

DENNIS ALLEN NOW RECOVERING AT HOME



Dennis Allen, a long-time EAA 172 member and president of the club [1996 - 1998](#), is recovering at home from open-heart surgery. His wife, Fay, wrote “Dennis came home December 27th and is doing really well. He will start [cardiac rehabilitation](#) January 7th.”

On December 23rd Dennis was driving his car when he started experiencing severe chest pains. He called some relatives and they told him to pull over so they could come and take him to the hospital. At University Hospital he was told he must have immediate surgery for a [stent](#). However, further examination revealed one artery was blocked 95% and the other 100%, so the stent was not an option. Dennis came through the open-heart surgery fine and was in a room in the Heart and Vascular unit on the evening of Christmas Day. He was able to go home on December 27th. He thanks everyone for “their prayers, phone calls and visits.” EAA 172 members have Dennis in their good wishes and prayers for a swift recovery. Dennis' e-mail address is [Dennis Allen](#). Fay's e-mail is [Fay Allen](#).

NEW TENANT IN THE WRENS HANGAR

There's a Fisher Horizon I [N4300J](#) in the Wrens hangar. Its owner, Spence Olson, was at our club meeting on [September 8, 2012](#), when General Dana Atkins, now [president of the Augusta Chronicle](#), gave his presentation. For that meeting three planes came in including a yellow Fisher Horizon I flown in by visitor Spence Olson. Subsequent to that visit Spence called EAA 172 on December 2nd, 2013, and said that he was moving here in late December. He was coming to Fort Gordon from Fort Meade, Maryland. Spence asked about a hangar for his Fisher Horizon I. He contacted Sid Brown the next day and Sid told him “We do have a space in the Wrens hanger. Would love to have you!”

WEATHER SOCKS IN MONTY RAST'S FLY-IN

As advertised on page five of the December, 2013 [Pea Patch Post](#), Monty Rast had scheduled a fly-in at his farm near Orangeburg, South Carolina on December 28th. His airstrip is 100' wide and 2800 feet long. The fly-in was to be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with a big barbecue at 12:30 pm. Monty is a “Flying Farmer” - Cessna 182 - who has a large farm and specializes in peanuts, corn, and wheat. Two more of his farming ventures are Edisto Blueberries and Cannon Bridge Strawberries. He was the South Carolina “Farmer of the Year” in 2012 and an excellent [article](#) was written giving a lot of information about him. To actually see his airstrip click on the Google aerial photo at **GPS Coordinates: [N 33° 36.940' W 080° 45.078'](#)**.

In the morning of December 26th Monty and his wife Kathy wrote: “Unfortunately, with the weather forecast of rain for Saturday and Sunday, we have decided to postpone the fly in. We will certainly let you know when we reschedule.”

FOLLOWUP: AMEs DISAGREE WITH THE FAA ABOUT NEW SLEEP APNEA POLICY

Under pressure, the FAA is backing off to get more input from the affected people.

During a hastily organized Webinar held December 12, Federal Air Surgeon Dr. Fred Tilton said the FAA will move forward with implementing its new sleep apnea policy despite overwhelming opposition from the aviation and medical communities. He said that he does not have to follow the rulemaking process since this new sleep apnea – BMI measurement procedure is just an “enhancement” to the rules. Despite intense criticism from pilots, aviation organizations and members of Congress, the FAA was planning to implement a requirement for expensive testing (up to \$5,000) for obstructive sleep apnea for all pilots seeking an FAA medical certificate who had a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or greater. The FAA had indicated that, over time, the threshold BMI for the testing would be decreasing. The December 2013 [Pea Patch Post](#) has much detail about this.



The Civil Aviation Medical Association, which is composed of Aviation Medical Examiners, had sent a [letter](#) to FAA Administrator Michael Huerta objecting to the agency's proposed sleep apnea policy. [AOPA](#) and [EAA](#) also objected.

After all the complaints from the AMEs, AOPA, EAA, and many of those in Congress, on December 19th the FAA [said](#) it will delay implementation of the new sleep apnea testing policy that was to begin in January, 2014. The FAA also claimed it will gather additional input from the aviation and medical communities. It will try to find a way to balance pilots' and the FAA's concerns. (Information adapted from [AvwebBiz](#) 12/11/13, [AOPA ePilot](#) 12/13/13, [AOPA ePilot](#) 12/20/13, [AVwebFlash](#) 12/23/13)



EAA 172 Meeting

Chili Cook-off

January 11, 2014, 12:30 PM

Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia

EAA 172 Meeting

Winter Soup Party

February 8, 2014, 12:30 PM

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Birthdays

Marcus	JAKOB	01-08	Jamie	SANDEFORD	01-02
Donald	SHAW	01-17	Susanne	LEWIS	01-17
George	WEISS, SR.	01-19	Mary Ann	BRASWELL	01-20
Bobby	BRASWELL	01-25	Heather	BANNING	01-28
Barbara	KITCHENS	01-25			
Terry	STOUT	01-25			

Anniversaries

Keith	& Lilly	ROBBINS	01-04
Kinsey	& Denise	BUTLER	01-09

EAA 172 Night Out

FRIDAY, January 24: *EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting* [NOTE THE CHANGED DAY OF THE WEEK!] 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering usually held on the fourth Thursday. This month it is on the fourth FRIDAY at **Sticks Bistro**, 375 Mount Vintage Plantation Dr., North Augusta, SC 29860. Phone number: 803-279-9954. For a map and directions, click on: [Sticks Bistro](#). For questions contact Sheila Connell 803-279-7250 e-mail: conl6356@comcast.net.
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