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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

April 15, 2023 at 12 Noon – PEA PATCH AERODROME

Special guest Jim Reeves will talk about his experiences as a Top Gun instructor, compared to movies

Meal: Burgers & hot dogs, bring a side or dessert to share

April 27 at 6:30PM – Dine Out at Fujiyama Japanese Steakhouse, 3043 Washington Road, Augusta, GA

May 13 at Noon – PEA PATCH AERODROME

May 25 at 6:30PM – Dine Out (Location TBD)

Pea Patch Update

Our Pea Patch clubhouse is ready for use again! A team of members (and a couple friend neighbors) worked together on March 18th to finish odd jobs, clean and organize. Come to our next chapter meeting and check out the changes.

The pictures that had been hung up high around the front area have been temporarily pulled down so you can see them more closely. Can you help identify the people in those pictures? We will have sticky notes for you to write on and put on the picture. Our intent is to type up identifying information on each picture (names, year, event) to affix to the picture for posterity.



If you are driving to the Pea Patch, you will notice the intersection of Bath Edie Road and Highway 88 (near Jefferson Electric building) is under construction. GDOT will eventually make this a traffic circle. Although traffic is still allowed to pass through the intersection, approach cautiously.

March Meeting Recap

Our March member gathering was held at Louisville Municipal Airport with Jim Watson presenting useful information about engine rebuilds and overhauls. After looking over various engines at Watson Aero, we took a walk over to member Pierre Smith's hangar to see his RV-12 project and look at the other aircraft inside. A local pilot treated us to an impromptu aerobatic show right before we headed for a delicious lunch at Los Lomas Mexican Restaurant.



April Meeting Preview

This month our meeting location is back at the Pea Patch clubhouse. We will gather at Noon for grilled burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

We are honored to have Jim Reeves as our guest speaker. Jim is a former U.S. Navy and Top Gun instructor. He will talk about his experiences – or at least the stories he is allowed to tell us. Let's find out if reality measures up to scenes from the popular Top Gun movies. Don't miss this special presentation!





April Eat-Out

We will be visiting Fujiyama Japanese Steakhouse, 3043 Washington Road, Augusta, GA on Thursday, April 27 at 6:30pm. If you have questions or have not already confirmed, please contact Sheila Connell, phone 803-279-7250.

Here are pictures from last month's eat-out at French Market Grill, Surrey Center. Look at all those smiling faces!



Free advertising

Do you have stuff in your hangar that you would like to clear out and make a few bucks? Do you have some aviation books or supplies that you will never need again? Do you want to get it advertised in next month's newsletter? Send your list of stuff WITH prices to Sandy Walther at sandywalther@yahoo.com.

Lycoming O-320-E2D (Experimental) Engine for Sale:

TACH 972.0, SMOH 211.0, Superior cylinders, selling due to prop strike. Can send PDF of logbooks. Contact Frank Christian 706-294-2055.

Identify this Airplane

LAST MONTH



The mystery aircraft to the left is a **Quickie Q2**, a 2-seat version of Rutan's Quickie. This aircraft has a 64-horsepower Volkswagen air-cooled engine. The prototype first flew in 1980. Over 2000 have been built.

[description courtesy of Wikipedia],

THIS MONTH

Just for fun, see if you can identify the airplane pictured to the right. The answer will be revealed in the next newsletter.



SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
April 16	Ehrhardt, SC	Broxton Bridge Plantation	122.9	SC55
April 30	Manning, SC	Palmetto Air Plantation	122.8	SC41
May 7	Rock Hill, SC	Rock Hill (York Co) - Bryant Field	123.05	KUZA
May 21	Columbia, SC	Jim Hamilton/LB Owens (Columbia Downtown)	123.075	KCUB
June 4	Aiken, SC	Aiken Regional	122.8	KAIK
June 11	Greenwood, SC	Greenwood County	122.975	KGRD

Other Upcoming Events

April 22 UGA Aviation Club Spring Fly-in, Athens Ben-Epps (KAHN) 11am-3pm
 April 22-23 MCAS Beaufort SC Airshow (beaufortairshow.com) 11am-4:30pm Free
 May 13-14 Augusta Air Show at Bush Field (augustaairshow.com) Tickets \$29-\$69

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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. Pea Patch Aerodrome CTAF is 122.80.

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