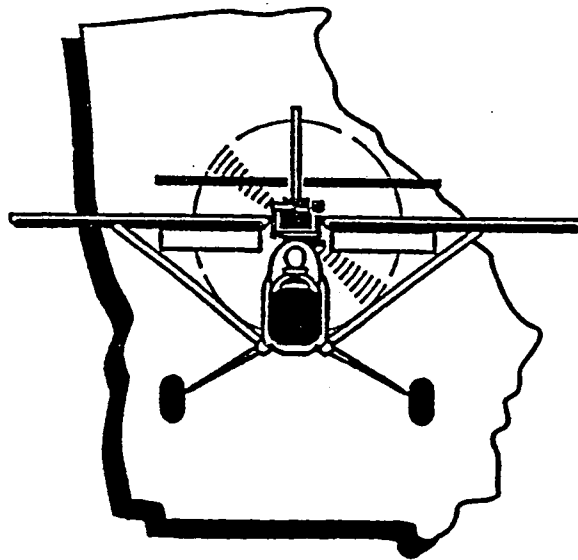


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The November Meeting

At our November meeting, we got to tour the Lockheed plant in Marietta, GA, and saw the production area for the C-130 and F-22 aircraft! It was lots of fun and very educational. Thanks go to Ben Methvin for organizing the tour. (This is Ben's old stomping ground.)

The folks at Lockheed let us examine the construction of the C-130 in considerable detail! We were even able to go up and touch, probe and gawk at the inner details of construction of the cargo craft. Not so with the F-22! Construction of the F-22 was behind a fence that kept us farther away than I would have liked. I suppose there may be a few secrets in the construction of that plane that they may not have wanted us to know about!

After the tour, we had our membership meeting and elected Executive Officers for

the next year. The new officers are:

President: Brad Methvin
Vice President: Dana Simmons
Sec./Treasurer: Bill Rouse

Good luck to all of them for the next year!

There was a question at the meeting about whether Bill can continue consecutive terms as Secretary-Treasurer. The Club Bylaws do not appear to indicate that there is any problem with consecutive terms of office. But, for good measure, the Club Bylaws are included in this newsletter. (It probably wouldn't hurt for all of us to become reacquainted with the bylaws anyway!) If anyone can determine any problem with consecutive terms, please bring it up at the next meeting!

- Steve

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 6, at the Cobb EMC Community Room. The dinner will start at 7:00 PM and is a Potluck Bring-a-Dish dinner.

The GSFA will provide meat and drinks. There is a no alcohol policy at the EMC complex, so please don't bring any. But do bring a food dish and family members.

Like last year, we are offering assistance to a charity by bringing gifts for children. Please bring a toy to the

dinner. It does not need to be wrapped.

The EMC Community Center is at 100 EMC Parkway in Marietta. To get there, take I-75 north to exit 114B. Follow the signs to US41 north and turn right (north). Take the first left (at the traffic light) onto EMC Parkway and take the second right into Gate 1. Stop at the barrier arm and inform the guard that you're with the GSFA and he will direct you to the Community Room.

See you there, and don't forget to bring your gift(s).

Live And Learn

The Associated Press reported the following story on November 24. Please, don't let this kind of thing happen to your airplane!

Plane takes off, without pilot

URBANA, Ohio (AP) — It wasn't the type of solo flight that Paul Sirks had in mind.

The Dayton man watched helplessly as his single-engine vintage plane took off by itself, flew for two hours and crashed into a bean field 90 miles away Sunday. No one was hurt.

"I guess the odds of something like this happening are just astronomical," said State Highway Patrol Sgt. Avery Dyer.

Sirks had landed the 1946 Aeronca Champ at Grimes Field airport because of mechanical problems, police said. The plane's engine stalled on the runway and Sirks got out to restart it by hand-turning the propeller.

Once the engine started, the empty plane taxied away without Sirks, nearly hitting another plane and a hangar before becoming airborne.

"It just got away from him, and it took off," said Carol Hall, an air-

port secretary. "This plane also was trimmed for landing, which means the nose was trimmed up, so it just started climbing."

The two-seater climbed to about 2,000 feet and circled the area for about five minutes before heading northeast. Another pilot and State Highway Patrol aircraft tracked the plane, which reached about 12,000 feet near the end of its flight.

It finally went down in central Ohio, some 55 miles northeast of Columbus, said patrol Lt. John Born. Authorities said it may have run out of fuel. The plane didn't exactly nose dive into the ground, but it was damaged beyond repair.

The Federal Aviation Administration, Highway Patrol and Urbana police were investigating. No charges had been filed against Sirks.

Telephone messages seeking comment were left late Sunday at Sirks' home and at the FAA's regional office in Dayton.

Bylaws For The Georgia Sport Flyers Association, Inc.

ARTICLE ONE - Name

The name of this organization shall be **The Georgia Sport Flyers Association, Inc.** (hereinafter "The Club").

ARTICLE TWO - Purpose

The corporation is a non-profit corporation and is organized for the purpose of promoting safety, educational and recreational activities for the ultralight and light aircraft community in Georgia as well as similar and related activities. Said activities will be held at such places as may be designated by the Board of Officers. The corporation may engage in any lawful business or activity related to the stated purposes and may engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Georgia Non-Profit Corporation Code.

ARTICLE THREE - Affiliation

The club shall be affiliated with the United States Ultralight Association (USUA).

ARTICLE FOUR - Membership

Section I - Categories, Dues, and Benefits

Membership in the club is open to pilots and enthusiasts of ultralight and light aircraft. Annual dues fee is due upon membership. Dues are due for renewal on the month of the member's anniversary. The amount of the annual dues may be changed upon approval of an affirmative 2/3 vote of the club's Board of Officers. All money collected by the club will be maintained in a bank account in the club's name.

The categories of membership shall be as follows:

REGULAR MEMBER - Annual fee is \$30.00. Benefits include a subscription to the

club newsletter, full participation and voting privileges.

HONORARY MEMBER - No annual fee. Benefits include gratis issues of the club newsletter. This membership is awarded by special action of the club to outstanding individuals or organizations for exemplary and/or significant contributions to the ultralight/light aircraft movement. An honorary member shall be determined by an affirmative 2/3 vote of the membership present at a regular meeting. An honorary member shall have no voting privileges.

Section II - Application

Each prospective member is required to submit an application for membership in the club. The form of the application shall be determined by the Board of Officers. If an applicant is approved, he or she agrees, among other things, to abide by the club's Code of Conduct (see Article 8), to waive any and all liability (see Article 9 - Liability Statement) and to pay the appropriate membership dues.

All applicants must be recommended by a current member of the club. Approval of an applicant shall be determined by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board of Officers. All persons attending the regular meeting where the original club bylaws were passed shall be deemed charter members and are not subject to a membership vote.

Section III - Terminations, Warnings and Fines

Disciplinary Action for violation of the Code of Conduct shall be determined by an affirmative 2/3 vote of the Board of Officers and must be ratified by a majority vote of the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Bylaws (continued)

Any member can be terminated by an affirmative 4/5 vote to be taken by secret ballot at a regular club meeting. A member may be terminated for any reason.

Any member cited for the above shall be given the opportunity to explain why membership should not be terminated or why he or she should not be fined. The member will be notified in writing at his last known address of the allegations and charges and will be requested to appear at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Failure to appear for two consecutive meetings to answer allegations shall result in automatic termination of membership.

ARTICLE FIVE - Meetings and Activities

The membership is encouraged to meet regularly and participate in club sanctioned recreational, educational, safety and charitable activities.

Section I - Meetings

Meetings shall be scheduled monthly or at such intervals as the Board of Officers may decide, and at mutually convenient locations. Activities will be planned for each meeting. A yearly calendar of activities shall be originated by the Board of Officers.

Section II - Quorum

Members present at a regularly scheduled meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section III - Activities

The club will strive to have the following activities at each meeting except the charitable activity.

Recreational Activities - A recreational activity is a fly-in, competition, rally or any sanctioned sport event.

Educational Activities - An educational activity is a demonstration or discussion

designed to disseminate information regarding technical aspects and regulatory matters concerning ultralight and light aircraft.

Safety Activities - A safety activity is a lecture, demonstration, or discussion that addresses flight safety.

Charitable Activities - A charitable activity promotes positive public relations between the club and the non-flying community. At least one event per calendar year shall be scheduled to benefit a community charity to be approved by the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE SIX - Board of Officers

Section I - Powers

The Board of Officers shall be comprised of Executive and Appointed Officers. The Executive Officers are President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. The Appointed Officers are the Safety Officer, Education Officer, Flight Operations Officer, Newsletter Editor and Librarian. The Board shall have the power to add or subtract offices as may be necessary by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board of Officers. However, in no instance will the number of Officers be less than three.

The Board of Officers will also have the ability to create and disband special committees as may be necessary by a 1/2 affirmative vote. The Board shall have broad powers to establish the duties and powers of such committees.

The Board of Officers will meet from time to time as may be necessary.

Section II - Quorum

No action required by a vote of the Board of Officers shall be valid unless 50% or more of the officers entitled to vote are present at the meeting.

Bylaws (continued)

An officer may vote by proxy by mailing his vote to the President within three days before the scheduled meeting is to be held.

Section III - Dues

The President:

1. Presides at club functions, meetings and other official activities;
2. Convenes the Board of Officers meeting;
3. Delegates tasks to the Board;
4. Plans the club calendar in coordination with the Education, Safety and other Officers;
5. Works with officials of the FAA and local agencies;
6. Provides the secretary with copies of all official club correspondence;
7. Contributes monthly to the newsletter;
8. Initiates administrative tasks and emergency action when necessary;
9. Is obligated to keep the club fully informed in a timely manner of any situation, process, issue or circumstance affecting club interests.

The Vice-President:

1. Assists the President;
2. Presides at club functions, meetings and other official activities in the absence of the President;
3. Convenes the Board of Officers in the absence of the President;
4. Assists the President in program planning and implementation;
5. Coordinates public relations and charitable events.

The Secretary/Treasurer:

1. Presides at club functions, meetings and other official activities in the absence of the President and Vice-President;
2. Records minutes of all official meetings;
3. Maintains the membership roster, newsletter subscribers and a list of potential members;

4. Provides the newsletter editor mailing labels of members and subscribers;
5. Prepares club correspondences;
6. Serves as club historian and maintains a club scrapbook and all correspondences, publications, records of events and yearly membership rosters.
7. Prepares a budget, to be approved by the Board, and otherwise assists the Board with related financial matters;
8. Maintains a record of all financial documents and transactions;
9. Deposits all funds into a bank in the club's name with the President and self as check co-signatory;
10. Provides receipts for all money received;
11. Reports status of funds at regular meetings;
12. Prepares a written financial report for the regular December meeting;
13. Reviews the financial records with elected auditors in May and November between the 1st and 15th of each year.

The Safety Officer:

1. Promotes safe and responsible operations of aircraft through encouragement and advice to club members about maintenance, inspections, pilot competence and flight operations;
2. Appoints an assistant or committee to help carry out the above duties;
3. Coordinates safety operations at flying events;
4. Plans and implements safety related guidelines with approval of the Board of Officers;
5. Is available to the President during official visits or negotiations with the FAA, local aviation officials or other group or agency seeking to coordinate ultralight and light aircraft activity;
6. Coordinates an activity about safety at each regular meeting;
7. Contributes a monthly safety tip for publication in the newsletter.

Bylaws (continued)

The Education Officer:

1. Plans, coordinates and schedules educational activities in accordance with the Board of Officers at regularly scheduled meetings;
2. Helps to update the yearly calendar of scheduled events;
3. May appoint an assistant or committee to help carry out duties.

The Flight Operations Officer:

1. Plans, coordinates and schedules flight operations in coordination with the Board of Officers at regularly scheduled meetings;
2. Helps update the yearly calendar of scheduled events;
3. May appoint an assistant or committee to help carry out duties.

The Newsletter Editor:

1. Edits, publishes and distributes the newsletter;
2. Maintains a file of published newsletters;
3. Consults with the Board about information to include in the newsletter.

Section IV - Elections

The Executive Officers shall be nominated by the membership present at the October meeting and elected by the membership present at the November meeting. All Officers shall take office in the following January.

Section V - Term of Office

The term of all offices shall be one year.

Section VI - Vacancies

The President shall fill all vacancies by appointment.

Section VII - Recall for Office

Officers are subject to recall by an affirmative 2/3 vote of the membership present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE SEVEN - Changes in the Bylaws

The bylaws of the club may be changed at any regular meeting by an affirmative 2/3 vote of the membership present. Notification of proposed changes in the bylaws shall be announced in the newsletter for the month in which the changes are to be voted.

ARTICLE EIGHT - Code of Conduct

1. I will not operate my aircraft in such a manner that would endanger life or property.
2. I will offer assistance to others who require guidance and knowledge about recreational aviation.
3. I will construct and maintain my aircraft in the highest quality that is practicable.
4. I will thoroughly inspect my aircraft before every flight.
5. I will operate my aircraft using the safest possible methods that are available to me.
6. I will not operate any aircraft without first receiving appropriate instruction and training.
7. I understand and will strive to adhere to all current and applicable regulations concerning operation of aircraft.

ARTICLE NINE - Liability Statement

As a member of this flying organization, I acknowledge that the sport of flying aircraft involves certain risks, including personal injury, property damage and even death. By becoming a member of this organization, I agree to accept these risks and to not hold the club, its officers or members liable for any such occurrences.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are available to members at no cost for their personal ads. Commercial ads may be placed by members for \$1 per line and by non-members at \$2 per line.

FOR SALE - New Paraplane Powered Parachute, less than 30 min. TT, owner's manual, complete. \$3500. (Owner chickened out!) Stuart Fuller, 770-443-0911.

FOR SALE - Kolb Firestar, some damage to wings and fabric, no motor, some instruments, good winter project. \$1,800. Call Stan Sullivan, 770-422-1318.

FOR SALE - Phantom, custom, loaded, 503CDI, 60 hrs TT, black, Warp drive, CB, full gauges, Garmin 45, Hagar mags, aerial smoke kit, always hangered, \$8500 obo. Call Steve Palleson, 706-794-9210, or beep at 770-697-0470.

FOR SALE - Challenger II CWS, 582, BRS, full panel, redundant fuel system, strobes, tundra tires, Back Forty landing gear, new cushions, always hangered, full Stitts, fiberglass nose, complete with GPS, USUA registered, \$15,000. Call Ron Reese at 404-914-1262 or 404-619-5900 evenings.

FOR SALE - Fisher Koala 101, 440 Kawasaki, parachute, elec start, new tires, brakes, cables, prop, belt, battery, carb, with trailer. \$3,500. Call Johnny Ashley, 205-891-4338.

FOR SALE - Team Mini-Max 1100R with 277, brand new, \$5950, mint condition. Andy Isburgh, 770-483-6646.

FOR SALE - Team Airbike, factory built, Ser. # 1, new Rotax 447, mint condition, needs nothing. \$6,700. Call Brad Williams, 770-466-9985.

FOR SALE - Weedhopper C, unmounted, zero time, Kawasaki 440, CDI with 5-belt magnum redrive, \$3,750.00. Scott Parker, 770-908-7386.

FOR SALE - Weedhopper airframe only (no engine). New, ready to put your engine on. \$2900.00. Call Howard Ray, 706-692-6500.

FOR SALE - Rotax 377 FA, with gearbox and CDI conversion. Needs one piston. \$595. Call Andy Isburgh, 770-483-6646.

FOR SALE - Ray Jefferson PL-99 Loran, \$60. Icom IC-A20 VHF/VOR Receiver with headset adapter, inline PTT and nicad wall charger, \$450. Call Denny Thisius, 770-467-9211.

FOR SALE - Handheld airband radio, Narco HT830, 10 presets, VOR, AC adapter, rubber ducky, \$250. Can trade for GPS or loran + cash. Call Bennett Liles, 770-474-1241.

32' X 24' hangar, new, erected on your site. \$2500. Call Verle Rinehart, 770-460-7321.

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The GSFA Voice Mail System

All GSFA members have access to the voice mail system to get updates on upcoming events as well as for leaving messages to other members. Just dial 770-663-7108 and choose the number to access the information you want.

If you would like to leave a message to other members about when and where you will be flying, choose number 2, wait for the beep and leave your message. If you want to check and see if anybody has left a message as to when and where

they will be flying, after pressing 2, press *, then enter the security code (4273) and press 1 to hear messages. Don't forget to press 1 after you listen to each message to save it so that others can retrieve the message also. The security code matches the letters GASF (Ga. Sport Flyers) so it should be easy to remember. Please do not change it.

If you encounter any problem with the voice mail system, contact Bill Rouse at 770-917-9228.

GSFA Information...

The Georgia Sport Flyers Association is a non-profit organization devoted to the promotion, education and safety of ultralight flight, but encourages and accepts members from all walks of aviation. Membership is \$30.00 per year and includes subscription to the newsletter. Membership applications with payment should be brought to a membership meeting or mailed to:

Bill Rouse, Secretary/Treasurer
Georgia Sport Flyers Association
3764 Halyard Court
Acworth, GA 30102

Bill can also supply membership applications.

The newsletter (only) is available to non-members for \$20.00 per year.

Meetings are normally on the second Saturday of the month, at various locations around the metro Atlanta area.

The GSFA Web Page

The GSFA now has a web site at <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/6742>. The web site has pictures, stories and lots of information about the group as well as links to other similar sites.

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Articles from the membership and general public are highly encouraged and solicited. No material can be returned unless accompanied by sufficient return postage. To submit articles to the newsletter, send to:

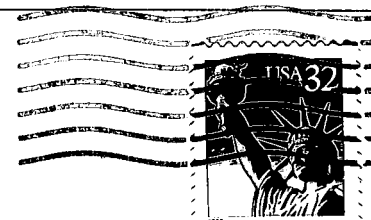
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612 Steeplechase Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30244

Articles on floppy disk are preferred, but any form is acceptable. If you have a computer and modem, you can send articles to Steve at the S-A Ham BBS, 770-903-6789, or via the Internet at address SteveYoth@aol.com.

All other correspondence should be mailed to:

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