



### EAA 172 Meeting

January 8, 2011, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

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February 12, 2011, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

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#### Fish Fry Fly-in

March 12, 2011, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

## *EAA 172 Night Out*

EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting. This is a monthly non-business social gathering usually held on the fourth Thursday. As of 01/01/11 no location had been chosen.

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*Birthdays*

Douglas	JOHNSON	01-01	Jamie	SANDEFORD	01-02
John M.	BROOKER	01-02	Peri	HANSEN	01-06
David	REVILLE	01-03	Joyce	WAUGH	01-10
Edwin	BROCK	01-05	Jan	WIGGINS	01-13
Marcus	JAKOB	01-08	Mattie	JONES	01-15
Edmund	DONNER	01-11	Susanne	LEWIS	01-17
Gary	WAUGH	01-11	Mary Ann	BRASWELL	01-20
Tom	DIXON	01-16	Barbara	KITCHENS	01-25
Donald	SHAW	01-17	Heather	BANNING	01-28
Tom	COLLINS	01-18	Anne	YOUMANS	01-28
George	WEISS, SR.	01-19			
Roger M.	WHITAKER	01-20			
Bobby	BRASWELL	01-25			
Terry	STOUT	01-25			
Ray	TRENTER	01-26			
Blair	KENDALL	01-30			
David A.	OWINGS	01-30			

*Anniversaries*

James & Dacra	HERRING	01-01
Marc & Janice	McAVOY	01-01
Keith & Lilly	ROBBINS	01-04
Frank & Denise	BUTLER	01-09
Arlen & Arlene	ABBOTT	01-16



## **TOM REILLY REBUILDING TWIN MUSTANG AT HIS DOUGLAS AIRPORT**

**(Tom was a speaker at a club meeting last year.)**



A North American Twin Mustang is expected to be returned to flying condition by its owner and go on display at EAA AirVenture 2013. The aircraft got its name from the design, which looks like two North American P-51 Mustang fighters attached side by side. It is powered by the famous Rolls-Royce Merlin engine and was the first Twin Mustang to fly, the XP-82-NA. It is owned by Tom Reilly of Douglas, Ga., who is performing the work with friends under a company called B-25 Group, LLC. Twin Mustangs emerged from the factory too late for World War II, but were flown in the Korean War and were later used for ramjet testing

and icing research in the 1950s by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, succeeded by NASA.

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Reilly and his crew have invested two-and-a-half years in the restoration of the aircraft, which first flew April 15, 1945. That includes preserving graffiti found from the time of manufacture, including a message from one worker to another saying, "I'll bring in the tickets to the theater tomorrow." Reilly plans to open a website on his project in January. He estimates another 18 to 24 months of work is required. (adapted from *AOPA ePILOT Dec 31, 2010*)



## **VA BENEFITS FOR FLIGHT TRAINING APPROVED**

A bill to expand veterans' benefits passed the Senate on Dec. 13 and cleared the House on Dec. 17 by an overwhelming margin of 409-3. Flight training is among the educational options for veterans as part of the new legislation, now awaiting the expected signature of President Obama. The implications for general aviation are significant, according to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Vice President of Legislative Affairs Lorraine Howerton said, "This is great news across several fronts. It is highly supportive of general aviation businesses, such as flight schools and aircraft manufacturers of training fleets, supports AOPA's flight training initiative and is a big win for members who are veterans. For disabled veterans, it opens up opportunities to fly light sport aircraft." Under the new legislation, up to \$10,000 in assistance for flight training would be available annually. The courses must be FAA approved and made available through a certified pilot school with a valid FAA pilot school certificate. Pending approval, the funding will be available as of August 2011.



(*Flying Magazine Dec 23, 2010; AOPA ePILOT Dec 24, 2010*)



## **SHORT FINAL**

*AVweb* November 29, 2010

**A pilot was working as a traffic watch pilot in a Cessna 172 in Southern California and had just contacted March Air Force Base approach to transit their Class C airspace.**

*Pilot:* "March approach, good afternoon. Traffic Watch One Two Three, 35,000 feet."

*March Approach:* "Traffic Watch One Two Three, roger. Do you mean 3,500?"

*Pilot:* "Yes, sir -- 3,500. Did I say '35,000'?"

*March Approach:* "Uh, yeah. I was wondering what kind of traffic you're looking at from that altitude."