



EAA 172 *Christmas Party*
 December 9, 2017 12:30 pm
 Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia

EAA 172 *CHILI COOK-OFF*
 January 13, 2018 12:30 pm
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Birthdays

Tommy EDWARDS	12-02	Lilly ROBBINS	12-15
Jim MAHER	12-08	Ely DEGROODT	12-17
Eddie BOOTH	12-09	Samta GROVER	12-17
Gene MOHR	12-11	Tina EDWARDS	12-24
Tom DEGROODT	12-13	Bunny NEWMAN	12-27
Dennis ALLEN	12-16		
Christopher PIRRMANN	12-17		
Richard FENDER	12-24		

Anniversaries

Pierre & Jenny	SMITH	12-03
Gary & Shirley	HARDEN	12-17
Richard & Paula	JONES	12-18
Charles & Susanne	LEWIS	12-19

EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, December 28: *EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. Because of all the holiday happenings this month, there will be no EAA 172 social "get together" this month. The next one will be January 25, 2018, when Virginia Bush will be handling the details. For questions contact Virginia Bush 706-554-5618 e-mail: donr.bush@yahoo.com.*

AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: You're considering growing a beard. Because much of your flying is at higher altitudes in unpressurized aircraft, which necessitates the use of oxygen, you're concerned that your newly grown facial hair would have an impact on the seal and effectiveness of your oxygen mask. Where can you find information on this topic?

According to the FAA: The FAA's Advisory Circular [AC 120-43](#), "The influence of beards on oxygen mask efficiency," validates your concerns that a beard can affect the efficiency and the ability of your mask to seal properly—with up to 67 percent leakage in some of the military's tests. If all of your flights remain below 18,000 feet, you could switch to a cannula oxygen delivery system, learn to breathe through your nose, and pay more attention to your pulse oximeter. Need to brush up on your oxygen requirements and knowledge? See the FAA's "[Oxygen Equipment: Use in General Aviation Operations](#)," or [14 CFR 91.211](#).



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Allen Nodorft was born and raised in Platteville, Wisconsin. After high school graduation, he pursued and obtained a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin. This degree would result in a career with John Deere. He resides in Grovetown, Georgia. Allen and his wife Cami are the parents of three children - daughters Mikayla & Carmen and son Michael. Allen is a pilot and owns and flies a Cherokee Six airplane.

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Nandi Shetty grew up in India and got his commercial pilot's license at Oxford Aviation, Tyler, Texas. He is a successful entrepreneur in the wireless technology industry. He also is the current chairman of the HTS representing the Indian Diaspora in Greater Augusta, Georgia. He is very passionate with introducing kids and youth to aviation and also serves as a Young Eagles coordinator.

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Alex LaFave grew up in Northwest Missouri. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Missouri University of Science & Technology. Alex learned to fly in 2015 while working for Halliburton in Duncan, Oklahoma. He moved to the CSRA in July, 2016 to take an engineering position with John Deere in Grovetown, Georgia.

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Sandy Walther is a CPA and owns a Cessna 170B. She and her husband Carl joined EAA 172 a year ago, in 2016. They live in Graniteville, South Carolina, not far from the Twin Lakes Airpark. Sandy works for Augusta-Richmond County in finance. She is also a quilter and member of both Pieceful Hearts Quilt Guild in North Augusta, South Carolina, and Carolina Pines Quilt Guild in Aiken, South Carolina. Sandy is from Ponca City, Oklahoma and learned to fly when she lived in Denver, Colorado, about 25 years ago.