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NEWS LETTER

The April meeting will be held at the Gas Light Company at 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 10th. Vernon Prater and Leonard Smith will have the program about working with foam, fiberglass, and such like. A slide show on the progress on the Vari Eze projects will be presented.

Well, Sun'N'Fun 1980 is history now! Quite a few Chapter member went down. LeRoy Storey, Vernon Prater, Charles Hanna, Bud Schuman, Bill Hildebrand, Harold Buck and probably some that I don't know of. The weather was as promised---almost perfect. The turnout of homebuilts was rather skimpy, though. Not as many as last year, but quite interesting. The Rutan Long Eze was there and Dick Rutan flew quite an impressive routine--particularly the dead stick portion.

Steve Whittman's Olds powered Tailwind was there and a whole squadron of Vari Ezes. The only Quickie to make the trip groundlooped on landing and spent the whole time in repair. They finally got it out about noon of the last day. The gentleman who flew it down from Nebraska (I lost his name) was quite impressed with Ed Borwn's Airport at Juniper and the good old Southern Hospitality he found there.

The next fun-time is the Macon Chapter 38's Fly-In Picnic at Warner-Robins Airpark on Saturday, April 26th. Gate opens at 11 AM? That should be an interesting day. Those guys build some planes over there. This would be a good chance to meet their two designers - Jim Peale and George Cowna, if you don't already know them. There will be a concession stand run by the Explorer Scouts in case you don't want to carry your own rations. Let's try to get a good group to go over.

As for project updates:

Harold Buck is about to get his Sonerai Spar put together. Frank Massa finally got his aluminum and is banging out wing ribs and spars.

Darrell McDonald's Quickie is beginning to look like a flying machine.

Bud's Mustang II appears to be in hibernation.

That's about it. See you Thursday.

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