want our friends to know you are always welcome at Do Little. We always enjoy having you fly in to visit us. However we are having a standing water problem on the runway and are asking for your help and cooperation. We are asking that you give the runway at least three (3) days to dry after a heavy or multiple days of rain. We will also have runway-closed indicators (Xs) at each end of the runway. Please comply when closed is indicated. Thank You! Do Little Field Association

ALUMINUM CANS

Xen is recycling aluminum cans. He uses the proceeds for the Aviation Camp, so please give your cans to Xen.

"FOR SALE OR WANTED" COLUMN.

Contact Xen Motsinger at 796 5984 or 269 1321 if you have an aviation related announcement for the EAA 242 Contact Newsletter.

FROM PHYLLIS MOTSINGER, EAA 242 SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON:

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Observers watch the departure of Paul Redfern's

Upcoming Events *Stinson SM-1 from a runway on the beach at Sea Island, Ga. (Russell Maxey Collection)*

For more information on events, be sure sure to check the calendar on our website at www.eaa242.org.

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| July 31 - 0700 CUB runway closed for repairs | Aug 26 - SCBC at Moncks Corner (50J) |
| Aug 7 - 1830 Exec. Committee meeting at the SAC | Sep 4 - 1830 Exec. Committee meeting at the SAC |
| Aug 11 - 0900 Young Eagles Flights (FDW) | Sep 8 - 0900 Young Eagles Flights |
| Aug 12 - SCBC at Aiken (AIK) | Sep 9 - SCBC at Owens Field (CUB) |
| Aug 14 - 1830 Birthday Supper at the SAC | Sep 11 - 1830 Birthday Supper at the SAC |
| Aug 21 - CUB Runway repairs tentatively finished | Sep 23 - SCBC at Laurens (34A) |
| Aug 25 - 0900 Paul Redfern - State Museum | |

August Birthdays

Boyce Rampey3	Gincy Drayton14	Paul Carter26
Charles Taylor, Sr.4	Beverly Evans14	Sandi Howell26
Rick Craft5	Douglas Oates19	Steve Sanderson26
Dennis Perry8	Kimberly Yerrick19	Fay Allen27
Jimmie Hall9	Vernon Seibert19	Diane McCarty27
Catherine Shealy9	James Comer21	Jenny Bloom27
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