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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Sep 14: Wrens Fall Fly-In, 9:00AM to 5:00PM Wrens Memorial (65J)

Oct 12: Chapter Meeting, 10:30AM at Daniel Field (KDNL)

Other Local Events

Sep 2-8: Triple Tree Fly In, Woodruff (SCOO)

Sep 8: SC Breakfast Club - Columbia Downtown (KCUB)

Sep 15: SC Breakfast Club – Laurens County (KLUX)

Sep 21: EAA 242 Pancake Breakfast, 8:30AM , Columbia (KCUB)

Sep 29: SC Breakfast Club – Anderson Regional (KAND)

Sep 27 – Oct 5: Nall in the Fall, Triple Tree, Woodruff (SCOO)

Oct 6: SC Breakfast Club – Kershaw County Woodward, Camden (KCDN)

President's Desk

I had an interesting experience on August 24th. Last year at Sun-N-Fun I stopped by a booth called South Wings. It is an organization that coordinates volunteer pilots with environmental organizations in the local area. I am not an environmental fanatic, but thought it might provide some flying time with a purpose. So, on the 24th I flew my first mission with them.

The area of interest was a proposed titanium mine right on the south east corner of the Okenfenokee swamp. Mining and water systems often don't work well together. Prior to going down there I really didn't have an opinion, but after seeing the proposal, I kind of agree that a mine there is probably not in the best interest of the swamp ecosystem.

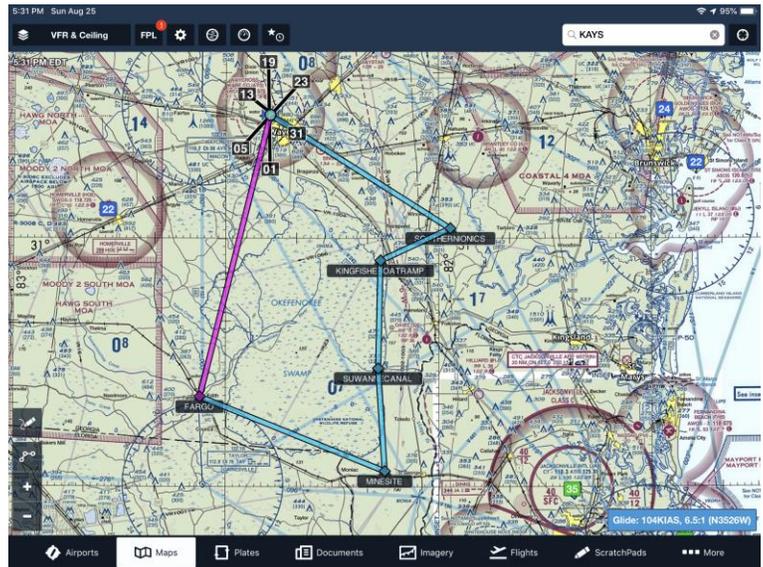
This trip was put together by the Georgia River Network organization. We reviewed the swamp in general and then also several existing mines that are further from the swamp, but seem to be doing a good job with managing their environment. The included picture is from an active mine in Florida as well as the flight route.

First, I had to fly to Waycross to meet the groups. I took two groups of people around the swamp and even a bit into Florida to review a mine there. Flights went well, even though it was hot and bumpy at low altitude. I also learned a lot about the geology of that part of Georgia.

I have done charity flights for a number of organizations and one thing that is important to me is that I feel good about the mission and that I made a positive difference in someone's life. I feel like this one was a good mission!

Fly safe!

Al



Pictures from Al's Environmental Activist trek

Workshop Opportunities:

At our August meeting we announced plans to offer a riveting seminar early next year. A few folks have already signed up. We will teach you how to build an aluminum tool box using several riveting techniques. The tool box kit is \$35. Send payment in advance to our Treasurer, Sandy Walther, and we will order the kits for you. If you are interested, you can let us know by paying the money for the kit. This offer will remain open for several months before we finalize the date which will be early next year.

We also have the opportunity to hold a fabric covering workshop for \$65 each. We are NOT taking money at this time, but you can express your interest in the fabric covering workshop by contacting Al Nodort.

September meeting:

In lieu of a chapter meeting, we are sponsoring the Wrens Fall Fly-In at Wrens Memorial Airport (65J) from 9:00AM to 5:00PM on September 14th. Get up close and personal with a variety of gyroplanes, ultralights and unusual aircraft from Peach State Rotorcraft and EAA 172.

This month's Night Out/Eat Out will be at Southbound Smokehouse at the Riverfront Green Jacket Stadium, 1009 Center Street, North Augusta (803) 349-9306. We'll meet about 6:30PM on Thursday, September 27th. Please join us -- we try to get there a little early for socializing and beverages!

August Meeting Minutes:

A big Thank You goes to Sandy Howard for sharing stories and tips about Flying Vacations. Sandy flies more than 100 hours per year visiting various locations including a recent trip to New Orleans. When choosing where to go, Sandy suggests you talk to other pilots about places they have visited, then invite a friend to go and share the cost. He says to remember the most important part of your trip is having fun. Other tips: Be flexible about your direction of travel and check weather frequently. Always get flight following unless you are just flying “in town”. When visiting locations with seasonal tourism, go the week before the season starts or two weeks afterwards – hotels and house rentals (e.g. Airbnb) are much cheaper then.

Jim and Ronna shared stories about the great rainstorm of Oshkosh 2019. In spite of the massive storm that hit the airport with 5 inches of rain just prior to opening day, EAA AirVenture reported record attendance of 642,000, nearly 7% higher than 2018.

Meeting Schedule

Month	Day	Time	Event	Location	Food
September	14	9:00 am	Wrens Fly-in	Wrens	N/A
October	12	10:30 am	110 th Anniversary of Flight in Georgia – Dan Aldridge	Daniel Field	Pastries/Coffee Lunch at Village Deli
November	9	12:30 pm	RC Demo	Pea Patch	Hot dogs and burgers
December	14	12:30 pm	Chapter Christmas Party	Pea Patch	Turkey/Ham

WHERE TO FIND US:

EAA172 meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at several locations around Augusta, GA throughout the year. However, our primary meeting place is at our chapter clubhouse on Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA) in Blythe, GA. Take Route 1 toward Blythe, turn south at the Citgo/Quik Mart station onto Bath-Edie Road. At the first intersection, turn right onto Patterson Road and follow ¼ mile. Make a left turn onto Boulineau Road (across from the Rec Center) and drive 1 mile. The entrance to Pea Patch is on your right. The clubhouse is at the end of a row of hangars next to the grass strip, just south of the windsock.



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Plane to give away!

Ralph Mott is a former member of EAA Chapter 172 and many years ago bought a Junior Ace project from us. Unfortunately, he never completed the project, but now wants to give it to anyone that is interested in finishing it. Apparently, it is fairly complete but one wing will have to be rebuilt for sure. Ralph can be contacted by phone or email.

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Allendale County Airport Black Tie Event

Betty Baker, airport manager of Allendale County Airport (KAQX), wants us to share info about their “Black Tie Fly In” on September 21 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. “You don’t have to dress up – just wear a tie!” Come join us for food, raffles and a whole lot of socializing. We will be giving out tickets to each pilot flying in for a chance to win some fuel. Two 10-gallon prizes will be awarded. Lunch is on us so just bring money for raffle tickets for a chance to win other prizes.

For more info call 803-584-3801 (office) or 803-686-9164 (cell)

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