

EAA 172 CALENDAR for 2012

January 14 – Saturday: Club Meeting. Food at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

February 11 – Saturday: Club Meeting. Chili Cook-off at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

March 10 - Saturday: EAA 172 Fish Fry Fly-in. Food at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

NOTE: March 21 – 25: Bensen Days Rotorcraft Fly-in Wauchula, FL.

NOTE: March 27–April 1: Sun 'n Fun® 2012 Fly-In. Lakeland, FL.

NOTE: April 8: Easter.

April 14 - Saturday: EAA 172 Breakfast Fly-in/meeting 9:00-11:00 AM at the Pea Patch.

NOTE: April 26 – 29: Vidalia Onion Festival Fly-in; April 28 – 29: Warner Robins airshow.

May 11–12: Friday, Saturday: EAA 172 O.B. Brown Memorial Fly-in, Wrens airport.

NOTE: May 13: Mother's Day.

June 9 – Saturday: Club Meeting. Food at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

July 14 - Saturday: EAA 172 Barbecue Fly-In. Food at 12:30 PM. at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

NOTE: July 23-July 29: Monday-Sunday: EAA Oshkosh Airventure® 2012. Oshkosh, WI.

NOTE: July 31-August 4: PRA Rotorcraft International Convention. Mentone, IN.

August 11 – Saturday: Club Meeting. Food at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

NOTE: September 5-9: Wednesday-Sunday: Triple Tree Fly-in. Woodruff, SC.

September 8 – Saturday: Club Meeting. Food at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

NOTE: September 9: Sunday: Bob Rhodes Barbecue Fly-in.

NOTE: September 28-30: Friday-Sunday: Wings Over North Georgia Fly-in, Rome, GA.

October 5-6: Friday, Saturday: EAA 172 Fall Fly-In at the Wrens airport.

October 6: Saturday: EAA 172 Fall Breakfast Fly-in/meeting 9:00-11:00 AM at the Pea Patch.

NOTE: October 13-14: Saturday-Sunday: Great Georgia Airshow, Peachtree City, GA.

NOTE: October 20-21: Saturday-Sunday: Boshears Skyfest 2012. Daniel Field, Augusta, GA.

November 10: Saturday: Keith Brock Memorial Fly-in. Millen, GA.

December 8: Saturday: EAA 172 Christmas Party 12:30 PM. Pea Patch Aerodrome.



NAME THAT PLANE

SB2C Helldiver

The Curtiss SB2C Helldiver was a carrier-based dive bomber aircraft produced for the United States Navy during World War II. It replaced the Douglas SBD Dauntless in US Navy service. Despite its size, the SB2C was much faster than the SBD it replaced. About 7,200 Helldivers were built. The SB2C-5 was the last production variant of this aircraft. The SB2C Helldiver was the last true Dive Bomber produced for the US Navy. While often maligned by some critics, the SB2C's were responsible for more ship tonnage sunk during WWII than any other aircraft.

General characteristics

Crew: Two, pilot and radio operator/gunner

Length: 36 ft 8 in

Wingspan: 49 ft 9 in

Height: 13 ft 2 in

Wing area: 422 ft²

Empty weight: 10,547 lb

Max takeoff weight: 16,616 lb

Powerplant: 1 × Wright R-2600-20 Twin Cyclone radial engine, 1,900 hp

Performance

Maximum speed: 295 mph (257 knots) at 16,700 ft

Cruise speed: 158 mph (137 knots)

Range: 1,165 mi (1,013 nmi) with 1,000 lb bomb load

Service ceiling: 29,100 ft

Rate of climb: 1,800 ft/min

Armament

Guns:

2 × 20 mm (.79 in) cannon in the wings.

2 × 0.30 in (7.62 mm) M1919 Browning machine guns in the rear cockpit.

Bombs: in internal bay: 2,000 lbs. of bombs or 1 × Mark 13-2 torpedo

Two under-wing hard points - up to 500 lbs each of bombs, depth charges or unguided rockets.



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