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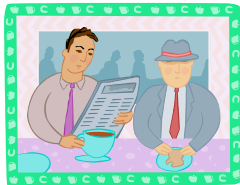
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From the Newsletter Editors Computer

Hi, Hugo here:

I am filling in for our president this month with an opening comment in our GSFA newsletter.

Being a recent member to GSFA I am anticipating my first club Air Rally. It seems that when I am at club meetings old past memories or discussion of Prior Air Ralleys have a tendency to enter club member conversations. "THE BIG EVENT" our Air Rally is now less than 2 months away and your help is needed to make it the best Air Rally ever! Please consider volunteering your time for this fun and rewarding event.

I don't know if members are aware but a SERIOUS ultralight accident took place March 28, 2003. There is no accident report at this time. I have devoted a large part of this newsletter to share photos of the accident. If any member has details of this accident please share them with me or post details to the GSFA Website message area to share information with other members.

Flying is realitively safe compared to driving and other activies if we we fly in a safe manner. Our ultralights are more affected by weather than other aircraft heed that warning. **Drinking and flying don't mix.**

Hope to see everyone at the April 12th meeting!

Hugo



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 12th **Georgia Sports Flyers Association (11AM)**
GSFA will meet to discuss Air Rally details please plan to attend, this meeting at Etowah Bend Gliderport in Kingston, GA.

May 10th **The Plantation Flying Club (Starts 7AM)**
Is hosting a fly-in at the JYL Plantation Air Park Sylvania, Ga All Aircraft welcome. Questions: Jimmy Hankinson 912-863-7384

May 23th –26th **Anderson, SC Annual "Balloons aLoft"**
Hot Air Balloon Festival, Carnival, food and fun. (Memorial Day Weekend) Call (864) 222-0051 for more information.



June 14th **Georgia Sports Flyers Annual Air Rally**
Flying Contests:(Torpedo Run, Bomb Drop, Spot Landing); RC Airplane demos, Candy Drop, Aerobatic Routine, Kids/adult Paper Airplane Contest (duration/ distance), Raffles ,Silent Auction, Campfire "Peanuts In the Shell as Chips" All Nite Poker Game, Food, Fun

July 29 - August 4th **EAA Oshkosh AirVenture 2003**
Whitman Airport Oshkosh, WI (941) 644-2431

September 5-7 **Chattanooga Sport Flyers Annual Ultralight Air Rally and Club Challenge** **Marion County Airport, Jasper, Tennessee.**
Introductory flights, contests. Awards banquet Saturday night. Info: T.L. Primm, (706) 657-2318. e-mail: primmees@quixnet.net .

The GSFA website has been updated and enhanced thanks to Brad Methvin. He has added the Alvarar Message System to the website which is the biggest new feature, look at the NEW For Sale Ads too. The website is our Central communication tool. LAST MINUTE FLY-OUTS, MEETING CHANGES or LATE BREAKING NEWS will be posted on the website and members should log onto the website regularly for late breaking information. The newsletter can always be read online at the website if you don't get your newsletter via e-mail.

Recap of our March 8, 2003 Meeting:

From the Secretary / Treasurer: Richard Logue

- * The club currently has approximately \$1,500 in the bank as of March 2003.
- * Membership stands at 73 members.
- * Membership dues are \$20.00 per year/ \$30 for members wanting a paper copy of the newsletter. The newsletter is e-mailed monthly to members or can be read on the club website for free.

*Checks should be made **payable to GSFA** and sent to:

<p>Richard Logue 584 Ripplewater Dr. Marietta Ga. 30064</p>

General Meeting:

Our March 8, 2003 GSFA's monthly meeting was hosted at the Calhoun Airport in Chuck Goodrum's Hanger. The meeting was chaired by our V.P. Mark Henderson.

Old business was discussed first. Richard Logue reported we currently have approximately \$1500 in our bank account, and our Annual Corporate Taxes/license fee was due and would be paid from our funds. The club trailer has been utilized quite a bit and probably isn't located at the Clarksville airport where it is usually parked. If the trailer is needed by a club member please call Richard Logue for its current location.

Richard Logue also shared some of his fun and tribulations on rebuilding and overhauling of his Phantom ultralight. After re-covering the wings and tail feathers, and painting the cockpit the real work was "tuning" the plane, getting the wings level and trimming its performance.

Ben Methvin shared with the members another project. Andy Gross a fellow member is now the owner of "The Red Bird" his plane has risen from the "ashes" and is a beautiful plane and better than new.

Ben Methvin corrected the March newsletter stating we might have an acrobatic demo for the 2003 Air Ralley this will not take place this year.

There was a discussion about who would be attending the 2003 Sun-N-Fun event in Florida, and since this was close to our April meeting should we meet in April. At The meeting those attending thought we should forgo our April meeting. This decision has been supersede and **GSFA WILL MEET for our April 12, scheduled meeting at the Etowah Bend Gliderport club house.**

We had a guest speaker for our March meeting Dwight Albritt F.B.O. of the Calhoun Airport. Dwight discussed that the new airport terminal at Calhoun Airport was completed Nov 1, 2002. The terminal has maps, FAA supplies, snacks, beverages, and a pilot lounge for pilots to relax in. Also the Terminal has a BTN Satellite Weather System and pilot flight planning area. The middle of this summer the Calhoun Airport runway will be extended 1000 feet and widen 25 Feet to have a 6000 foot by 100 foot run way. Also two rows of hangers will be added. This will add 28 new hangers That rent for \$200/month. If you are interested in hanger space there are already 36 names on the waiting list for the currently planned 28 new hangers. The ramp area will also be repaved during the summer period. When flying in; ultralights should maintain a 500 AGL. Dwight asked that if you have a radio that you please use it when utilizing the airport. At the North end of the airport is the old Goodyear plant which can be identified by A smoke stack with white smoke coming from it. Dwight asked that pilots not fly over this area as this location has Lots of volitive chemicals in the plant, and plant owners will call the terminal should a plane fly over their airspace.

A question was asked how a member could contact ALL fellow club members. The best procedure is to copy the Newsletter distribution "list" (e-mail: TO: area in the club newsletter) compose a new message, use the distribution list in your e-mail "TO:" section, then send your message.

There was also a discuss that Flight Star ultralights have a service bulletin out that advises that a new "plug/connection" be added or replaced in the gas tank.

The meeting was adjourned and the swap meet was started.

See you next month, Hugo Garcia h_Garcia@bellsouth.net

The driving directions to Etowah Bend Gliderport:

Driving from downtown Atlanta take: Hwy I-75 North exit 290 "Cartsvilles Exit" make left, follow to US 41, turn right on HWY 411, then follow signs to Rome. After 10 miles will cross Etowah River. Make U-turn after bridge then Etowah Bend clubhouse will be the FIRST GATE on the right after driving back over the bridge
April 12th at 11AM

Photos by: Phil Fasone



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