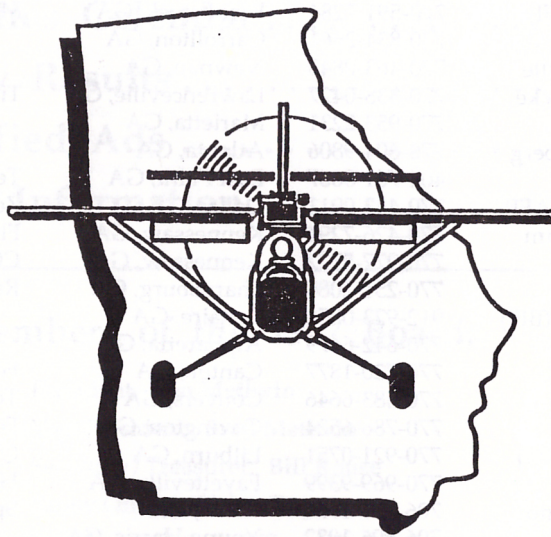


# The Sport Flyer



The official newsletter of  
•• The Georgia Sport Flyers Association

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## From The President's Hangar

The president's hangar is all wet. Maybe with March now in progress we will only have wind. February was a cruel month weather-wise but spring is just around the corner. Now we look forward to cleaning our filters of pollen and our cowls of bird nests. It is also a good time to keep bugs out of the pitot.

The results of the member survey are in. Statistically, we got a good sample from you guys. Thanks to those of you who took the time. The details are in this issue and the direction you gave the officers is clear. You want more **publicity**, you are interested in an **airpark** and 50% of you will drive up to 50 miles to get there. Most of you use the **voice mail**, 58% have e-mail and you overwhelmingly support a **Search and Rescue** program. Now all we have to do is implement. - Yeah!

The Georgia Sport Flyer's Association web page appears to be a success. Those who know say that 250 "hits" (visitors) is pretty good for three weeks. Three new member prospects are expected at the next meeting as a result. The address is <http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/6742> or try *Yahoo* with [Georgia sportflyers](#) or [Atlanta ultralight](#) as a key word. Brad is open for suggestions for improvement.

Sun N Fun is just around the corner. Those who want to go to **Lakeland** and/or **Jekyll** or both call me if you want to go as a group. We may also need a driver for a van with trailer. At least one planning meeting is needed.

Ask Pierce Day about three grumpy old men going to Texas and bringing back a **103 Hurricane** for Dr. Lloyd Burns. Also, Pierce promises that he will soon be flying a beautiful **Hurricane** he has been building over the winter. Donnie Eckert, watch out at Sun & Fun (see April 97 *Kitplanes*).

Ben Cole has assigned several of us to look into the **Search and Rescue** plan. Results with the CAP (Civil Air Patrol) were as expected. They don't have a place for us in their scheme but will hunt for us if we have an ELT or are reported down through the FAA/USAF. The local CAP commander, Lt. Hargrove, is a good guy and offers to assist on a less than official basis in recommending training, etc. Looks like our best efforts will be through the local search and rescue organizations.

Will see you at the next meeting at **South Expressway** even if the weather makes me drive through Atlanta.

- Ben Methvin, March 1997

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## Our Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GSFA will be at 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 8, at South Expressway Airport in Jonesboro, GA.

To get there, take I-75 S from Atlanta to Tara Blvd (US 41). Go through Jonesboro and cross GA 54. One mile on the right is the airfield. Call 770-471-0534 if you can't find it.

If you are flying in, the coordinates are 33° 30.220' N, 84° 21.349' W. The Unicom frequency is 122.8 MHz. Elevation is 920 ft. Runways are 6 and 24.

Included in the meeting will be the following activities:

- Georgia Airport Directories will be given to all attendees.
- Pierce Day will have a guest speaker on Safety.
- Survey results will be discussed.
- BRS Literature; Group Discussion (BRS)
- SWAP MEET

NOTE: **LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED.**

See you there!

- Steve

*Whether to stay or go ...*

## It's Your Decision

By Pierce Day

A recent discussion on the internet centered on *decision making* related to accidents reported in the Tampa bay area. Two ultralights left "ahead of the weather" but were soon forced back after being trapped in high winds, rain, and hail. One landed before making it back to the field and destroyed the landing gear. The other made it back but damaged a wing during the landing. Both pilots were uninjured, but both agreed that they were lucky to be alive.

What makes the story worth repeating is the fact that neither of the pilots **wanted** to fly off into the weather. One felt he *had* to get home to save the expenses of a night on the road. The other didn't want to be left behind so he went also. As it turned out, repairing the planes cost a lot more.

We've had similar incidents in our club. I left Etowah Bend one evening "ahead" of a

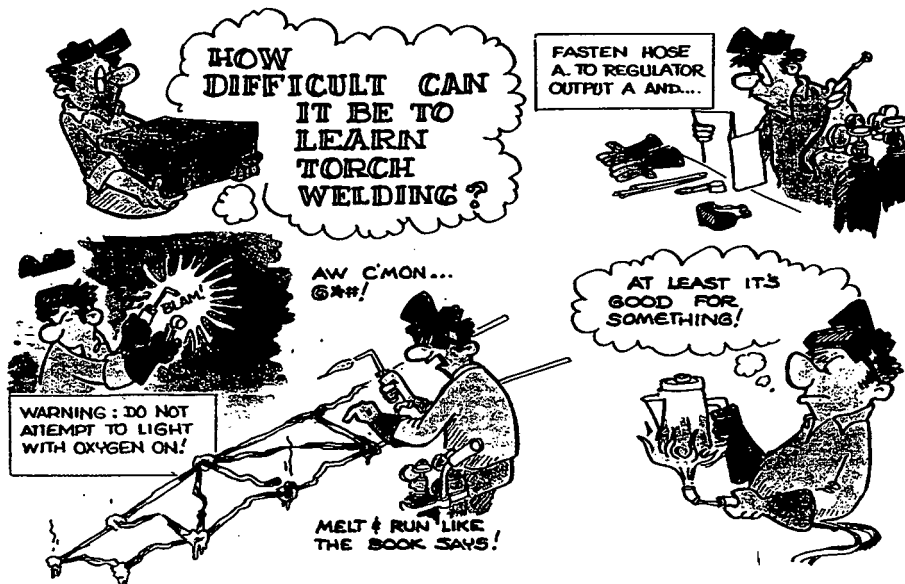
big storm. Problem was, by the time I got to Cartersville, the winds had beaten me there. It was a 90 degree crosswind and blowing hard! I was lucky to make it down in one piece.

On the last leg of the flight back from Sun 'n Fun last year three of us dodged the storm clouds and rain. We should have stayed at Williamson until the weather cleared, but decided to "get on home". We were lucky *that* time.

Other club members who have ignored the weather conditions now swear it will never happen to them again!

When playing games with the weather, consider the possibility of losing. The trip may not be worth the risk. And finally, don't let your buddy decide for you. It's *your* decision to make for yourself.

- Pierce



## 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
March 1 8 12 pm	Mike Carpenter, Jr.	South Expressway Airport	Membership Meeting/Swap Meet
15 20 (Thurs) 29	Brad Methvin Ben Methvin	Callaway Gardens Ben Methvin's Home	Trip to Callaway Gardens Sun-N-Fun Planning Meeting (7pm)
April 5 6 - 12		<del>Lakeland, FL</del> <i>St George</i>	Sun-N-Fun EAA Fly-In
19 26 -	Ben Methvin	<del>Location TBA</del> <i>Cartersville</i> Andersonville, GA	Membership Meeting <i>Americus</i> Trip to Andersonville, GA
May 3 10 17 - 24 31 -	Pete Pettis	Thomaston Air Show  Lookout Mountain  <i>INFLAS</i>	Fly-In / Membership Meeting  Trip to Lookout Mountain
June 7 14 21 28		Wheeler Field  <i>Cedar Creek</i> Cave Springs, GA	<i>USFA</i> GSFA Air Rally '97  Rain Date for Air Rally Cave Springs Family Day
July 5 12 11:00am 19 26	Howard Ray	Pickens County Airport, Jasper, GA  Chilhowee, TN	Fly-In and Membership Meeting  Fly to Chilhowee, TN

We have no dates yet for the following activities:

- Jones Light Airfield Open Invitational, Smith, AL - May?
- Spring Fun Fly-In, State Line Ultraport, Gafney, SC - May?
- Fly-In at Flight-World Ultrapark, Greer, SC - June?
- Bellah Field Fly-In and Cookout - July?
- CSRA Invitational Fly-In, Wilson Field, Ringold, GA - August?
- Trip to Cape Fear - September?
- Huntsville EAA Fly-In - October?

Month Day/Time	Coordinator	Site	Activity
<b>August</b> 2 9 11:00am 16 23 30	Bill Ferguson	Ferguson Field  St. George's Island	Fly-In and Membership Meeting  Fly to St. George's Island
<b>September</b> 6 13 11:00am 20 27		Peach State Airport, Williamson, GA  Talladega, AL	Fly-In and Membership Meeting  Fly to Talladega, AL
<b>October</b> 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
<b>November</b> 1 8 11:00am 15 22 29		To be determined	Membership Meeting, Officer Elections
<b>December</b> 6 7:00pm 13 20		Cobb EMC Community Room, Marietta, GA	Membership Meeting, Annual Party

## GEORGIA SPORT FLYERS ASSOCIATION ~ SURVEY RESULTS ~

**(THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!)**

### G.S.F.A / MEETINGS:

#### How would you improve meetings?

- More talk about safety (3)
- Just fine now (3)
- More guest speakers (3)
- Show more videos (2)
- Create discussions among attendees (2)
- More technical information (2)
- Keep it interesting (2)
- Show more pictures
- Keep it moving
- Vary times so that all can attend
- Share info & experiences
- More Gen Aviation Training ie: X-country, GPS use, Airspace, FAR 103 review, etc...
- Make sure everyone knows each other
- Continue to include presentation "topics"
- Promote increased turn-out
- Have them in Rome, GA :)
- Keep up the good fellowship w/fun and informative programs no boring FAA, ASC, etc... propaganda
- X-mas party too long/drawn out

#### What can this club do for you?

- Satisfied (4)
- Organize fun flying (3)
- Keep emphasizing safety (3)
- Educate (2)
- Building tips/help (2)
- Host Rotax repair course (2)
- Enables me to stay in touch with Sport Aviation/Utralights (2)
- List local mechanics, experienced in Rotax maintenance
- Attract more young people!
- Keep costs down
- Focus on camaraderie & fellowship
- Need tools, shop space, etc...

### NEWSLETTER

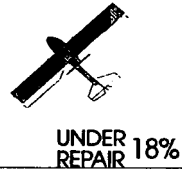
#### What would you like to see in the newsletter?

- Technical articles (4)
- Pilot profiles (4)
- It is great! (3)
- Building tips (2)
- Maintenance tips (2)
- Greater participation by all members (2)
- "I learned about flying from that" type of columns (2)
- Announce X-country flights and plans
- Trip reports
- List of qualified members to call for info on: Engines, Airframes, Flying Skills (w/their consent)
- More private airstrip info in N. GA. (availability, hangars, etc..)
- Send out sooner - got mine the day of the meeting!
- More jokes, comics
- More stories

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Thanks for your hard work! (3)
- Great club (2)
- Good job w/ newsletter (2)
- I wish I had more time (2)
- More Swap Meets
- Workshops at member's shops
- Encourage club visits @ members' building aircraft - such as EAA
- Member could make themselves more available
- Wonderful people
- A+ on voicemail
- Keep original logo
- Keep it fun and safe
- Love to build my own design
- Encourage more building and get non-flyers involved in flying events
- More fly-ins w/lots of participation - Its fun to look at each other's aircraft.

### AIRCRAFT STATUS



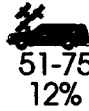
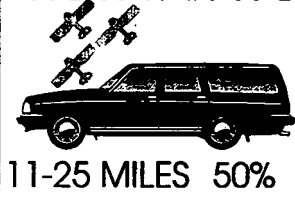
### SHOULD G.S.F.A HAVE MORE PUBLICITY?



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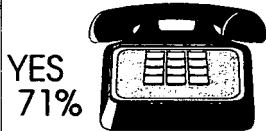
### HOW FAR WOULD YOU DRIVE TO AN AIRPARK?



5-10 0%



### USE VOICE-MAIL?



58% OF MEMBERS HAVE E-MAIL

### SEARCH & RESCUE

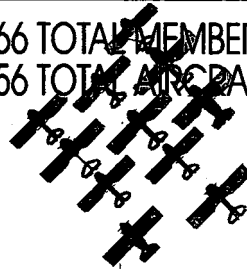


SUPPORT 83%  
WOULD TRAIN 64%



NOT SUPPORT 17%  
NOT TRAIN 36%

66 TOTAL MEMBERS  
56 TOTAL AIRCRAFT



## 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 - Jet Wing trike flown by Chuck Goodrum who's buying another. It has a geared 447 Rotax with 4-blade Ultra Prop, 175 sq ft Demon wing, foot and hand throttles, front wheel brake, and rpm gauge. 41 hrs on engine. Excellent condition. \$3450.00. Call Chuck at 770-426-7294.

FOR SALE - 1992 Ferguson F-2, Rotax 582 (65 hours), 3-blade flight-adjustable Ivoprop, Digital Instrument System, A&P built, beautiful condition. \$20,000. Call Glen Horne at 770-720-1877.

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. Call Scott Parker at 770-908-7386.

FOR SALE - Zephyr II, 2-place, Rotax 582, low time, loaded with every option, mint condition, \$16,900. Call Stuart Fuller, 770-443-0911.

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 - Fisher FP-101 with Kawasaki 440 engine. \$3,500. Call Ron Reese, day 770-957-0138 or night 770-957-6883.

FOR SALE - Team Mini-Max, complete, ready to fly minus engine, prop, instruments. Fully enclosed. \$2,995. Fully enclosed custom trailer also available, \$800. Call Andy Isburgh, 770-483-6646.

FOR SALE - Weedhopper airframe only (no engine). New, ready to put your engine on. \$2900.00. Call Howard Ray, 706-692-6500.

FOR SALE - Spalding single-place floats with all mounting hardware and instructions, new, \$1150. Call Stuart Fuller, 770-443-0911.

FOR SALE - Rotax 532 engine with B box, dual carbs, water cooled with radiator included. Exhaust manifold and muffler included. 350 hours on engine. Runs great! \$1295.00. Call Steve Green, 770-427-2799 or 770-977-5572.

FOR SALE - Rotax 377 FA, with gearbox and CDI conversion. Needs one piston. \$595. Call Andy Isburgh, 770-483-6646.

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.

FOR SALE - BRS-UL2 parachute, 750 lbs gross weight. Rocket motor, chute out of date and need repacking. Otherwise in excellent condition. \$350. Call Steve Green, 770-427-2799 or 770-977-5572.

WANTED - 750 lb. parachute, BRS or Second Chantz, Rocket or Air. Call Larry Ramsey at 423-344-5954.

WANTED - Repair parts for Weedhopper (2-seater or Super), whole plane or parts. Call Norm Bethke, 770-267-5126.

## 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.

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## 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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3764 Halyard Court  
Acworth, GA 30102

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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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:

Steve Yothment  
612 Steeplechase Drive  
Lawrenceville, GA 30244

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 Internet at address [SteveYoth@aol.com](mailto:SteveYoth@aol.com).

All other correspondence should be mailed to:

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