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EAA 1058's newest pilot, and youngest at age 13, Jordan Brotherton, earned his wings in this ultra-light aircraft in December. His instructor said he was ready to fly by himself, so after asking a lot of legal questions, found out he could fly the ultra-light and so we got together on a beautiful Saturday afternoon and got him up in the air. Read his story inside this issue.

Vice President's Message

I don't write here very often as the Vice President, but I thought the first newsletter of the year was a good time to start.

There is so much to cover in this newsletter. I hope I don't get too long winded, but I am excited about the upcoming year and the list of events we have the opportunity to be a part of. Listed inside you will find a rough calendar of events for the year and it looks pretty full. I hope we can add a lot more to it and make this one of the best years ever for EAA 1058.

I hope everyone is planning to attend our Christmas banquet in Hartsville on Tuesday, January 16th at 7pm. We will have food there for the dinner and everyone is asked to bring a small gift to exchange during the party. The banquet is being held at:

Hartsville Community Fellowship
405 East Bob Newsome Highway
Just East of the 15 & 151 Intersection

Please bring a dish to share with the group for the dinner. If your last name begins with A or B, please bring a vegetable. If your last name begins with C through P, please bring a starch. If your last name begins with Q through Z, please bring a desert.

At our last meeting in November, we elected officers for the coming 2-year term. There were no objections and all the members were elected as nominated. They are:

President:	Jesse Allred
Vice President:	Ben Brotherton
Secretary:	David Dunsmore
Treasurer:	David Dunsmore
Young Eagles Coordinator:	Jeanne Rudick
Newsletter Editor:	Ben Brotherton
Website Editor:	Jordan Brotherton
Flying Start Coordinator:	Ben Brotherton

I would like to remind all our members that this group exists because of the volunteer effort of all our members. It takes all of us to make the events we have planned become a reality. I ask all our members to donate their time and talents to our plans this year and to make it a successful year ahead.

A special Thank You to our officers who have just completed their terms. The past two years have been a great success and I feel like our group has grown and made major contributions to the public perception of aviation as a whole in our area.

I would like to thank Linda Yarborough for the contribution of her time and talents over the past 2 years as our President. She made great in-roads into the community and really kept us all straight and organized for our events.

A big Thank You to Bill Perry, our secretary/treasurer for the past 2 years. The job does not get the recognition of some of the other offices but is still a big part of EAA 1058. Thanks to Bill for his contributions to our group.

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Letter From The Editor

December just kind of slipped away with the holidays and all so with everything going on, I decided to make this issue the December/January issue combined. There is a lot to cover with the end of the year and the start of a new one, so I hope I pass all the news along that needs to be in here.

We had a great fly-out to Smithfield, NC for a Christmas show at the Rudy Theater the first part of December. It was kind of a last minute thing but we had about a dozen of our members there and the show was great. We even got some time over dinner with our friends, Bobby & Cheryl White. It was a great evening together with friends and a good excuse to fly somewhere, not that most of us need much of an excuse.

The proudest moment of the month was my son getting to fly the ultra-light solo for the first time. As the cover shows, he did a great job and you need to read the details later in his story.

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A First Solo Adventure

I am going to tell you about my first ultra-light flight. The weather was decent and it was a clear sunny day with just a little wind. Well, I got in the ultra-light and I taxied down the taxiway twice. Then the third time I was doing wheelies. Right before I was going to leave and actually get on the runway, the radio wouldn't stop transmitting. We got that fixed and then I pulled out and got on the runway.

I throttled up and did a wheelie on the runway, that is until it unexpectedly took off at about 30 indicated. I landed it and went back down the taxiway and lined up on the runway. I took off and climbed up to 1000 feet and made my turn. I did that 3 times and landed.

I switched so Ben could have a turn. He went around 3 times and came back. I got back in and went around 2 more times.

The third time around, right before I turned right base, I look down and see the steering wheel connector broke off. I make a holding turn to the left and call on the radio to find out what I need to do. I am told to land and try to keep the nose wheel up and land as light as possible. I proceed with my pattern and get lined up to land.

I try to come in slow and right before the wheels touched, the wind dropped out from under me. I panic and throw the throttle in but it wouldn't speed up fast enough. The main wheels slam smack into the runway and the nose comes down hard. I (not realizing) shove the left rudder. The plane goes right and I am now heading straight for a taxi light. I hit the taxi light and my wheels get removed. I come to a stop and call for help. I am radioed back, "we're on the way." I cut the power and try getting out. I get out and look at the damage and look on the taxiway as they pull up.

The plane is in decent shape, nothing major. The rivets for the main gear just snapped off because that's what they are supposed to do. We load the plane on some dollies and we push it back, put it in a hangar and now it sits. All in all, everything is fixable, and when it is all fixed, I'm going up again.

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A Thankful Christmas

Christmas time is a time to Thank God for all the wonderful miracles he provides to us each and every day. As aviators, we are grateful for all the freedoms that we get to share with others. The events of December remind us to cherish each and every day we have and to spend time together with our friends and families while we are healthy and able to go and do the things we love so much.

During the month of December, several of our members went through major surgeries and are all doing well and back with us for another year together. Please take a moment to thank God for keeping our friends with us for a little while longer.

David Hayes had a sleep disorder that was causing him to stop breathing while sleeping. Surgery on his sinuses and having his tonsils out is supposed to solve the problem He is doing well and getting back on his feet.

Alex Yarborough is doing fine after having heart bypass surgery in December. He is well on the road to recovery and we are keeping his family in our prayers.

Ray Butters had to have a balloon and stint in his heart during December. The doctors were not going to fix the problem due to his age but after some persuasion and the helping hand from above, the surgery went well and Ray is back on his feet.

I had the opportunity this weekend to take a good friend of mine up for his first small airplane ride and I got to remember what it was like on my first time out. Get out and share with your friends the joy of flight and friendship. The weather seems to be pretty good on some of these mid-winter days and an airplane ride is a great way to appreciate what God has created for us here on Earth.

Happy New Year to all our members and I hope this year will be a happy and healthy one for all our friends and families.

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Upcoming Events

I thought I would list the events for the year here to get us started off right. Please forgive me if I get a date wrong or if I miss something. Please send me your items for this list to ben@pdn.net so I can include them here.

Jan 16-7PM - EAA Christmas Banquet in Hartsville

Jan 30-7PM - EAA Meeting in Hartsville.
We have a lot to cover so we ask our members to be here for our planning session for this year's events.

April 17-23- Sun –N- Fun - Lakeland, Florida
This is a great event but most of our members have decided to make the trip to Oshkosh this year instead.

May 18-20- Mid Atlantic Fly In - Lumberton, NC
Last year, we volunteered to help out at this event. We are asking members to help out again this year and to support this near-by event. These guys worked their tails off to create a great airshow and fly-in event right in our back yard. We need to help them out and work on this event with them. Plan to attend and if your schedule permits, plan to volunteer to help these guys out.

May 26-27- May Fly Air Show – Florence, SC
We are working out the details of this event but for right now, we are going to work out with the tower for Young Eagles flights during the event. There are a lot of political issues with this that have to be approved, but I think we can pull it off.

June 7- International Young Eagles Day
This is the big event for Hartsville airport for the year. We will need everyone's help to make this thing happen. Let's plan to fly 100 kids on this date. We flew 106 kids in 2006, the highest number ever flown on a single day for EAA 1058, so let's do more this year. Our goal for 2006 was 150 and we exceeded our goals. Please help find more first-time Young Eagle

candidates and invite them to one of our events this year.

Unknown- Celebrate Freedom Air & Ground Show
This is the event that was in Camden in 2006. The website has not been updated with the dates for 2007, but I will post it here when it is announced.

July 23-29- Airventure Oshkosh
We are trying to finalize our plans to make the trip to this great event. We need to finalize the members who are going by no later than the Banquet next week. Please let me know if you are planning to attend so we can work out arrangements ahead of time.

All of these events and this newsletter are made possible by your membership dues. Please pay your membership dues as soon as possible so we can continue to send out news items and keep our organization strong.

SCBC – South Carolina Breakfast Club 2007 Schedule

Jan 14	LKR	Lancaster
Jan 28	GRD	Greenwood
Feb 11	SMS	Sumter
Feb 25	CAE	Eagle Aviation
Mar 11	GGE	Georgetown
Mar 25	Pvt.	Alan Smoak Field
Apr 8		Easter Weekend
Apr 22	Pvt.	Broxton Bridge
May 6	S79	Green Sea
May 20	SC99	While Plains Plantation
Jun 3	AND	Anderson
Jun 17	CQW	Cheraw
Jul 1	RUQ	Salisbury
Jul 4	Pvt.	Twin Lakes – Special
Jul 15	FDW	Winnboro
Jul 29	88J	Allendale
Aug 12	AIK	Aiken
Aug 26	50J	Moncks Corner
Sep 9	CUB	Owens Field
Sep 23	34A	Laurens
Oct 7	CDN	Camden
Oct 21	BNL	Barnwell
Nov 4	OGB	Orangeburg
Nov 18	8S5	East Cooper
Dec 2	GYH	Donaldson Jet Center
Dec 16	6J7	Rudy Branham Field
Dec 30	Pvt.	Twin Lakes