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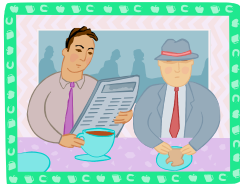
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From the Newsletter Editors Computer

Hi, Hugo here:

A BIG THANKS to Kim Arrowood 2003 Rally Master for a job well done! The Air Rally was fantastic!

I hope everyone had a great time I did, seeing the planes, trikes, powered parachute, model airplanes, fellow pilots, and sharing my love of flying with the general public.

I hope to upload a short 3-4 minute video of this years Rally to the GSFA website very soon, as well as a pictures gallery. (<http://www.georgiasportflyers.com>)

I enjoyed the whole Rally. For me, seeing the young Boy Scouts and the sparkle in their eyes as they learned about flying ultralights while earning a merit badge was maybe the highlight of this years Air Rally.

I hope in a small way, maybe someone from the general public attending the Air Rally might also find the fascination and passion I get from flying.

Hope to see everyone at the July 12th monthly meeting!

Hugo



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 12th Georgia Sports Flyers Monthly Meeting

We will discuss: 1. The Mountain Fly-In at Suches, GA and 2. preliminary accounting (expenses/revenues) of the 2003 Air Rally. Monthly meeting starts at 11am (Ben's Hanger at Cartersville Airport).

July 18th - 20th Mountain Fly-In Suches, GA

Join fellow Georgia Sport Flyers in the cool GA. mountains! Bring the FAMILY and get away! Camp or stay in one of two luxury cabins. To pre-register or for further details. <http://www.georgiasportflyers.com> (EVENTS) <http://www.highvalleyairinc.com/cabins/>

July 29 - August 4th EAA Oshkosh AirVenture 2003

Whitman Airport Oshkosh, WI (941) 644-2431 Additional info: <http://www.airventure.org/>

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: primmes@quixnet.net .

The GSFA website has again been updated and enhanced thanks to Brad Methvin. You can now see a neat **STREAMING VIDEO** of a Flight Star II in flight on the GSFA club website. This is a **four minute video!** The next streaming video will highlight our 2003 Air Rally. GSFA's website is our club's primary 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 June Air Rally Meeting: In Pictures:







**We had two new members join GSFA at the Air Rally please welcome:
Terry Mize and Jay Sanford.**

See you at the July Meeting. Hugo Garcia h_garcia@bellsouth.net

Driving directions to Cartersville, GA Airport:

Driving from downtown Atlanta take: I-75 North exit 283 "Cartersville Exit" make left, go approximately 1 mile, left onto Old Alabama Road go approximately 6 miles dead ends into Hwy 61, make a right go to entrance with gravel road, go straight 400 feet turn left, go another 400 feet turn into Ben's Hanger July 12th starting @ 11am

By Lloyd "Doc" Burns

At a recent GSFA meeting Hugo stated that he was running out of material for "The Sportflyer". (Good work as editor by the way, Hugo). I asked if he would be interested in some W.W.II war stories, and he answered in the positive, so here goes. If the material is of interest a short series may be forth coming.

News, instruction, maintainance, etc. from our members are great but I thought a little personal experience, and emotion, may be welcomed. Combat veterans didn't have much to say for awhile after W.W. II. Then I noticed their stories began to come out when the "Gulf War" struck our country. We had a few of our Ernie Pyles, but nothing like the T.V. and "embedded" reporting now. And there was September 11th 1991! Something began happening in our country. Something called patriotism, and "pride". And the veterans came out of their shells - made from seeing their buddies go down writing their wives, and sending their stuff home. We began talking. No longer do we hear sons say, "He won't talk about it", or our grandsons say, "Gee, I didn't know you flew an airplane in the war, Grandpa".

This series will be factual. No lies, no exaggerations. And I will shed some tears while writing.

I begin with how I became the youngest bomber First Pilot in "The Army Air Corps", now the "U.S. Air Force". High School student, dysfunctional family, physician father who with the help of the County Physician friend, could get a birth certificate reading 3/20/24 rather than 3/20/25. (I wonder if I have two birth certificates on file? Who cares!)

As a high school senior, weighing 130#, I played hooky and caught the bus out to "Moody Field", now "Moody Air Force Base". I declare I can't remember whether my first entrance exam into the Cadet program was mental or physical, but when the Flight Surgeon saw me in line in my drawers he said, "Go home boy, you're not eighteen", to which I replied softly, "My Daddy is Dr. Burns in Valdosta". He knew him well of course, and turned to the nurse and said, "Send him on through". (In those days doctors liked one another.)

Strangely enough I sailed through all tests. I think it was that each examiner couldn't believe his eyes and passed me just to see how far I would get.

Enough. Next episode to follow.

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**Thanks to everyone for making this year's Air Rally a
Success!**