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## From the Newsletter Editors Computer

Hi, Hugo here:

If you were at GSFA's May meeting your heard about two ultralight accidents.

One accident was fatal. Even though this accident was assuredly due to a health related issue while in flight, I thought it would be good to suggest that everyone remember ultra light flying can be dangerous. This might be a good time to take a fresh look at your pre-flight checklist and procedures, maybe even install a BRS.

On a more positive note, it's finally here....its GSFA's Air Rally 2003 weekend!

I was reminded; while I am in charge of pictures and videos of the Air Rally I should concentrate on capturing images of people not ultra light airplanes. I am glad a member shared this advice.

This event is about ultra light planes but more importantly it's about sharing good times with fellow enthusiasts of ultra light flying. I hope you all come out and I can videotape lots of laughing, smiling and old and new friends of ultra light's having a great time.

Hope to see everyone at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Air Rally/meeting!

Hugo



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**June 7<sup>th</sup>     EAA Chapter 690 NOTAM Poker Run (8am Breakfast)**  
**This is EAA Chapter 690's most popular event, taking place Saturday June 7, 2003 8am rain or shine! This will be a triangle course of approximately 100 NM Round trip. Additional info:   <http://www.eaa690.org/>**

**June 14<sup>th</sup>     Georgia Sports Flyers Annual Air Rally**  
**Flying Contests:(Torpedo Run, Bomb Drop, Spot Landing); RC Airplane demos, Candy Drop, Raffles ,Silent Auction, Camp-out ,Moon Walk, Food, and Fun for all. Starts at 8am**

**July 29 - August 4<sup>th</sup>     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](mailto: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.

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**MEMBER NEWS:**

**RICHARD LOGUE and BOB SMEDBURG** have completed their BFI training in May! Now official BFI's! Be sure to congratulate them.

**JOE HORTON** will complete the building of a Flight Star II this month and hopes to fly it before month end.

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**Recap of our May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Monthly Meeting:**

**From the Secretary / Treasurer: Richard Loque**

- \* The club currently has approximately \$1,814 in the bank as of May 2003.
  - \* Membership stands at 73 members.
  - \* Membership dues are \$20.00 per year/ \$30 for members wanting a paper copy of the newsletter. This newsletter is e-mailed monthly to members or can be read on the club website for free. ( <http://www.geogiasportflyers.com/> )
- \*Checks should be made **payable to GSFA** and sent to:

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**General Meeting:**

Our May 10th, 2003 GSFA's monthly meeting was hosted at the Etowah Bend Glider port clubhouse in Kingston, Ga the site where our annual air rally will take place. The meeting was chaired by our V.P. Mark Henderson.

It was announced that two interim meetings would take place prior to the finally Friday Night June 13 Setup & Campout gathering. A meeting was scheduled for May 31, at Ben Methvin's hanger to assure major action items were being addressed, then a meeting June 10th as a final once over meeting that all major staffing functions and activities had all materials, supplies, and personnel in place for the weekend.

**With regrets we learned Bryan Jorgenson (our GSFA president) father passed away this month. Flowers were sent on behalf of the GSFA members. (A vote was taken by those in attendance, this expense be authorized.)**

**There were two ultralight accident reports that were discussed. Dr. Wilson Kelp a resident of Memphis, TN (a person known to many GSFA members) crashed his brand new Flight star Spider ultralight. Dr. Kelp had fighter pilot, single and twin engine ratings. During an early flight that morning it had been observed that Mr. Kelp had been flying somewhat “erratically”. he was flying in a twin seat ultralight and on 3 occasions it was pointed out that he was flying to low to electric wires and the ground. Mr. Kelp had complained early that morning he did not feel well. No official cause of the accident has been determined but it is strongly felt that a medical issue in-flight was the cause of this accident. Bill Evans had an incident with his Phantom but walked away unharmed.**

**It was discussed, that a through Pre-flight procedure and inspection always be implemented prior to any take-off and to never fly when you don’t feel in perfect health.**

#### **The Treasurer’s Report:**

**Active Members: 73 (those members not currently paid up will be dropped from the database) Bank Account: has currently \$1494 plus \$20 (1 pd membership at meeting) plus a \$300 donation from PENNZOIL for the Air Rally. PENNZOIL also generously donated cases of aircraft oil to be used/auctioned at the rally. The club has \$1814 in the bank.**

**The Air Rally Sign Up sheet for Jobs/Tasks was passed around the club house to remind everyone of what they had volunteered to do to help make this the best GSFA Air Rally yet!**

**T-Shirts for the Air Rally were discussed next. Getting sponsor logos, quantity of shirts to order, sizes to order, selling price of T-shirts and purchase cost of T-shirts. A “few” T-shirts from a prior Rally are available which will also be for sale. It was agreed that the sponsors be imprinted on the back of the shirts and our 2003 Air Rally logo be on the front as done in prior year T-shirts.**

**The newsletter editor asked if he could receive copies of logos used on our T-shirts so future newsletters can highlighting the generosity this years sponsors. It was also mentioned sponsor logos be added to GSFA Website.**

**The purchase and sale of hats for the rally was discussed. Members in attendance voted not to buy and then sell hats (ball caps) at this years event, prior year sales of hats had not been brisk and T-shirt purchase was a significant investment.**

**The quantity of T-shirts was discussed. Last year 200 were purchased and not all were sold. 150 was considered a good quantity to purchase for this year.**

**A guest to GSFA was introduced that will be hangering his Powered Parachute “PPC” at Etowah Bend Glider port, Stan Davis from Marietta. Everyone commented it would be “COOL” to see a “PPC” fly at the Air Rally.**

**Attendees agreed that the MOON WALK was a big hit and should again be included in this years air rally activates.**

**Like in years past, the Air Hanger close to the club house will be emptied of airplanes and used for food seating and concession area.**

**Fuel was discussed next. It will be picked up in a 50 gallon tank, kept on the bed of a pickup truck and mixed using PENNZOIL Aircraft OIL in separate 6 gallon containers then sold at cost to who wants to purchase gas. Fuel to be delivered by the use of the pick up truck to planes. 93 AMOCO Octane will be used. We will refill the 50 gallon tank as needed.**

**Bill Wood is responsible to pick up the Chuck Wagon. Thanks Bill!**

**Friday evening prior to the air Rally folks are welcome to camp-out as well as help with last minute setup!! There was discussion of a dinner and breakfast, and maybe a bonfire, if enough folks showed interest in this activity. There is a shower in the clubhouse for guests.**

**Air Boss/runway lights were discussed next. Richard Logue has a large green and red traffic light with 12” lenses that will be used to signal pilots of landing conditions.**

**The May 12th meeting was adjourned.**

## **May 31, 2003 Mid-Month “Punch List” Meeting**

**Kim Arrowood** presided over the meeting. Kim went over items on her “Punch-list”.

**P.A. System:** System available, all arrangements confirmed.

**Candy Drop:** Falls under games. 3 candy drops done during last years rally.  
RC Helicopter, Trike, Ultralight. Person buying food to pick up candy at that time.

**Fuel:** Ready. Have(2) 6 gallon plastic containers to mix fuel and have portable 2-way radios to be used to call fuel truck. We still need a fuel sign with price and contact person’s name to buy fuel.

**Media:** Video cameras (2) ready with extra Hi 8 Film and extra battery packs. It is requested that anyone shooting video or digital pictures at the rally please contact me (Hugo Garcia) so I can arrange to get copies of pictures and videos we want to use your videos and pictures on the GSFA website. The website has the capability to show video clips as well as still images. We will compile a 5-10 min video recap of this years festivities in a streaming video for the website.

**T-Shirts:** Have 150 T-shirts cost \$1087. Invoice to be paid after the air rally sales. We got a flat rate for all shirts even the XXL were priced the same.

**Runway:** The runway needed inspection to locate pot holes and filled these in with dirt. This task will be done Monday June 9th.

**Treasury:** We will need \$100 of change. It is asked that GSFA please bring plenty of small bills should change be needed we can ask members to change larger bills for smaller bills. Thanks!

**Aviation Radios:** We have radios for the Air Boss and crew, additional loaner aviation radios or 2-way radios would be welcome.

**Generators and Extension Cords, Fuel for Generators:** Ready.

**Food/Igloos/Ice:** Cook staff and crew in place. Kim will round up the food and candy and ice.

**Menu:** Hotdogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, sodas/bottled water, bags of Famous Amos Cookies. Chuck Wagon pickup and return arranged. Water sales were discussed and bottled water will be available for sale.

**Scaffolding:** Ready. To be obtained same place as last year.

**Tables/Chairs/Moon Walk:** All these items rented same place as moon walk.

**Parking:** The Boy Scout troop helping with parking will be at the field Saturday at 8am. Three volunteers are need to teach scouts about aviation so they can earn aviation merit badges. Please contact Kim Arrowwood to volunteer if interested, there are certain requirements the scouts need to complete to earn this badge.

**Insurance:** The final discussion was on the cost of the use of Etowah Bend facilities. In the past the club has paid 1/2 of the insurance cost about \$400 at Etowah Bend in return for the use of these facilities. There is strong indication that the insurance will go up and GSFA's share maybe \$800-1200 per year. This issue was left unresolved until we get a firm quote of what will be due for the use of Etowah Bend, and will probably be an item on the GSFA Website for members to vote on this expenditure's approval. All in attendance indicated even at the increased price the facilities were excellent, convenient, Better facilities probably were not available.

If GSFA was to charge for parking or Air Rally admittance the insurance policy type would change the insurance policy premium for Etowah Bend might cost close to \$9,000. Air Rally profits are likely to continue to be obtained by food, T-shirt, raffle /auction sales.

There will be an informal Friday Night SETUP/"camp-out" prior to the Saturday Air Rally.

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See you at the AIR RALLY. Hugo Garcia [h\\_garcia@bellsouth.net](mailto:h_garcia@bellsouth.net)

**REMINDER: GSFA Has a NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES policy at its events and activities.**

**FLYING and ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES don't MIX.**

**The driving directions to Etowah Bend Glider port:**

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.  
June 14<sup>th</sup> starting @ 8am

