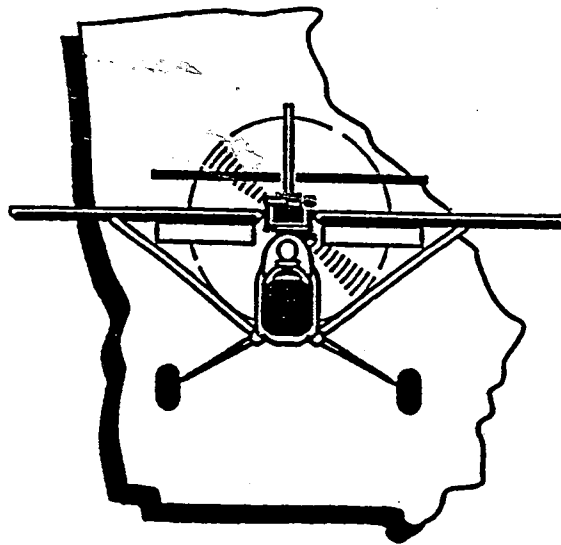


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The President's Hangar

The Saturday meeting at Cartersville is important and I hope most of you will attend. At this meeting we will nominate the slate of officers for 1998. This is a good association and it deserves your careful consideration as to whom you might like to have during 1998. I do not plan to seek the office of President for 1998. I will be glad to help the new president in any way that I can. It has been a pleasure working with the other officers through this year and each has gone the limit in serving the membership. Through their efforts, many of the things you guys said you wanted have come to pass. Any one of those guys would make a good president. There are of course others such as Dana Simmons who did a very special job with the Rally. It is up to you guys, so be there.

Lockheed has not yet given me a date for the visit but I should know soon and will get the word out about the plant visit and the evening meeting we are planning over the next two months. Many people have let me know that they would like to visit Lockheed's factory so it is not a matter of if but when. I will let you know.

I have not heard from many of you as to whether you would like to go to Lucedale for the Shane Smith Memorial Fly-in at South Mississippi. If the good weather holds, I still plan to go for the 16th through the 19th of October. Let me know if you are interested.

The meeting at Peach State was well attended and was a lot of fun. Chuck Goodrum auctioned off seven pilots who

competed in a parachute drop "Calcutta" that VP Brad arranged. It was fun and raised money for our charity and for the club. Pete Pettis of Thomaston won the drop and shared the prize with his friend who brought him to the auction. Chuck was superb and got good value for each of the contestants. The airport at Peach State (Williamson) is under new management and has an excellent restaurant, which is open during the week and on weekends. I urge you to support it as very few airports we use have places where we can fly-in and eat. The one at Rome airport has just closed again.

As I write this, one of our new members is planning a solo flight from Indianapolis to Mathis in the next few days. He has many hours flying for the marines but has not yet soloed in an ultralight. He is buying a Phantom, flying it locally in Indianapolis and then like Lindbergh, will take off for Mathis. We wish him luck and know that he has planned well. He should be back by the meeting in Cartersville and I will introduce him there.

State Line Ultraport on the North Carolina/South Carolina border is having their annual fly-in, sleep-in and cookout the weekend of October 25 and several of us are planning to fly there for the occasion. It is a good group, at a good field exclusively for ultralights. (It's the biggest Phantom nest I've ever seen.) Details are in this issue and the web page.

See you at Cartersville.

- Ben

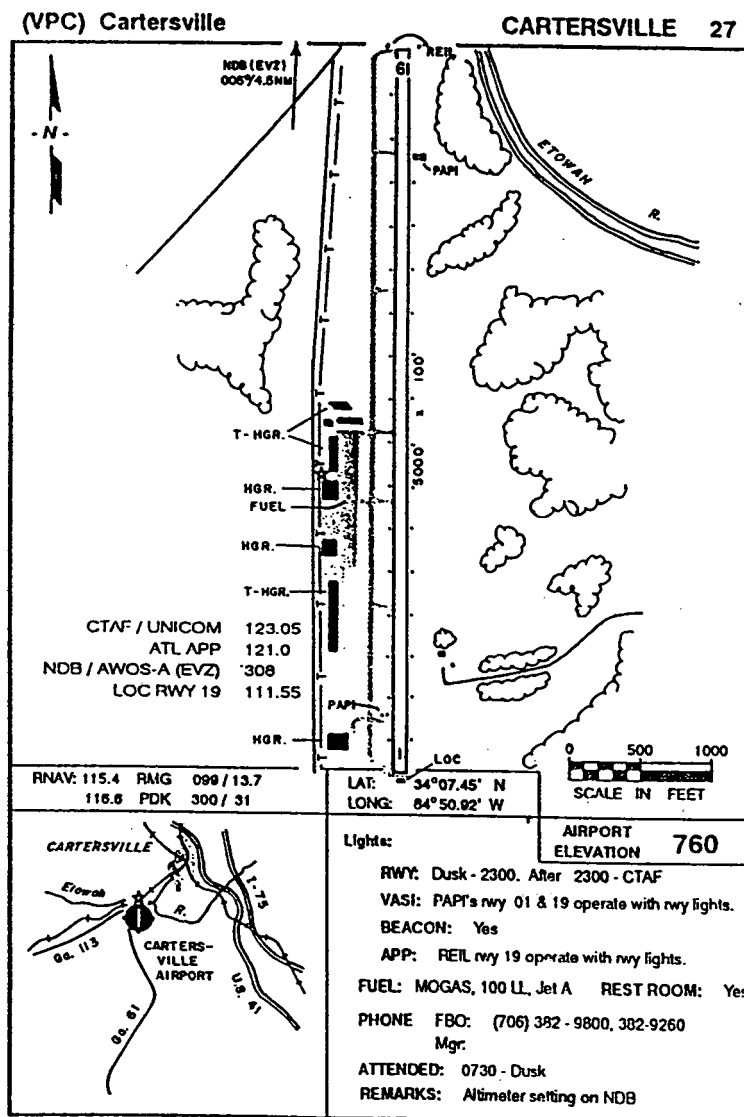
Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is at Cartersville Airport on October 11 at 11:00 AM. In this meeting, we will nominate officers for 1998.

Cartersville Airport is about 30 miles northwest of Atlanta. If you are driving to the airport, take I-75 North out of

Atlanta to the Cartersville exit. Go west to the intersection of Hwy 61 and 113, and watch for signs for the Cartersville Airport.

Airport information from the Georgia Airport Directory is indicated below. See you there!



GSFA 1997 Activity Calendar

The GSFA does not assume any liability for flight activities listed. Individual members of GSFA have liability for their personal sport and recreational flying. Check the GSFA voice mail system for updates on flying activities.

Month Day/Time	Coordinator	Site	Activity
October 4 11 11:00am	Ben Methvin	Cartersville Airport	Fly-In and Membership Mtg, Officer Nominations
18 25	Ben Methvin Brad Methvin	Lucedale, MS Chesnee, SC	South Mississippi Fly-In State Line Ultralight Port Fall Fly-In
November 1 8 11:00am		To be determined	Membership Meeting, Officer Elections
15 22 29			
December 6 7:00pm		Cobb EMC Community Room, Marietta, GA	Membership Meeting, Annual Party
13 20 27			

Other flying activities and notes:

- Ben is looking to fly to South Mississippi for the fly-in on Thursday, Oct 16, and return on Sunday, Oct 19. Call Ben Methvin for details.
- Wing's 'n Things Fly-In, October 1-2, Lakeland, FL Info: 941-644-2431

Congratulations to ...

Brad Methvin, whose article "Fly Ultralight Air" was printed in the October issue of Ultralight Flying magazine. Check out the article on page 39. (Yeah, it was in The Sport Flyer first!)

Oshkosh '97



Terry Raber of Millersburg, Ohio taxis his by in his Aero-Lite 103, the Grand Champion Ultralight at EAA Oshkosh '97.



Gary Menzimer, Vista, California, poses with his Kolb Firestar which was named the Grand Champion Light Plane at EAA Oshkosh '97.

Touching The Clouds

By Corky Valentine

On May 5, 1951, John Murphy traded a 1942 Ford Jeep for a 1946 J-3 Cub with 170 hours on it from a Mr. Brikman of Jasper, GA. John got his training from E. B. Galloway and got his ticket in January of 1949. The little yellow Cub now has a little over 620 hours on it.

It was a warm spring day. I was just a boy no more than ten years old lying in a field of tall, cool grass, a light wind blowing the clouds around in the deep blue sky. I would lay in the grass making images out of the clouds as they floated by. The images seemed to come and go at will.

All of us have done this at one time or another. I still do.

Can you remember your first flight? I can, and it was not too long ago. Mine was with John Murphy, manager of Pickens County Airport near Jasper, GA. It was in a 1946 J-3 Cub. What a way to learn about flying!

Murphy and I didn't know each other all that well on that MAGICAL DAY I was to touch the clouds. All I knew was that it looked like a lot of fun. Sitting on the front porch, watching Murphy take people for a ride around the airport was all I needed to make my day.

It was getting late in the afternoon. Murphy came around for what I thought was his last flight before flying home. As Mike was getting out of the back seat of the Cub, Murphy said, "Tell Corky to come on. I got time for one more time around the patch." Mike asked Murphy "Don't you think Corky's a little too big?" Murphy looked at me from head to toe as I walked to his plane and said to Mike "We'll see." Then he said to me, "Won't we?"

At the time, I was a FAT 315 pounds. I thought to myself as I looked at this small plane "Will I have to GREASE

myself down with PETROLEUM JELLY to get into this little yellow bird?"

As I started to get in the Cub, there was less and less room as I got in. But, with a hard push from outside, I popped right into the back seat behind my new found friend, "The Murph".

With my seatbelt in place, I slid down into the seat so I could see out the back windows. Murphy told me "Don't hit the rudder peddles with your feet, and don't grab the stick or touch the gas control. Just sit back and enjoy the ride."

We rolled down the runway and, not knowing a thing about flying, I was thinking to myself "Why is this OLD MAN going from one side of the runway to the other?" He did this all the way to the end of Runway 16. I started asking myself "Has this new-found friend of mine been drinking, or has he taken too much medication of some kind?" I didn't know that this was the way to taxi a tail dragger.

All of this disappeared from my head as he turned the plane around on the runway and lined up in the center. To check out the controls, Murph pushed the stick to the left, then to the right. I didn't know what he was doing. But the stick hit my left thigh, then my right thigh. Then the stick went forward (no problem) and the stick came back faster than I could move! Murph turned half around in the seat with a cheap cheese-looking smile and said "You need to sit up back there! Are you all right?" With a high pitch in my voice, I said, "Yes, sir."

Murphy added power to the 1946 J-3 Cub, which he calls The Enola Gay. Down the runway we went. I remember him shouting, "We're going to make it, son!" Just what was this man talking about? The runway was 3600 ft. long, and we were off the ground in about 600 ft. I would know later what he was talking about.

As we flew by, all the people he had taken up before me were waving their arms up into the air like we had just done something very special. Murphy told me "They bet me a Coke we wouldn't make it off the ground with you in the plane, Corky, but I know my plane and what it can and can't do. They shouldn't have bet the "Murph" because after this flight, I'll need something to drink!"

We flew around the airport, not getting too far away, for about 30 minutes. Murph turned around and told me, "Corky, they want me to slip it in." Not knowing what in the world he was talking about, I said, "You love yourself more than you do me. Go for it!"

I had no idea what was about to happen. Murph pointed the airplane at the airport with the left wing lined up

somewhat with the runway, but more with the grass on the side of the runway. The ground and the side of the hill at the end of 16 was coming up in a hurry. I tapped Murphy on the shoulder and said, "Don't you think the ground is coming up a little too fast?" His reply was "Fun, ain't it!?"

With all that said, I held my head in my hands and shut my eyes, knowing we were going to be a part of that hill, or the runway.

Murphy lined the plane back up and set it down so softly the only thing I felt hit the ground was the tailwheel. Nobody told me Murph landed in the grass. Murphy says landing in the grass saves his tires.

With a runway in his backyard, cloth wings above his head and a 65 hp Continental under the cowl, John Murphy will always be a part of Pickens County Airport. Murph can also tell some of the best WAR STORIES I have heard in a long time. He is a good man to know and a great friend.

Thank you, Murphy, for my first flight and for letting your friend Corky touch that cloud.

(Next month: Ducks In A Crosswind, also by Corky Valentine.)

Here's a story from the Internet's Humor Digest...

A photographer for a national magazine was assigned to take pictures of a great forest fire. He was advised that a small plane would be waiting to fly him over the fire.

The photographer arrived at the airstrip just an hour before sundown. Sure enough, a small Cessna airplane was waiting. He jumped in with his equipment and shouted, "Let's go!" The tense man sitting in the pilot's seat swung the plane into the wind and soon they were in the air, though flying erratically.

"Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make several low-level passes."

"Why?" asked the nervous pilot.

"Because I'm going to take pictures!" yelled the photographer. "I'm a photographer, and photographers take pictures."

After a long pause, the pilot replied: "You mean, you're not my instructor?"

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 - 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 - 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 - 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 - Tennessee Prop, right-hand pusher, 60", 40 pitch, \$150. Tim Caviness, 770-962-7337.

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.

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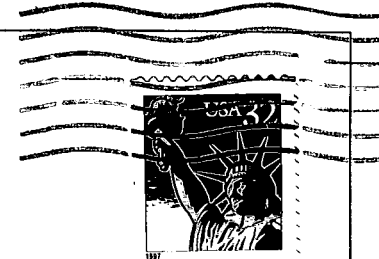
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Articles on floppy disk are preferred, but any form is acceptable. If you have a computer and modem, you can send articles to Steve at the S-A Ham BBS, 770-903-6789, or via the Internet at address SteveYoth@aol.com.

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