



Keith Brock Memorial Fly-in

November 9, 2013

Jenkins County Airport (2J5)
Millen, Georgia

Keith Griffith Brock, age 49, passed away August 1, 2006, at his home in Perkins, Georgia, after a long illness. He came to Augusta as an Air Traffic Controller at Bush Field, Augusta, Georgia. He was a member of EAA 172 until his death and was the club's Vice President in 2003. He was a consummate volunteer at fly-ins, including Sun'n Fun, and operated an implement business and built a fixed base aviation operation at the Millen airport. He was responsible for Chapter 172's most successful "Low Country Boil" fly-ins held annually on the 2nd Saturday in November at the Millen airport. After his funeral service on August 5, 2006, several pilots took to the air over Keith's beloved Millen airport and spread Keith's ashes over the field. For that reason we attempt to have a fly-in in Keith's honor every year on the 2nd Saturday of November at the Millen airport.

We had beautiful weather for the EAA 172 fly-out to the Keith Brock Memorial Fly-in at the Jenkins County Airport, Millen, Georgia. There were clearing skies, little wind, with the temperature in the upper 60s -- near perfect flying weather. There was no regular EAA 172 club meeting. Before 10:00 AM there were already four planes on the ramp. Earlier that morning Sid and Ben Brown had brought a number of tables and three dozen chairs from the Pea Patch. Don & Langga Gay had set up the fly-in area. They prepared the bounteous amount of food including varieties of meats, soups, many fancy breads, tasty desserts, coffee and sweet tea. Nine vintage automobiles were on display. 13 planes were in by 11:45 AM. Among members who flew in were Eddie Booth with his RV-7, Sandy Howard with his Beech Bonanza, Steve Thompson with his Cessna 175, Joe Britt with his RV-9A, and Don Bush with his RV-7A. Besides those pilots there were club members Sid & Ben Brown, Greg Connell, Don & Langga Gay, Gary Harden, Jean Hildebrant, John Magnan, Roger McCoig, Shane & Amber Nothdurft, Al Patton, Tom Patton, Johna Thompson, and several other members. There was a sizable group of visitors who drove in from the Millen area. Counting several planes that left earlier in the morning, about 20 planes flew in. The last planes to leave took off around 3:00 PM.



Flight lines



Visitors watching the planes coming in.



Langga Gay (at left) setting up for the lunch.



Visitors getting ready for lunch.



Vintage cars on display.