

BILL INTRODUCED TO CUT THIRD-CLASS MEDICAL FOR MANY GA PILOTS

On December 11, 2013 Reps. Todd Rokita (R-IN) and Sam Graves (R-MO) introduced a bill in the U.S. House that seeks to abolish the third-class medical certificate for many pilots who fly recreationally. Rokita and Graves are both AOPA members and active pilots. The proposed legislation would allow pilots to use a valid state driver's license in place of the traditional medical certificate if the flights are:

- Not for compensation
- Conducted in VFR operations only, at or below 14,000 feet MSL
- No faster than 250 knots
- In aircraft with no more than six seats and no more than 6,000 pounds' gross takeoff weight.

The type of aircraft includes virtually all single-engine airplanes with six or fewer seats, including Beech Bonanzas, as well as many light twins like the Piper Aztec, Beech Baron 55 and 58, and Cessna 310.

According to EAA officials, the bill continues EAA's effort to maintain aviation safety while growing participation in aviation. EAA and other aviation groups have regularly petitioned the FAA for medical certification updates and changes, most recently in the joint EAA/AOPA third-class medical certificate exemption request in March 2012. In addition to Rokita and Graves, the bill was co-sponsored by Reps. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), Bill Flores (R-Texas), Richard Hanna (R-N.Y.), and Mike Pompeo (R-Kan.). All four co-sponsors are members of the GA Caucus.

EAA, AOPA, and other groups will be urging their members to voice their support to their elected officials this month. Look at the proposed [General Aviation Pilot Protection Act](#) (Information adapted from [AOPA ePilot](#) 12/11/13, and [EAA eHotline](#) 12/12/13)

Prospective Member's Item for Sale

Russell Thies lives near the Pea Patch and indicated that he is interested in joining EAA 172

FOR SALE: Dragonfly MKIII Project

2 Place - Canard Winged – Single Engine
Wing Span 21'- 10" Front 22'
Wing Area 102 SF Length 15'- 8"
Empty Weight 611.5 lbs. Gross Weight 1,250 lbs.
Limiting Speed 200 Kts

Original Design By Viking Aircraft Co.
Engine Porshe 911 – 2275cc about 60 hrs. TT

This aircraft is to be sold as a parts "short-term" project. The main work that must be completed before flight will be to overhaul the engine and install a dual magneto. The previous owner indicated that the airframe has a total of 60 hours of flight time. The condition of the airplane appears to be in very good condition in and out.

Located at a private airstrip near Keysville, Georgia in an enclosed hangar with wings off.

ASKING: \$10,000 OBO

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Contact Russell Thies

e-mail: russellthies@gmail.com

Phone number: 706-860-5785 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM



Members' Items for Sale

EAA 172 member Dennis Allen still has this for sale for \$350 OBO:

iFLY 700a GPS unit, Yoke & Windshield mounts, Remote Control, AC adapter, Manual, Carrying case

Contact: cell: 706-829-2130 any time, Or EMAIL AT dennispilot@bellsouth.net

For the full version of this ad click on: [For Sale: iFLY 700a GPS](#)

EAA 172 member Keith Robbins still has this for sale for \$12,000:

Continental O-300-D engine with Airflow Performance injection.

Contact Keith Robbins by e-mail: kcr83406@yahoo.com

For the full version of this ad click on: [For Sale: Continental O-300-D engine](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Listings on the "Upcoming Events" pages are often revised. Check the [Calendar](#) on the EAA 172 Website for any changes.

January 2014

Sunday, January 5: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* **Aiken Municipal airport, Aiken, South Carolina (AIK)** CTAF/UNICOM 122.8. ZIPcode 29805. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Questions: Contact Anne Hawkins (803) 432-9595. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KAIK> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Aiken Municipal Airport](#). SCBC [Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#).

Saturday, January 11: **Chili Cook-off by the EAA 172 Members** 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). **SEVEN MEMBERS WILL BRING POTS OF THEIR FAVORITE CHILI. A short meeting will be around 1:00 PM after the meal of chili prepared by those members. Runway 01/19: 2500' x 150' sod -- fair --; GPS: N33° 18.08' N / 82° 10.46' W; Elevation 434', 4511 Boulineau Rd., Blythe, Georgia, 30805. UNICOM 122.7 mhz. For more information contact Sid Brown (762) 245-8103 eMail: sid@thesidbrowns.com or John Magnan (706) 547-3607 eMail: jcm2@earthlink.net Click [HERE](#) for directions (both land and air). Click [HERE](#) for the Mapquest directions. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/61GA> for airport info. For the agenda click [HERE](#).**

Saturday, January 11: **2014 Triple Tree Frosty Dog Electric - RC Event** at the Triple Tree Aerodrome located between the towns of Woodruff and Enoree, SC, on Mary Hanna Road, Woodruff, SC 29388 (SC00). Join them on one of the coldest days of the year and bring any type of electric aircraft. Registration is \$10. AMA required. No impound, just show up and fly. 72 MHz ok. With all the new RC stuff Santa brought you for Christmas, bring something old to sell. There will be no camping for this event as it is a one day event (8:30 am to 6:30 pm). Lunch will be at 1:00 pm in the hangar (gas heat) and include Frosty Dogs, Kirby Fries, Bake Beans, and Little Debbie's. Lunch price - Meal \$10. Event will be held rain or shine.

Last year we had 106 registered pilots, enjoyed lunch with 150 guests and enjoyed a great time! All 6 flight lines will be open for this event but most pilots seem to congregate around the main and 3D lines. The amount of swap shop items has also been growing each year, so come out and join the fun.

Event Information: www.tripletreeaerodrome.com **Contact:** davidsonmark@charter.net

Frequencies: UNICOM 122.9; GROUND: 122.75. Runway is close-cut grass 400' x 7000'. Airnav flying information: [SC00](#).

Mapquest driving information: [Triple Tree](#).

Sunday, January 19: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* **Lake City Municipal Airport - CJ Evans Field, Lake City, South Carolina (51J)** CTAF/UNICOM: 122.9 ZIP code 29560. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Questions: Contact Anne Hawkins (803) 432-9595. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/51J> for airport info. For driving directions click on [CJ Evans Field](#). SCBC [Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#).

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 .**

