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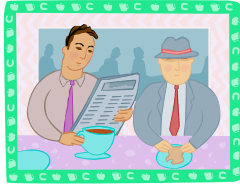
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**From the Newsletter Editors Computer**

## Unaudited-Preliminary Profit & Loss Statement

### 2003 GSFA Air Rally

	Expenses	Revenues	Running Balance
Air Rally Cash		2,535.00	2,535.00
Pennzoil		300.00	2,835.00
John Bleakley Ford		50.00	2,885.00
Hardy Chev-Pontiac-Buick		50.00	2,935.00
Binkley's Exxon		50.00	2,985.00
Locators Inc.		100.00	3,085.00
Silent Auction late pymt.		400.00	3,485.00
Kim-Drinks,snacks, misc.	954.60		2,530.40
Bryan-Dirt for runway & Food	45.89		2,484.51
Bob Smodberg-Shirts	1,132.50		1,352.01
Richard Logue Target paint	79.00		1,273.01
Staples-Cash Box	11.01		1,262.00
Terry Miller-Trophies	86.51		1,175.49
Change for Cash Box	100.00		1,075.49
Moonwalk	105.93		969.56
Port-O-Let Rental	100.00		869.56
Etawah Bend Ins.	600.00		269.56
Total Activity	\$3,215.44	\$3,485.00	\$269.56

**Hope to see everyone at the August 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting!**

**Hugo**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**July 29 - August 4<sup>th</sup> EAA Oshkosh AirVenture 2003**  
**Whitman Airport Oshkosh, WI (941) 644-2431 Additional info:**  
**<http://www.airventure.org/>**

**Aug 9th Georgia Sports Flyers Monthly Meeting**  
**Topic of discussion to be announced at meeting! Meet at Etowah Bend**  
**Gliderport Clubhouse Kingston, Ga 11am**

**Aug 8-10<sup>th</sup> Incredible Age of Aviation Intl Airshow and Balloon Fest**  
**Aeroshell Aerobatic Team, the Red Barons, Classic Fighters MiG-15 vs. F-**  
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**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.**  
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### **The GSFA website has AGAIN been updated.**

You can now see a neat **STREAMING VIDEO** from **BRS** (Ballistic recover Systems) This is cool footage of the BRS system in use and explained by the manufacturer. This is **an seven minute video!** 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. Thanks Brad Methvin our webmaster.

## Recap of our July Meeting:

The first order of business was to go over the preliminary Profit & Loss Statement of the 2003 Air Rally. We made \$270 from the event and still have unsold T-Shirts. The idea of selling remaining T-shirts off the website was discussed but payment method and who would package and ship the unsold T-shirts left the suggestion unresolved. The idea of hosting a GSFA Member Only Air Rally, and voting on as the event date the first week in October was approved. This event is to be a "Mini" Air Rally-Poker run to take place a Don Smith's place. A landing contest, bomb drop, a big BBQ were all suggested as activities for the event, with details to be finalized in a future meeting and voting on the website. The main objective of this "mini" rally was just to have fun and give ALL MEMBERS an opportunity to participate in all activities. Camping at Don Smith's will be permitted. Don Smith will be the event coordinator. Brad Methvin talked about the Suches, GA Fly-In taking place at the end of July. A reservation sheet for accommodations was passed around for members to sign up. Brad also highlighted that a NEW STREAMING VIDEO has been added to the GSFA website its on Ballistic Recovery Systems. This is a 7 minute MUST-SEE Video which shows an actual BRS chute being deployed. A big round of applause was given to Ben Methvin for earning his Private Pilot license this month! Eugene Noviusky shared a 15 minute digital video he put together of the air rally to attending members who were interested. The meeting was adjourned for Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages. Please welcome new GSFA member John Ponder to the GSFA Family. John lives in Atlanta and wants to learn to fly ultralights.

Don't forget to send me any articles or pictures you want me to post in the newsletter!

See you at the August 9th Meeting, at Etowah Bend Gliderport.

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### **Driving directions to Etawah Bend Gliderport Clubhouse:**

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.

**August 9<sup>th</sup> starting @ 11am**

## **BEFORE ULTRALIGHTS (second in the series)**

### **By Lloyd "Doc" Burns**

I suppose our editor wanted to make sure you didn't miss my first article on memories of experiences in World War II. Back off a little on the print size Hugo - you embarrass me! Have you ever been in a news letter editors office? You may have difficulty finding your way out. Stuff is stacked to various heights in every corner, on the floor, on every table and desk, etc. And yet he knows what and where every item is. Different breed. Not strange but different. And smart. I'll use more words this time. Just kidding. Partly!

I realize that I made a couple of omissions in the first article. First, no title. Corrected. Second, no mention of Jesus. Let it be known that I do not believe that things just happen, or that we make them happen. God has given us only one tremendous power, to be used in innumerable ways. That is, of course, a *free will*. Fitting that into the rest of His creations ain't easy, but is a real intellectual challenge. I'm now working on the word "priority". Wow! Choosing priorities. What a power! With it we shape our lives, our relationships - everything. Where does it lead? Everywhere. What has that to do with my war experiences? Everything. Why did I do this instead of that? What if I had chosen a different priority in a given situation? What would have been the outcome of staying with the plane vs. bailing out? I reflect on these combat priorities daily. Would I change any then, if I had the chance? You damn right I would.

Back to business.

Shortly I was sworn in as an Army Air Corp Cadet on standby and would be called to duty soon. Whoa! I was still a seventeen year old high school senior with months before graduation. But God had it all worked out, of course. I graduated in June and was called up in November.

Please don't ask me to describe my time in the Nashville, Tennessee mud flats or Maxwell Field, Alabama" officers club" for brain stuffing, cross country running, big time marching, Morse code, etc. It was designed to weed out those with various short comings before wasting more time on them. We (my class of '43-H) lost a bunch. They gave up cadet pilot status and were scattered all over the Air Corps going to various training schools to become navigators, bombardiers, etc. I learned to always stand behind someone so that they never could connect the name with the body. I slipped on through hell and finally got to heaven, flying.

Now is a good time to have you read, or reread, an old poem that expresses the feelings that prompt a 78 year old to keep fighting against being grounded. Sort of like grandma driving her old Studebaker. Her reflexes may be slowed, but don't kill her love and her pride. Maybe a few new rules of driving will do.

## **HIGH FLIGHT**

**Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-spit clouds--and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of--wheeled & soared & swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless hall of air.  
Up, up, the long, delirious burning blue  
I've topped the windswept height with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod**

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**My X-Country to Suches, Ga. (GSFA July Fly-In)**

## **By Michael “Budman” Prosser**

Saturday morning was the scheduled day of departure for most of the club members that went for the weekend to Suches, yours truly included. Our senior GSFA instructor, Mr. Ben Methvin had flown up on Friday with our Club President, Mr. Bryan Jorgensen. *Brad Methvin, who had taken charge of the accommodations, drove in. We all had a place to sleep & relax – THANKS Brad!*

The cabins are new, beautifully done and were fully furnished. Other than food, your personal stuff & a change of clothes, everything was there! They're even equipped with washer & dryer and satellite TV! Yea, even indoor toilets and hot showers guys and girls - just like home. My wife, Jo had driven up and even she was pleased. She's a city girl, so she wasn't about to rough it (smile). The cabins were even equipped with a starter coffee!

I was over-flowing with anticipation, as I drove to the airport Saturday morning. Darn, it was foggy in the valley surrounding the airport, the Etowah river, lake Allatoona and all the mountains in the distance as far as the eye could see...bummer! Ben's hanger was the mustering point for our members and their machines. I was interested and concerned who would come and if they would be on time? Fortunately, the other intrepid aviators that were going along were not deterred and arrived on time. We all waited it out long enough for the fog to dissipate and VFR conditions arrive. We didn't have to wait long; by 9 AM we were off and winging it eastward & upward.

I was nominated flight leader and took point. All others paired off in trail and we kept in constant communication along the way. We elected use the 122.75 air-to-air frequency, just like real pilots with real airplanes. It must have been impressive to watch us depart Cartersville, as a gaggle of multi-colored tube & fabric vehicles, ten in all, left the Terra Firma of VPC to challenge the mountains!

*Those that took the challenge were:* Mike Prosser, Steve Green, Richard Logue, Kim Arrowood, Bob Smedberg, Joe Horton, Eddie Spain (w/wife-Deborah: co-pilot), Stan Sullivan, Lonnie Sand and Chuck Goodrum. It was worth the trip. Hmm-m-m...sounds like a "Dunkin Donuts" commercial doesn't it (ha ha). We had a nice tailwind and made the trip to Suches in 50 minutes. We went high! I topped 4,600 feet MSL before I slid down the backside of the last mountain peak to reach the pattern altitude of 3,200 feet MSL at Suches. Bob Smedberg went to 5300!!! Welcome to the Mile High Club Bob! Yep, it's cool up there too! Things in the valleys sure looked small and those peaks always looked high! It got a little spooky as we climbed over the mountain peaks, just before we got to Suches, due to CAT (Clear Air Turbulence). My GPS nailed it and I flew dead center over the grass runway.

It was a welcome sight as I approached mid-field; not only was the airstrip a sight for sore eyes, but our President, Bryan Jorgensen, was flying the pattern as if to welcome us there. I followed him in the pattern for runway 02. The pattern got a little tight though, due to the number of UL's in the pattern. Kim did masterful job of a go around, which opened things up for those behind her. I think that I saw Kim kiss the ground when she exited her plane (smile). Upon landing, our machines completely filled up the main parking area in front of the cabins and we had four vehicles in the over-flow parking

We had lunch at a cute little café named "T.W.O.", which stands for Two Wheel Only café. Good food and nice people, you should check it out sometime. Louie, our host, facilitated the fuel runs and got everyone topped off. Many people in automobiles and motorcycles came by to look at all of the cute planes and check out the fly in. You wouldn't believe the huge number of motorcycles that go there & everywhere through those mountains. The motorcycles actually seemed to facilitate the mountains better than the automobiles.

Most of the flyers returned Saturday afternoon. We were surprised when seven more planes/UL's flew in from Cleveland, Ga. Henry Van Ginkle and Ben Cole were in the group. My, my...it certainly is a small world isn't it. They visited for about an hour and a half and then departed for home. You just never know what's going to happen or who may show up. You just gotta be there to have the fun.

Mike Prosser, Bob Smedberg and Ben Methvin flew back Sunday morning. The return trip Sunday morning was the best – the planes flew virtually “hands-off” the controls all the way home; smooth as glass and it was practically down hill all the way to VPC. When we departed Suches, it was awesome: bright blue sky above, rugged green mountain peaks jutting through the white fog in the valleys below. It was ve-r-r-y-y good to be high above it all. Landing at VPC was easy and very gratifying.

It was a great trip and I hope to do it again next year. I encourage you all to have your family members/non-flyers drive out to events like this. It’s great family fun. Our female companions, wives and/or girl friends, will come if they know that other women will be there. Why not invite them along?

I am looking forward to the next club fly-out, how about you?

**Budman**

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**Micheal Hasenauer’s “new” Kolb!**



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**MAIL TO:**

**Meeting : Sat. August 9th starting @ 11:00 am**

**Meeting at: Etowah Bend Gliderport**

**Topic: Mini Rally other Topics**

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