

THE PEA PATCH WIND SOCK IS UP!

Before and after the January 12th meeting a work crew, led by Gary Harden, was beginning to put up the Pea Patch Aerodrome wind sock frame. It had been constructed off-field by Gary and others.

On January 25th Ed Christian, Pea Patch Aerodrome Corp. President, wrote that the work was finished and the wind sock was up:

“Gary Harden spent a lot of man hours and was able to acquire a lot of the steel at no cost. He did a fantastic job and it sure does look great.

Sandy Howard, Steve Thompson, Dennis Allen, Ed Christian - helped him at the end to erect and put deck on but GARY did 98% of the WORK!”



AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: TRUE OR FALSE: “Aerobatics” means exceeding 60 degrees of bank and/or 30 degrees of pitch. If “False” then what are the degrees of bank and/or pitch? (Trick question!)

According to AOPA and the FAA: The answer is FALSE. The 60 degrees of bank and/or 30 degrees of pitch comes from [14 CFR 91.307\(c\)](#) and concerns when to wear parachutes, not aerobatics. Aerobatic flight is not defined in the AIM, although acrobatic flight is, in the AIM's Pilot/Controller Glossary, acrobatic flight is defined with reference to Part 91 as "an intentional maneuver involving an abrupt change in an aircraft's attitude, an abnormal attitude, or acceleration not necessary for normal flight." The definition is rather general. It does not identify specific degrees of pitch or banking; it does not reference stress limits or operating limitations; and it does not list particular maneuvers. It depends on the aircraft and its operating limitations. That's why a 45 degree pitch angle after takeoff in a Cub might be considered aerobatic (it's not necessary for normal flight), whereas flying solo in the Pitts S-2B, that same pitch angle would be just about right for holding a normal V_x climbout and therefore, NOT aerobatic in nature. The FAA's definition is simple yet also allows for the differing performance characteristics of each aircraft type. See the [AOPA Flight Training Magazine](#). Some court cases have dismissed the murky mis-application of a non-rule by the FAA. One reference is the International Air & Transportation Safety Bar Association (IATSBA), formerly NTSB Bar, [Dismissal of Certificate Action](#).

This Month's Question: A pilot let his 90-day landing currency lapse. Does he need to fly with a CFI to regain his currency?

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2013

Sunday, February 3: **SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Lancaster County McWhirter Field Airport, South Carolina (LKR)** CTAF/UNICOM: 122.725. ZIP code 29720. 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/KLKR> for airport info. For driving directions click on [McWhirter Field](#).

Saturday, February 9: **EAA 172 Winter Soup Party** 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). A short business meeting will be around 1:00 PM after the meal which will include Brown Bean soup, chicken and rice soup, vegetable soup, and Taco stew. 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 (706) 814-8853 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 meeting agenda click [HERE](#).

Saturday February 16: **1st Annual Young Eagles Rally** sponsored by [Vidalia EAA Chapter 1332 Heart of Georgia Regional Airport at Eastman, GA \(EZM\)](#) No Admission Charge - Everyone Welcome! Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Drinks Available. Live Remote broadcast on Wolf Country 97.5 (WUFF-FM). Young Eagle Rides 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Children 8-17 can fly with signed Parent/Legal Guardian Release. Rides provided by Vidalia EAA Chapter 1332 "Sweet Onion Aviators" For more information contact: Charlie Spratt: 478-448-4737 / cspratt@mgc.edu or Jeff Fordham: 478-374-4411 / johnffordham.jf@gmail.com

Sunday, February 17: **SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Rowan County Airport, Salisbury, North Carolina (KRUQ)** CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8. ZIPcode 28147. 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/KRUQ> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Rowan County Airport](#) .

Thursday, February 28: **EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting** 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. This month's location is the **Buca di Beppo** restaurant, **3450 Wrightsboro Rd., Suite 2080, Augusta, GA 30909** (at Augusta Mall). Phone number: 706-733-5475. Website: [Buca di Beppo](#). Map and directions: [Buca di Beppo Directions](#). For questions contact Shirley Harden 706-855-1553 e-mail: ghardensr@comcast.net .

March 2013

Sunday, March 3: **SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Columbia Owens Downtown Airport, Columbia, South Carolina (KCUB)** CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8. ZIPcode 29205. Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact Anne Hawkins (803) 432-9595. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KCUB> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Columbia Owens Airport](#) .

Fish Fry Fly-in

Saturday, March 9: **EAA 172 Fish Fry Fly-in** 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). WE WILL HAVE A GREAT CATFISH MEAL PREPARED BY OUR FABULOUS COOKS. Short business meeting around 1:00 PM. 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 (706) 814-8853 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](#).

Sunday, March 17: **SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Greenwood County Airport, South Carolina (GRD)** CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8 ZIP code 29649. 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/KGRD> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Greenwood County Airport](#) .