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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Jul 11th : EAA 172 meeting, TBD

Aug 8th : EAA 172 meeting, TBD

Other Local Events

Aug 9th: SC Breakfast Club – Spartanburg (KSPA)

President's Desk

No Report for July

Meeting Update

Your EAA 172 Board is closely monitoring the guidelines set by the CDC and Governor Kemp. ***The July meeting has also been canceled due to the Corona Virus.*** They hope everyone is still healthy and doing well. They are hoping we can start our meetings back up as soon as it is deemed safe for all.

Happenings Around Town

Augusta Aviation has done great with all the changes from the CDC guidelines and continues to provide all of the services that we expect from a great FBO. While our meetings and gathering in large groups is still curtailed, we can still burn 100 LL. Getting out and flying with friends is a great way to enjoy our hobby.

Showing a Friend, the Utility of Aviation

From Tom DeGroodt

I had an opportunity to help a friend, who is working on his private pilot's license, experience what it will be like after he completes his quest. I received a call that he wanted to go to a small-town Coaling, Alabama for a quick 30-45 minute meeting. He asked if it would be possible to fly there? All us pilots all need to stay current and as the saying goes any excuse to go flying is usually a good one. I looked up where Coaling is. It is about 1/2 way between Bessemer and Tuscaloosa. Coaling has a population of about 1600 people and is so small it is not even on a sectional. I let him know I had some free time and love flying, so it was a great idea.

I checked FBOs at both Tuscaloosa and Bessemer and planned the flight. We met at KDNL at 7:30 am. Since he is working on his PPL we took a bit of time to discuss the preparations I did to plan the flight. We were in the air about 8am for the flight. Straight line distance is about 250 NM, my initial flight planning days before had us flying for a little over 2 hours. The day we picked mother nature decided to hit us with a 20-25 knot head wind. Even though the weather was clear I filed IFR. We had a great flight over and a fast flight back. The tailwind was even better up higher.

During the flights debrief some of the takeaways for by buddy were:

- Flying will allow you to get somewhere and home in the same day, that you may turn into a 2 day trip if driving.
- Flying into an airport and “grabbing” a courtesy car is very easy and pretty cool.
- Make sure to tell the FBO you should be back within 2 hours so you can use the courtesy car rather than having to get a rental. (we had it about 2 hour 20 min.)
- Talking and listening to ATC doesn't look very scary 😊
- Headwinds and tailwinds can change with altitude
- Watching traffic slowed down on the interstates is cool, even with a 25 Knot headwind
- Even though your original flight planning gives you an idea of how long the flight will be it will depend on what the weather is actually doing.

We had a great time. Enjoyed being able to do something that most people can't do. Had a nice lunch somewhere 250 miles from home and we were home by dinner time.

August meeting preview

We are hopeful that we will be able to get together for the August meeting and beyond.

Meeting Schedule

Month	Day	Time	Event	Location	Food
July	11	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
August	8th	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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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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