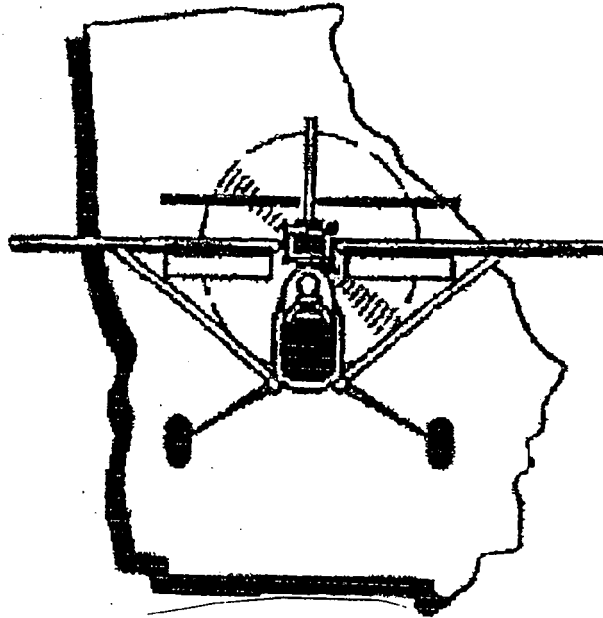


# The Sport Flyer

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**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER  
THE GEORGIA SPORT FLYERS  
ASSOCIATION**



## ***From The Presidents Cockpit***

It's almost time for another Club meeting and I'm really looking forward to it, because I missed the last one. Thanks to Bill Rouse, Club Sec. Treas., for stepping up to the plate and hosting the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting for me; I had to go out of town unexpectedly on work related business in California, for 15 days. That's the way it is in my line of work – the telephone could ring any minute and I might have to go. It's been that way for the last 24 years that I've worked for my employer. Planned and unplanned maintenance outages have required 4-5 months out of state at nuclear power plants. No, that is not why my hairline has receded (ha ha). It's not that I'm losing my hair, I'm just gaining more face; mainly forehead, but definitely more face.

I have really enjoyed this year as the President of the GSFA. An unfortunate work related back injury and related back surgery on 8-5-99 & knee surgery on 8-5-00 provided the perfect opportunity to be at home during the Millennium (Y2K) to perform the duties of this office. The irony of the situation is that my doctor had released me to resume light duty work & traveling, only four days prior to my being sent to California. Man, they didn't waste any time did they! The good news is that our fall outage season is winding down and hopefully, I can cruise right through Thanksgiving & December without getting tagged for a major outage assignment. Keep those fingers crossed for me folks; I want to be here to finish my term.

There are several items on the agenda for the October meeting: the first is nominations & elections of Club officers and appointments for the Newsletter and Website officer positions. Remember guys & gals, Club Officer membership dues are waived for the term of office! The second item is to gather a food donation as a charitable activity. This is to serve as a Thanksgiving food donation for a local food bank or charity, to offset the lack of a charitable event for the calendar year 1999. Details are included elsewhere in this newsletter. We will do another one at the December Christmas party for the Y2k millennium charitable event also.

I am sad to announce that Nancy & Dan Ryson have relocated to Arizona; we will miss them. Hopefully they will find an opportunity to visit us again sometime. This leaves an opening in the Website officer position, volunteers anyone?

If you see a spiffy white Challenger 1 at the meeting, it's probably mine – come & see. Remember, keep your head on swivel and your eyes out of the cockpit when flying or driving. Hope to see you at the next meeting; I'll keep an eye out of the cockpit for ya!

Michael



## The Sport Flyer

The newsletter is now integrated into the website. Expect each edition to be posted to the website on or about the first of each month. Sections previously included in the former paper newsletter are now linked to the same sections found on the web. They are listed below as a link for your convenience.

However, the meeting and calendar sections are included in the text of the newsletter for those not accessing the newsletter through the web.

To contribute information for inclusion in a future edition, email or slow mail it to the Editor to arrive in his hands by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Members who elect to receive the newsletter by the US Postal Service, instead of by email, must pay \$10 in addition to the annual \$20 membership fee. Please refer potential members to Secretary-Treasurer Bill Rouse. His home address is 3764 Halyard Court, Acworth, GA 30102, phone is 770.917.9228 and email address is [rtwoseat@aol.com](mailto:rtwoseat@aol.com).

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## Our Next Club Meeting

## Sat. Nov. 11

Membership Meeting      10 am  
Pierce Day's Hanger, Cartersville AP  
Elections

*Volunteers needed - positions of Website Officer  
& Newsletter Officer are available.*

Interested? Please don't be shy & put your best foot forward  
- let's have some stand up individuals take our Club to the next level, next year.

## Quarterly, Cartersville Airport Authority Meeting: 10-3-00

The Airport Authority members and guests seemed to appreciate our attendance & participation in their meeting. Ben Methvin and I represented the GSFA Membership. I personally enjoyed the experience and strongly recommend that Club officers, instructors and interested members attend future meetings. Thanks to Pierce Day, Ben Methvin and Chuck Goodrum for their input: ideas, experiences and unique insight, as discussed during our pre-meeting discussion.

Members that fly out of Cartersville, please implement the following action items ASAP:

- Do not fly the "middle third" as a pattern. The "middle third" is designated as our UL take-off and landing area.
- Fly the 1300ft. (MSL) UL downwind pattern past the approach end of the runway in use, prior to turning base. Example: downwind for 01 (heading south) turn base past the sub-division and beyond Old Al. Rd. in the vicinity of the tree line at the end of the clear cut. *A good rule of thumb is to turn base leg at approx. 45 degrees past the end of the runway.*
- Do not use the overrun (extreme south end of 01).
- Yield right of way to all aircraft, fixed wing and rotary wing.
- Visual flight rules apply; see & avoid responsibility and weather minimums.
- Use radios and keep personal chatter to a minimum. Ask for airport advisory and runway in use.
- Use the runway directed by unicom, unless safety dictates otherwise. Advise the unicom operator if there is an immediate safety issue. Remember other pilots are listening. Discussions of a non-immediate nature should be discussed in the FBO.
- Use strobe lights & landing lights if so equipped. Some of you may be aware of the lights on for safety program.
- If equipped for flying after legal sunset, UL's shall land prior to the expiration of the 30-minute grace period. It has been noted that on several occasions UL's have landed well after "...dark 30."
- Clear the active runway ASAP after landing.
- Mr. Bob Hite, Designated FAA safety Counselor for Cartersville, will issue an informational advisory letter to all individuals leasing hangers or renting tie-downs at Cartersville to discuss airport issues, standard practices/expectations and awareness issues. I will advise on the contents of this letter upon receipt. This is an effort to communicate to all of our pilot community.
- Please avoid flying directly over the FBO ramp area at 1300ft. MSL when crossing the runway.
- Avoid making departure turns prior to reaching the end of the runway. Depart straight out or at a 45 degree angle whenever possible.
- Do not exceed 1300ft. MSL, prior to exiting the general aviation pattern area.

Thank you and be safe out there. As usual, your comments are welcome.

MWP



## **BEN COLE'S SUMMER DREAM FLIGHT**

Ben Cole does things. Ben, the **first president of the Georgia Sport Flyers Association** recent flew alone on a trip east and west and north and south which allowed him to land in every state in the continental united states.

When he reports on "what he did last summer" it reads like every man's dream.

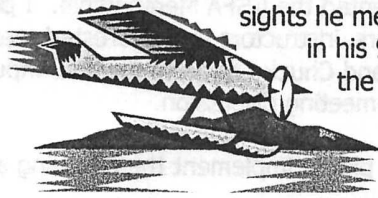
In a talk at the last GSFA meeting he described the trip and some of the

more interesting people and into two phases took 227 hours covered the 26 states east of states

were covered from September 10

machine that has a top speed of landings including water landings in

the Atlantic and Pacific and some very interesting high altitude crossings of mountains. The pictures he took are breathtaking and extremely well done. I hope for a book and expect at least a feature color article in the USUA magazine as well as others. Well-done Ben Cole!

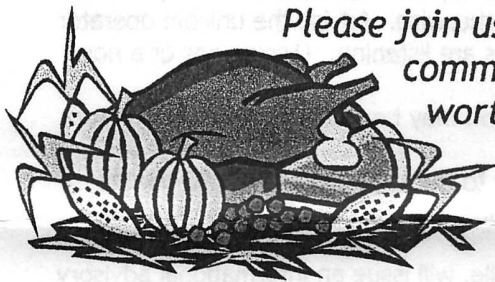


sights he met along the way. The quest, divided in his 912-powered Stingray. The first phase the Mississippi from 16 to 29 July. The Western

to September 29 for a total of 32 days. He describes his Stingray as a sightseeing around 80 miles per hour. He counted 84

*submitted by Ben Methvin*

**Thanks Ben!**



*Please join us in our efforts to help the less fortunate in our community. We would like everyone to bring at least \$5 worth of can goods or cash donations to the November meeting to go into Thanksgiving Basket from our Club.*

*Also we will do the same at the December Meeting/Party. A Christmas Food Basket in the amount of at least \$10 or more (can, staples or cash). We can give it to a shelter or if you personally know of families in need. Please help us help others as we have so much to be grateful for.*

*\*See Article 5 Section 3 in the By-Laws*



# **Red Alert!! SOS!! RED ALERT! SOS!**

**We need your help if the GSFA is to continue we must have officers &volunteers. It's not to late to come forward and join the club by taking a position.**

**Michael & I have enjoyed doing the newsletter and Presidency. \*See President's article for more details.**

We will of course participate 100% when home. We will also be on hand to lend a hand with articles, gatherings, etc. So let's all give it some serious consideration to keep us all safe and flying for fun! The camaraderie is great.

# Activities Calendar

**November 11 Membership Meeting 10 am**

**Pierce's Hanger, Cartersville AP  
Elections  
Pierce Day**

December: Date - TBA  
Etowah Bend Gilder Port Office  
Membership & Year End Party



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**Membership Meeting**

Sat Nov 11 @ 10 am

**Pierce Day's Hanger  
Cartersville AP**

**Elections, Charity Project, Christmas Party &  
much more!**

*See inside for exciting details of what's  
happening!*

**Special Mailing:  
this month includes  
Membership List & By-Laws**