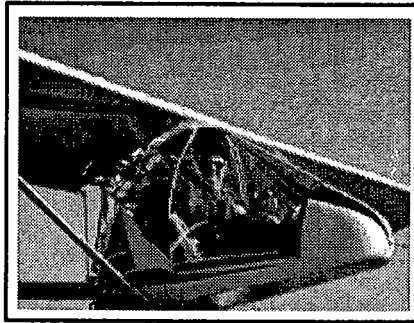


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the gas you left
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From The President's Cockpit

Welcome to our new newsletter. Steve Yothment has done a great job in enhancing this already great publication. In January, our Executive Committee met to plan the year. I'd like to thank the volunteers who were able to brave the bad weather and assist in this important task. We're filling the calendar and will continue to add more events, trips and activities as the year goes on.

Steve Yothment now has some assistance with the new-look newsletter. Phil Cataldo will now become the editor for articles as Steve remains publisher. Submit your articles to Phil. Also, I'd like everyone to submit a Pilot Profile to Phil so we can learn more about you and the rest of this interesting group. It's good reading and you'll know your fellow members better.

There is a new section (page 7) on how you can submit your articles in the newsletter. We have established a deadline of (2) weeks before each monthly meeting so that you get your



Sport Flyer well before the meeting.

Our new safety officer is Phil Fasone. Phil is an ex-marine and is no stranger to educating others about safety. He will be responsible for providing safety topics at each meeting.

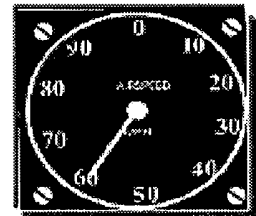
Our next meeting is at Dana Simmons home. We will have a swap meet and a demonstration of decarboning a Rotax engine. Stuart Fuller, a Rotax expert, will show us how to do this required periodic procedure. He will also field any other questions about engine maintenance or repair. Dana will also have his workshop open, so you can see his modifications on his J-3 Kitten.

This administration wants you to have as much up-to-date information as possible. We will be receiving new 1998 Georgia Air-

port Directories when they're ready in March (no cost). We also would like to order a group of 1998 CPS Catalogs. Not only does this catalog have everything under the sun, but also a great section in the back devoted to the "Caring and Feeding of your Rotax engine". At the next meeting, we will be taking your order and save by large numbers. Please bring \$5 if you're interested. I truly believe it is a must if you have an ultralight.

Our next meeting should be full of activities and I hope your sweethearts don't mind your attending, as it is on Valentine's day. Just remember to get her something on the way home...

See you there.
- Brad Methvin



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Pilot Profile: Dana Simmons

How did I ever get myself into flying? It must have started all the way back in Elementary School. I was always in the library reading on aircraft and spacecraft. I grew up with those same dreams.

I had never flown in a small plane 'till I went to McCollum Field for an introductory flight in a Cessna. It was great and I knew I had to do it. I started lessons on Aug. 2, 1988 in a 152. I looked at my J3 Kitten a year before I bought it. Lucky for me, it was still there after a year. I bought the plane before I finished my license. I thought I could do my solo work in my own plane and save money. Lucky for me, the instructor said "No way". With hindsight, I now know I had enough to learn without dealing with an experimental aircraft. I left the N-number on so I could count the hours.

I finally got my license, but I still had to get signed off for a taildragger. Bill, a nice CFI out of Habersham Co. Airport, taught me the evil ways of a taildragger. We used his 47 Champ. At 750 lbs., she flies very much like an underpowered ultralight. Bill got a laugh when I asked where the starter switch was. After 4 more hours of training I was ready to fly my own plane. Keep in mind, my J3 Kitten sat in my garage for 6 months ready to fly. Not easy.

I rented a hangar from the FBO at Winder Airport for \$80 a

month. This place was big enough for a transcontinental jet. It had a bathroom, shower, heat, office lighting and pneumatics. What a deal!

I still remember vividly the first time I went to fly the J3 Kitten. It was on a sunny Sunday in June. I redid my weight and balance before the first flight. Because I weighed about 50 lbs. more than the original owner and I added a BRS chute, the balance was off. Try to find a 6 lb. weight on Sunday in Winder! I had about given up when I saw the sledge hammers at the hardware store. Yes, I fixed the plane with a sledge hammer. A six pounder exactly. With the weight and balance correct, it was time. I was never very nervous before, but this time there was only one seat. I taxied for an hour and then it was time. I kept thinking about how easily the wind threw the Champ around. It made me wonder how a plane at less than half the weight would handle the wind. Time to do it...full power...50 mph...pull back...and try to breathe. She was a baby.

The Kitten was the easiest plane to fly yet. The controls were perfect. She gave me about 300 hours of the best flying ever. She took me to Sun & Fun twice. She has always been easy to maintain.

After a year of flying her, I upgraded from a Rotax 277 to a 503DC engine. There's nothing like doubling your horsepower. What a gas! Now I'm working at

doubling the fuel capacity and working on the aerodynamics. I'm hoping to move the top speed from 95 to 110 mph. Don't worry, I still like to see 60 on the air-speed indicator. We know that is where the fun is.

What's next? I hope to be in a twin engine two seater within the next 4 years. Hey, I'm still dreaming.

I met the Georgia Sport Flyers at the Air Rally of '94. Everybody remembers me because when I landed, the right brake cable snapped and I ground looped into the woods. Great first impression. I enjoyed the camaraderie and I am still here.

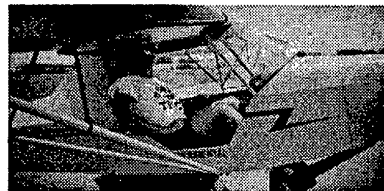
What have I flown to know ultralight type of aircraft are the best? A Cessna 152, 172, 210 300hp, Champ 65 hp, Helio Courier geared 300hp, Phantom 447, J3 Kitten 277 & 447 & 503, Stearman, Avid Flyer EA81, Odyssey 503, MX II, Ferguson II 503, J3 Cub 65 & 85 hp, Cappella 585, Bell 47 and hang gliders.

I still look forward to meeting new people, flying to new places and learning more every day. Hope to fly with you soon.

- Dana

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Our Next Meeting . . .

The next meeting of the GSFA will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 14, at Dana Simmons' house in Marietta, GA. This meeting will include a presentation by Stuart Fuller on how to de-carbonize a Rotax engine and will

include a swap meet. Please bring your swap items.

Please have lunch **before** the meeting. Food will not be served.

To get there, take I-75 N from Atlanta to Marietta Parkway (the 120 loop). Turn right (east) and go 2 miles to Roswell Road. Turn right and go 2.8 miles to Old Can-

ton Road. Turn left and go 500 yards to Sewell Mill Road. Turn right and go 500 yards to Murdock Road. Turn left and go 0.9 miles to Holly Mill Run Court (Holly Springs Subdivision). Turn right and go 1.0 mile to Kramer Way. Turn left. Dana's house is the 4th on the right, 2032 Kramer Way.

Calendar of Events for 1998

Month and Day	Activity	Coordinator	Location
February 7 14 21 28	Membership Meeting - 1:00 PM	Dana Simmons	Dana Simmon's House, Marietta, GA
March 7 14 21 28	Membership Meeting - 1:00 PM (with aircraft inspection)	GSFA	South Expressway Airport
April 4 11 18 - 25 19 - 25 25	Membership Meeting - 12:00 PM Trip to Sun 'N Fun Sun 'N Fun Fly-In	GSFA Ben Methvin EAA	Rome Airport, Rome GA Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, Lakeland, FL
May 2 9 9 16 23 30	Membership Meeting - 12:00 PM State Line Fly In Trip to Jones Light Airfield (?)	Ron Reese Brad Methvin	Mallard's Landing Jones Light Airfield, Smith, AL (?)
June 6 13 20 27	GSFA Air Rally '98 Rain Date for Air Rally Trip to Chilhowee	GSFA GSFA Brad Methvin	? ?
July 4 11 18 25	Membership Meeting - 12:00 PM Trip to CSF in Tennessee (?) Trip to Talladega (?)	GSFA	Pickens County Airport, Jasper, GA
August 1 8 15 22 29	Membership Meeting - 12:00 PM Trip to Jekyll Island	GSFA Brad Methvin	Ferguson Field
September 5 12 19 26	Barbeque & Membership Meeting - 12:00 PM Trip to Cape Fear /Kitty Hawk	GSFA Brad Methvin	Wheeler Field (Winder Airport for the Barbeque) and Paradise Falls
October 3 10 17 24 31	Membership Meeting - 12:00 PM Shane Smith Octoberlight '98 Trip to State Line Airpark (?)	GSFA Ronnie Smith	South Fulton Airport Lucedale, MS
November 7 14 21	Membership Meeting - 12:00 PM Trip to Perry, GA (?)	GSFA	Cartersville Airport, Cartersville, GA

The Green Bag

By Phil Cataldo

Well, I've had a couple of people comment, positively, and also received a couple cross-eyed looks and even nice smiles from the ladies.

Ya, there I am. It's Saturday morning and I'm on the way to the airport for my dawn flight. It's a tradition for me. One that starts my weekend with the altitude fix I need by the end of a busy week.

I stop for coffee. The looks start. People open doors for me at the Waffle House, of all places. People say "Yes, sir" and "No, sir". They seem to see me different.

Well, you don't see a man in a green bag every day. They're probably thinking "Is he a pilot? I wonder what he flies."

Oh! I'm sorry. What's a green bag? In the military, that's what a flight suit is called. I like my flight suit, and it's becoming an important part of my flight gear.

It all started one day last year when I ruined a \$40.00 pair of jeans and a \$50.00 shirt working on, and then flying, my Quicksilver. That was only the first incident that moved me towards finding appropriate flight gear.

On a long cross-country flight from South Carolina, at about 3,000 msl, the urge came upon me. You know that urge. Well, I had three cups of coffee before departing for Georgia. Get the picture? So there I am at 3,000 ft and I need to make a rest stop. Or is it a comfort stop?

I look below at Lake Hartwell. Not only was there no place to land, but, but seeing all that water seemed to increase the motivation to find a solution to the three cups of coffee. Well, maybe I can make it back to home base. Ever play that game? Well, I decided that I could hold out. Well, no I couldn't. Yes, I can. No, I can't.

I had packed a piddle pack. It's an ingenious little bag, AIR FORCE issue, filled with a dehydrated sponge that, when in contact with coffee (get my drift?) expands and makes for easy disposal. Well, easy to most. The first challenge is to get the zipper down. On my 501 jeans, at 3,000 ft in gusty wind, in an aircraft that doesn't yet have trim control, it's not so easy.

The first maneuver I thought was successful. Now to use the piddle pack with one hand and keep a steady state of flight. The first attempt showed that I would need to make some flight adjustments in order to achieve success, lest I arrive at home base with an embarrassing spot central to my 501's. I decided that it was a pitch control problem and a gravity problem. The solution? Climb to 3,500 ft. Place the Quicksilver in a slightly nose-down attitude, and make all moves needed in 500 ft, in gusty wind. Well, with the climb achieved and the nose-down attitude set, my maneuver was underway. Well, except for that darn zipper. It wouldn't go down quite far enough.

Nose down, there I was, exposed to 42 degrees of temperature and losing altitude. Accomplishment was needed. I could just imagine the FAA report and the crash site pictures. How embarrassing to my wife, friends and fellow flyers. Not to mention the press and what they would do with this story! What a way to put your family's name in the papers!

Heard enough? Well, I'm afraid I did embarrass my self upon arrival to home base. No, I didn't crash. But a solution

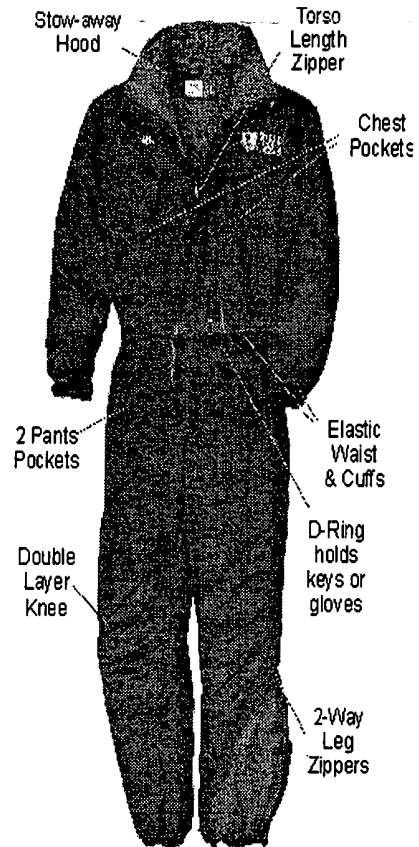
was needed, and I found it.

For \$43, a flight suit met all my needs. A good quality zipper that goes all the way down and around. No more ruined clothes. And, since I'm going flying, why not a flight suit? You wear a ski suit when you ski. You wear shorts when you run. So, wear a flight suit when you fly!

And, Oh yeah, maybe it is kinda cool and it does work well with a piddle pack.

Now, I've seen more pilots with green bags on lately. I wonder if they have trim control problems. Or, like me, maybe they're just being pilots and looking the part. As they should.

Here's wishing you blue skies!
- Phil



If any information here is wrong, please contact
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The Membership List

Aircraft in *italics* indicate
aircraft in flying condition.

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Classified Ads

FOR SALE TEAM MiniMax, Rotax 277- 28 hrs on new engine. Extremely well-built, proven (3 trips to Florida) Battery, Storage, Pull-start. Custom Built, fully-enclosed trailer with lots of extras included. \$6000 Ben Methvin, 770-509-6753

FOR SALE - Newly assembled 2-seat Weedhopper trainer with 12 hrs TT. Has 503 CDI with black and orange sails. \$6,500. Call Scott Perkins, 770-973-3860

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FOR SALE - Phantom, custom, loaded, 503 CDI, 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 - 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, unmount-ed, zero time, Kawasaki 440, CDI with 5-belt magnum redrive, \$3,750.00. Scott Parker, 770-908-7386.

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 - Team Mini-Max 1100R with 277, brand new,

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FOR SALE - 32' W X 24' L hangar (can be extended), new, erected on your site. \$2500. Call Verle Rinehart (not a dealer), 770-460-7321.



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Michael Prosser	770-222-0484	Hiram, GA	Hummel Bird	
Robert Pytel	770-433-9676	Smyrna, GA	Chinook	
Howard Ray (BFI)	706-692-6500	Jasper, GA	Flightstar II	
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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
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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 sec-

ond Saturday of the month, at various locations around the metro Atlanta area.

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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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~~Articles on floppy disk are preferred,~~ but any form is acceptable. If you have access to the internet, you can send articles to Steve at SteveYoth@aol.com.

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The GSFA Web Page

The GSFA has a web site at:

<http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/6742/index.html>

The web site has pictures, stories and lots of information about:

- Next Meeting
- Weather
- Other Ultralight Websites (Dealers, Avionics, Clubs, Organizations, etc...)
- Classifieds (GSFA and other great sites)
- Club Calendar

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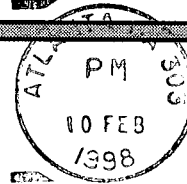
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