

# West Central Georgia EAA Chapter 677

## Columbus, GA

### MEETINGS

The June meeting will be on June 13 1985, 7:30 pm at the First Federal Savings and Loan on the Bealwood Connector. This will be a Pilot Proficiency Award and Safety meeting with Mr. Roy Elley of the F.A.A.'s Flight Standards office as the principle speaker.

### FLY-OUT

Sunday, June 23rd, we will attempt (weather permitting) to fly to Crystal Lake Airport (3J8), Irwinville, GA. to spend a day picnicing and swimming and having lots of fun. The airport is located SE of Cordele 176 degrees/33.0 mi off the Vienna Vortur, or 010 degrees/14.0 mi off of Tifton Mayers VOR. The airstrip is 3000 ft, with lots of paved parking. \*\* but bring your tie downs \*\*. The lake is spring fed with a sand beach surrounding it with picnic tables and palm trees, canoes, paddle boats to rent. A three chute water slide is also located in the park. There is no admission charge for fly-in visitors but the water slide does cost. So bring your picnic basket and your favorite beverage, and meet us in front of VanDusen about 10:00. We plan to be airborne by 10:30. For most of the 150's & 170's it should take about one hour.

### CHAPTER LOGO

Barbara has found two different people who are artist and are ready to help us design a Chapter Logo to use on Jackets and hats, etc. Also, Mike Wilson is working with someone

on possible logos. If you have any suggestions for a logo give Barbara a call afternoons or evenings at 576-5553. Mike can be reached at 1-997-0180. (Atlanta).

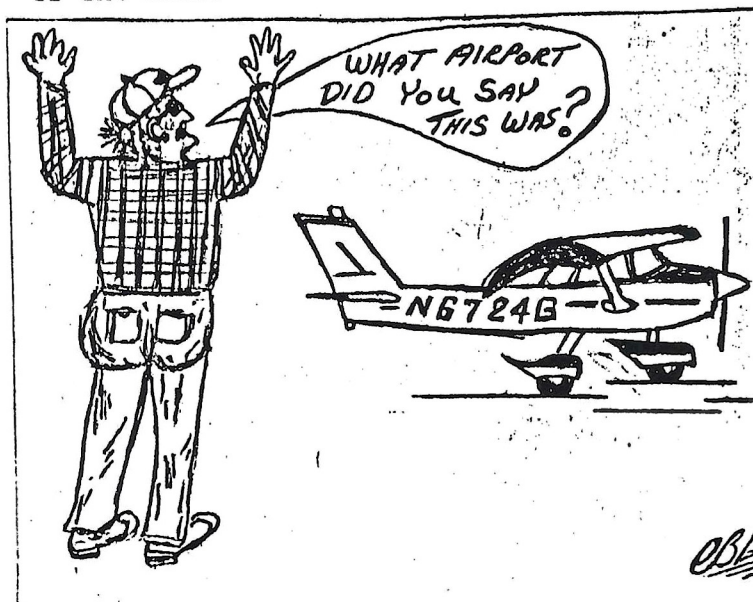
### OTHER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Is anyone interested in some sort of air race, where Eucoupes, 170's, 150's, compete with each other in each catagory? Or maybe a rally type race where you would fly into different airports collecting clues, slips of paper, ect. eventually winding up back home or somewhere like Eufala for dinner?

We are going to try to plan one activity a month during the summer, with Dog Island in late July being a possibility. Also, we need to start making plans for the airshow in September.

### AIRSHOWS

June 15 & 16 is a busy weekend with serveral events taking place. The closest and the biggest being in Dothan, with the USAF Thunderbirds in their F-16's being the highlight of the show.



## EDITORS NOTES

As most of you are aware, I have pushed the Local EAA Chapter as the only pilots club in the metro area, and that anyone interested in general aviation should be a member. Promoting general aviation and protecting our rights to fly should be one of our primary concerns.

I am sure that it may come as a shock to most pilots in the Columbus area that as of 01/02/86 Columbus is scheduled to become a ARSA (Airport Radar Service Area). The original intent of the ARSA was to improve communications and safety. However, the ARSA's are beginning to acquire characteristics of a TCA.

Quite a few pilots have been stunned where they were denied entry permission, or were given excessive vectors once allowed into the airspace. It looks like another power play to control more airspace. We may end up in this country having to fly IFR all the time or fly in designated areas. Also, you may be required to have transponders, etc.

I feel like the roll of our EAA chapter should be to keep tabs on the current situations at our local airport and advise people interested in the welfare of general aviation.

P.S. Should you want additional information on the above, contact me or read the AOFA newsletter of May 85.

Vernon Prater

## CLOSING

As some of you may know, I have offered my time to assist Mr. Prater in the compilation and set - up of this newsletter. I hope that you have found this issue to be informative. I am counting on all of you to keep me posted on current happenings at the

airport by way of Mr. Prater or Charles so that we can continue to keep everyone up to date.

Bill Cornele