



EAA 172 Meeting

Chili Cook-off

February 13, 2016 12:30 PM

Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia

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Fish Fry Fly-in

March 12, 2016 12:30 PM

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BIRTHDAYS

Thurmon KENT, Jr.	02-07	Shirley HARDEN	02-02
Sidney BROWN	02-11	Coral BLANCHARD	02-22
Daniel SILLIMAN	02-17		

ANNIVERSARIES

Thurmon & Sophia	KENT	02-11
Charlie & Sheila	CONNELL	02-25

EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, February 25: *EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting* 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. This month's location is the **French Market Grille, 425 Highland Ave, Augusta, Georgia 30909**. Phone number: 706-737-4865. The French Market Grille Website: [French Market](#). For a map and directions, click on: [French Market directions](#). For questions contact Shirley Harden 706-855-1553 e-mail: ghardensr@comcast.net.

AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: *On final approach to an airport at night, you see that the PAPI lights appear to be to the right of the runway. You panic and think you are lined up on the wrong runway because the PAPI lights are supposed to be only on the left. What should you do and why?*

According to AOPA referencing the FAA: You should continue to land. The row of light units is normally installed on the left side of the runway. In this case, the PAPI would read inverted (right to left instead of the usual left to right). Although they are inverted, they still indicate the same glidepath with a four-light (red/white) system. For more information, see the FAA [Website](#). Also see the [FINAL FAA Order 6850.2B](#) on p. 39 of 81 – Chapter 5 - 500.b “However, where terrain, cross runways, or taxiways make this arrangement impractical, the light units may be located on the right side of the runway.”

This Month's Question: Does the fuel reserve requirement for an IFR cross-country flight that requires an alternate airport include just one approach and landing or an approach and landing at both the destination and alternate airports?

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING & CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FOR MANY EAA 172 MEMBERS

This came in on January 21, 2016 from the national EAA Headquarters. EAA wrote that many of us plus any Young Eagles pilots must take an on-line course and undergo a basic criminal background check. EAA wrote that “The company working with EAA in this process, [AmericanChecked](#), is among the leaders in the industry and works with many colleges, school districts, and governmental agencies.” According to AmericanChecked, the background check will include “Information [that] includes felonies and some misdemeanor records from numerous sources including: departments of corrections, court administrations, law enforcement agencies and prison files. This search also includes a search of the Multi-State Sex and Violent Offenders Report.” The on-line course and background check will satisfy any Homeland Security requirements for volunteers working with youth.



It will not cost us anything and must be done by May 1, 2016, if we have any contact with youth as part of our EAA 172 activities. After that date, EAA will not allow any local club members to participate in an EAA activity involving youth unless they have taken the on-line course and have the EAA certificate.

“The new Youth Protection Program, which was first introduced as a concept in newsletters during 2015 to Young Eagles chapter coordinators and pilots, as well as at AirVenture 2015, will involve many EAA volunteers who work with young people. It will include online best-practices training and a basic background check to create the safest environment possible for young people in our programs and to protect our volunteers.”

“EAA’s [Youth Protection Policy and Program](#) sets basic requirements for EAA staff and volunteers who work with children under age 18. It includes online best-practices training and, for certain categories of volunteers, a basic background check. Our reason for these requirements is that kids should be safe, so we must take action to advance the safety of kids in EAA-related programs – whether operated by EAA or by one of our chapters – for the sake of the kids, their parents and guardians, and the volunteers who work with them.”

All of the following persons are required to complete both the online training and background check by May 1, 2016. Both steps are necessary and the cost is covered by EAA. For Chapter 172 the training and background check must be done by:

- ▶ All Young Eagles pilots
- ▶ All Chapter Young Eagles Coordinators and Field Service Representatives
- ▶ Two-deep leadership supervisors -- This means that any time we deal with youth there must be present at all times two EAA 172 adults who have taken this course and have been vetted by the background check contractor.
- ▶ Volunteers who will work with youth in general:
 - Four (4) hours or more at any one (1) time; or
 - Four (4) times or more in any calendar year; or
 - Four (4) times or more with any particular Youth.

Note that “Volunteers” includes, among others, parents and legal guardians of any youth participants.

So, if children are participating in any EAA 172 activity such as Young Eagles or a fly-in, it seems that even their parents who are members of EAA 172 must take the course and have a background check if they are working with their own children!

See this [Website](#) about the program. Definitely look at EAA’s [Youth Protection Policy](#) to see in detail what you can and cannot do with youth in regard to EAA 172 activities. **Note about the Social Security number:** After January 21st EAA complained about the social security number requirement, so now you can just use all 9s – 999-99-9999 – in the place of your social security number – unless the security contractor indicates that it wants your actual number. It seems that if you already have had a background check such as as a pilot, concealed weapons permit holder, Boy Scouts, etc. you still have to take the EAA course and get another background check so you can be put on the EAA approved list! You have to make a user ID and password to log into the EAA Website to take the course and apply for a Background Check. Click on [Complete Instructions](#) to continue. It will have all links for the test and background check.

(Information adapted from EAA→[Youth Protection Program](#), AmericanChecked→ [Criminal Background Check](#), Young Eagles Pilots: [Complete Youth Protection Plan Requirements](#) , Message from EAA CEO/chairman Jack Pelton on→[Youth Protection Program](#))

NOTE: Please forward this newsletter to any Young Eagles pilots whether or not they belong to EAA 172. If they do not take the course and have a background check they will no longer be able to legally fly Young Eagles after April 30, 2016.