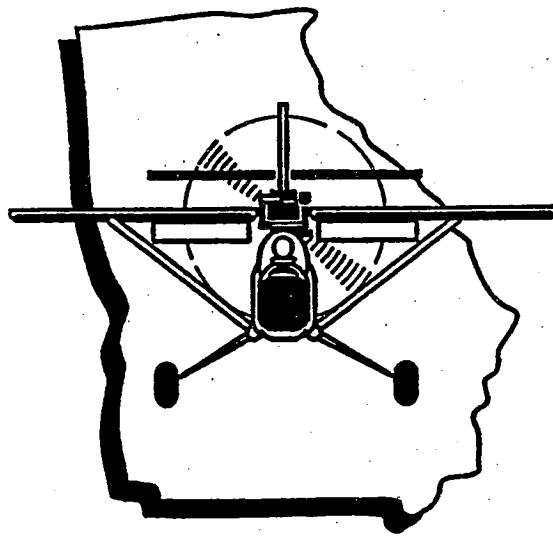


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The President's Hangar

Summer has flown and so have I and the MiniMax. Brad and I had a great flight to Lake Norman just north of Charlotte, another fun flight to Lake Burton in the North Georgia Mountains and several great flights with Pierce Day to Scottsboro, Guntersville, and Ft. Payne Alabama recently. Several wonderful days when the weather permitted. I do love this hobby! Wish more of you would join us.

We are now coming into fall and the weather should improve considerably. I sure would appreciate some ideas from you guys for flights this fall where we can all go together. Let me know any ideas you might have and I will form a telephone committee to get the word out.

Thanks to a suggestion by Pierce Day, I am planning a night meeting at a central location for all the membership during the month of October. It is hoped that we can get a large turn-out and meet the new members as well as cover subjects which will be of interest to all. The next newsletter will have the details.

The EAA chapter at Gwinnett County invited us to attend a breakfast, lunch and swap meet there on Saturday, September 6. It was a great time! The GSFA had a

table with lots of ultralight literature and several of the Georgia Sport Flyers showed up with their planes.

Several of us are contemplating a trip to South Mississippi (Lucedale) for the activities planned there for October 17-19. Please let me know if you are interested. I will probably drive my van and tow the Max but others plan to fly.

Lockheed has offered to allow me to give a tour of their facilities later this year if enough of you guys are interested in seeing the production line for the F-22 and the C-130J. Unfortunately, they prefer that we choose a Tuesday or Thursday during the times the plant is open. Let me know if you think you could come on either day and we will pick a time in November or December.

Brad and new member Donald Brennan have some good ideas for the web page which will make it go faster. Several improvements have already been made, so check it from time to time. By the way, Donald recently soloed his Zephyr with Pierce Day as his mentor. Congratulations, Donald!

See you at Peach State!

- Ben Methvin

Congratulations to ...

Chuck Goodrum, whose article "Spring Trike Gathering" was printed in the September issue of Ultralight Flying magazine. Check out the article on page 48. (The Trike Gathering was very nice, too!)

The Moonstruck Triker

By Pierce Day

It was midnight. All the flyers were gathered around the campfire telling and re-telling their stories of landing in 25mph crosswind gusts, engine outs over the swamps, and other tales appropriate for such a time.

The event was a weekend of flying and competition at a private airstrip located in the countryside. The owner of the strip lived just off the runway and had invited the club for a return visit after hosting us two years ago.

It was also a full moon. The tranquillity of the campfire was suddenly broken when a Rotax roared to life. Before anyone could speak, a triker taxied out to the runway, gunned the engine for a quick warm-up, and took off into the semi-dark skies. Six touch-and-go's later he killed the engine, shouted his signature "YA-HOOOO!!", and dead-sticked in.

The next noise heard was the airstrip owner's golf cart driven at full speed through the trees while crashing through the spectator barriers. He was dressed(?) in his shorts and yelling over and over "SHUT THAT DAMN THING OFF!" The triker restarted after landing and was doing the va-room, va-room thing with his throttle while taxiing around - totally unaware that the golf cart was behind him chasing his trike in circles.

Thirty minutes later all was quiet. The triker apologized to the strip owner for his moonstruck behavior, the strip owner had apologized to the campfire crowd for obeying his wife's command to "quiet those boys down", and the campfire crowd got up enough courage to ask if we would be invited back next year.

Problem was, no one had a cam-corder...

- Pierce

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Saturday, September 13, at Peach State Airport in Williamson, GA. The meeting will be at 11:00 AM and there will be shuttle service to the local BBQ restaurant after the meeting.

If you are FLYING, the coordinates are: 33° 11.01' N, 84° 22.30' W; Elevation is 926 ft. Runways are 13 and 31. Watch out for the displaced runway, which is marked with tires. Unicom is 122.80. Mogas and 110LL is available.

If you are DRIVING, take I-75 South from Atlanta to U.S. 19/41 South to Hwy 362. Turn right and follow Hwy 362 for about 5 miles to the town of Williamson. Continue through Williamson and the airport will be on the right side of the road, just past the railroad crossing. The FBO and Manager phone number is 770-227-8282. Airport information is shown on page 5 of this newsletter.

We have many new members this month and encourage all to attend and meet them. Hope to see you there!

GSFA 1997 Activity Calendar

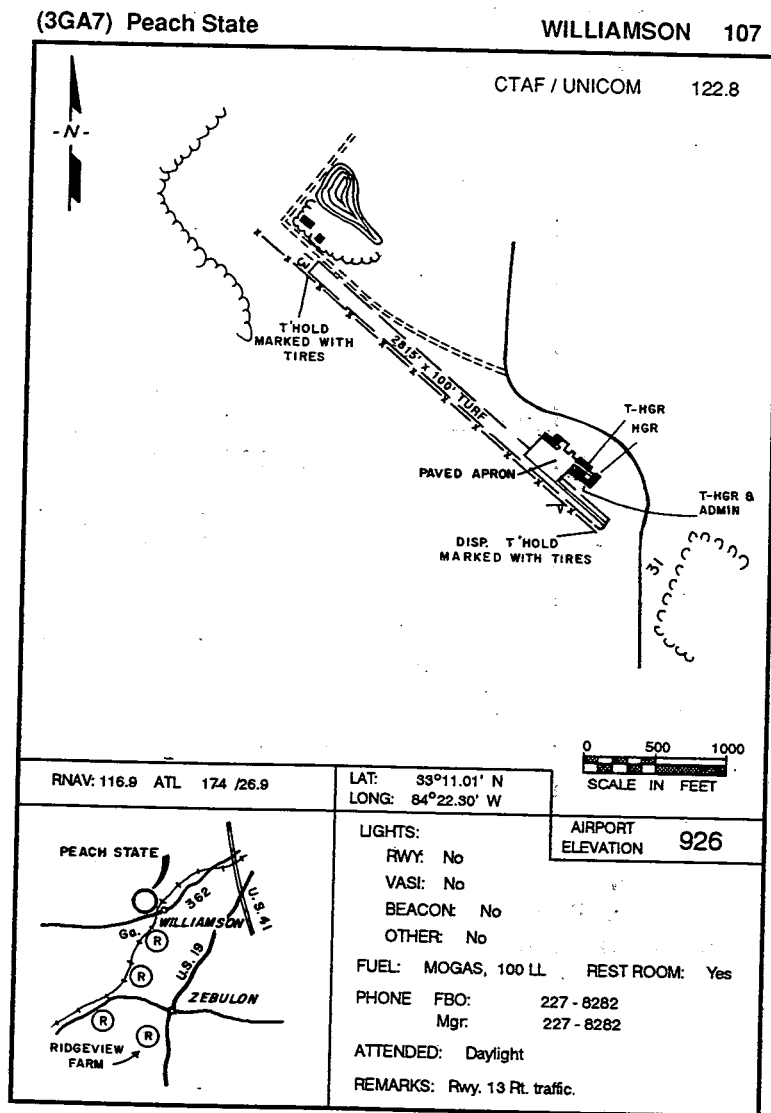
The GSFA does not assume any liability for flight activities listed. Individual members of GSFA have liability for their personal sport and recreational flying. Check the GSFA voice mail system for updates on flying activities.

Month Day/Time	Coordinator	Site	Activity
September 6 13 11:00am 20 27	Mike Carpenter, Sr. and Jr.	Peach State Airport, Williamson, GA Talladega, AL	Fly-In and Membership Meeting Fly to Talladega, AL
October 4 11 11:00am 18 25		Cartersville Airport Loehle Aviation in TN	Fly-In and Membership Mtg, Officer Nominations Fly to Loehle Aviation in TN
November 1 8 11:00am 15 22 29		To be determined	Membership Meeting, Officer Elections
December 6 7:00pm 13 20 27		Cobb, EMC Comunity Room, Marietta, GA	Membership Meeting, Annual Party

Other flying activities:

- Trip to Cape Fear - September?
- Huntsville EAA Fly-In - October?

Here's the information on Peach State Airport, from the Georgia Airport Directory...



ULTRALIGHT AIR: BUSINESS CLASS

By Brad Methvin

I sell training software to Fortune 1000 companies and with my busy schedule, my job can take me anywhere around the southeast. Based in Atlanta, there are many carriers at my disposal. But do any offer adventure? Do any have a view larger than a picture frame? What about car rental pickup service, right on the runway? The only adventure you're going to find on an airliner is walking to the lavatory when the "Fasten Seat Belts" light is on. Maybe you've looked out the window (if you were lucky enough to get one) of a DC-9 and seen the majestic cumulus clouds and wanted to be out there in them, rather than next to the screaming baby in front of you. Don't you just despise the cattle-call march to baggage claim, rental car lines, and then of course the shuttle to nowhere-land to get your car? Parking at a major airport is a nightmare and I haven't even mentioned the food. Are you tired of modern airline travel to business destinations? Do you want to know how I really feel about it all???

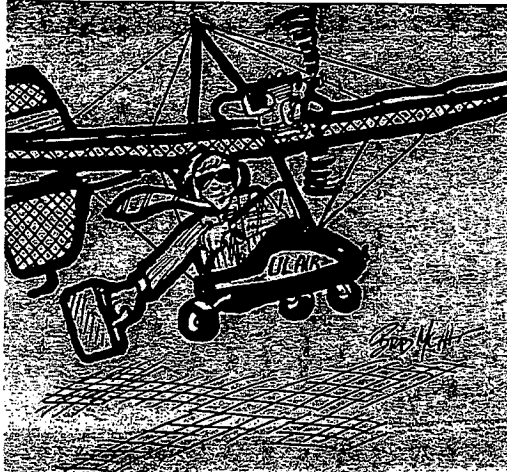
There is an alternative... Put a little adventure into your next business trip. Why not use your ULTRALIGHT! I recently decided to combine business with pleasure on a trip from the Atlanta area to Charlotte, N.C. No travel agent was needed, only a sectional and GPS were required for this trip. No need to check baggage. All fit in the "overhead compartment". For this particular business trip, a laptop, suit and other essential luggage fit into the wings of my Phantom X1 with ease. It is also recommended to have a wingman who has the free time (In this case, Ben Methvin, my retired father, flying a MiniMax). The trip was over 500 miles round-trip and cost only \$125 for the two of us. (We didn't even have to fly standby.)

Flying an ultralight on business is not for everyone. You can't be in a big hurry. You'll need to watch the Weather Channel to find out more than just whether you'll need your raincoat or not. You can't drink as much coffee unless you want to make some unscheduled landings. No Frequent Flyer miles. Can't use them when you need them anyway. Finally, you don't get a choice of pretzels or peanuts, There's not much in-flight service at all.

If you DO have the "Light Stuff", however, you might be able to overlook these inconveniences because there are far more rewards flying UL (Ultralight) Airlines than the other airlines, whose window you might be pressing your nose against.

Think about these unique benefits:

- **Hassle-free check-in service!** (We had to load the planes ourselves, but we didn't have to tip anybody)
- **In-Flight CD player!** (Just be careful when changing disks)
- **Evian bottled water!** (Chilled to perfection-if you freeze it the night before)
- **Fresh fruit!** (Banana peels kinda float down like a parachute)
- **Test your math skills!** (Lets see...4.7 gallons, that's 13.5 oz of Pennzoil? 14 oz?)
- **Scare the hell out of your father!** (Tall train trestles work real well)
- **Talk to "Van Babes"!** (Ground crew members: Susan Methvin & Ashley Owings-*gratuitous plug* -they brought us "Big Macs")
- **Play "Guess that Unicom"!** (Seems like most of 'em are 122.8 in South Carolina)
- **Catch an airport manager in his shorts!** (Lovable, but gruff, "Sharkey", of *State Line Ultralight Port* was kind enough to get out of bed early Sunday morning to refuel us)



- No screaming kids kicking on your seat, or fat guys sitting next to you! (Amen)
- You want REAL turbulence? (This is your airline!)
- Have the rental car waiting for you next to the runway! (Thanks, Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Statesville for leaving us a car at Lake Norman Airpark, upon arrival. Beat that, shuttle-mongers!)
- Buzz your friends upon arrival! (Generally, most airlines don't buzz at all)
- Prove to your friends that *UIL Air* has the same odds as the big guys! (Not one incident on this trip)
- Ever wonder how cold it is out there? (Find out first hand!)
- Take all the time you need! (You'll need it!)
- See the beautiful scenery below you! (And circle back if you want to see it again! - 'Nuff said!)

We flew over many lakes and rivers during our round trip flight from Cartersville, GA to Lake Norman, NC and dodging the rain and clouds was challenging but provided the adventure we sought. It was a novel idea to combine business, water skiing, a family reunion and, oh yes, flying, all in one trip. I highly recommend you seize this type of opportunity in the future, but a warning to those flying *UIL Air*, its hard to find a shoe-shine anywhere!

BRAD METHVIN first soloed in July 1996 and has since accumulated over 160 hours in a Phantom and a few exciting moments in his father's MiniMax. Besides this trip, he had flown over 1000 miles with three other members of the Georgia Sport Flyers in September, '96. He then flew to St. George's Island, FL, from the Metro Atlanta area in April '97. (see "Forgotten Coast"-7/97 Ultralight Flying!) Ben Methvin, his father, is current president and Brad, vice-president of this 70+ member group in northern Georgia. Brad is currently Senior Account Manager for Sphere Interactive, a web-based, training software developer.

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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 hangared, \$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 hangared, 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.

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

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 - Kolb Ultrastar, 40 hrs, factory welds, excellent condition. New Culver prop with hardened leading edge, Second Chantz chute, 8 gal. tanks, EGT, CHT, Alt, AS, Tach. Always hangared, \$4,700.00. Call Kenneth Grubbs at 770-267-2301 (day) or 770-267-5852 (nights).

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 - B-Box 2.58:1 for Rotax 503, \$496. Tennessee Prop, r.h. 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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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:

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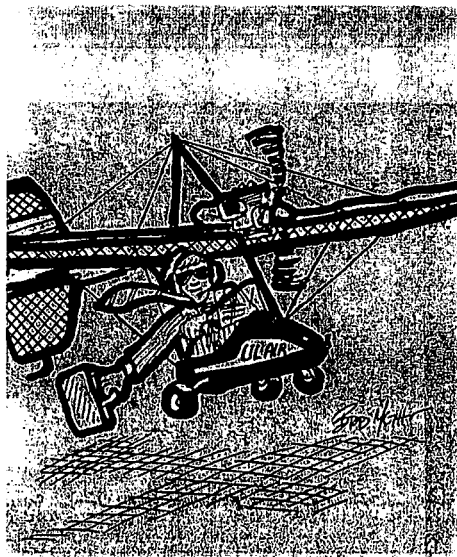
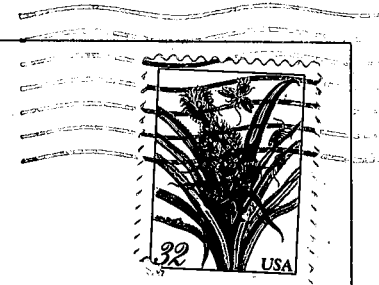
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Articles on floppy disk are preferred, but any form is acceptable. If you have a computer and modem, you can send articles to Steve at the S-A Ham BBS, 770-903-6789, or via the Internet at address SteveYoth@aol.com.

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