
March 2016

Sunday, March 6: SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Lexington County Airport, Pelion, South Carolina (6J0) CTAF/UNICOM: 123.0 ZIP code 29123. **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. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail info@flyscbc.com. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/CLKR> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Pelion Field](#). SCBC [Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#).

Saturday, March 12: EAA 172 FISH FRY FLY-IN 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). WE WILL HAVE A GREAT MEAL PREPARED BY OUR FABULOUS COOKS. There will be catfish and possibly crappie and trout. In addition, we will have french fries, rolls, onion rings, hushpuppies, deviled eggs, black-eyed peas, and many sidedishes & desserts. The meal donation may be as high as \$8.00 rather than \$5.00 depending on the attendance and the cost of the fish. The meal is at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). A short business meeting will be around 1:00 PM after the meal. Runway 01/19: 2500' x 150' sod -- good --; GPS: 33° 18.08' N / 82° 10.46' W; Elevation 434' , 4511 Boulineau Rd., Blythe, Georgia, 30805. UNICOM 122.7 mhz. For more information contact EAA 172 President Andy Lee 706-832-6642 eMail: gapilot2015@icloud.com or e-mail EAA172@jcmservices.net. Click [HERE](#) for directions (both land and air). 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 March 19: **Critical Decision Making Seminar** 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM at 54 Watson Aviation Road, Greenville, South Carolina, 29607, Greenville Downtown Airport (KGMU) **CDM seminars take an intensive look at general aviation safety, analysis of past accidents and provides a framework for attending pilots to create a formal and personal method of conducting individualized safety routines. Developed by the Cirrus Owners & Pilots Association (COPA), this is a highly interactive seminar now available to all pilots - and including a free lunch (donations are encouraged).**

More information and registration can be found by visiting: [Critical Decision Seminar](#)

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Sunday, March 20: SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Palmetto Air Plantation (private) Manning, South Carolina (SC41) UNICOM: 122.8 ZIPcode 29102. Elev: 105'; GPS: N33° 39.967' W80° 14.633'; Sod runway: 16/34: 3700' x 150'; UNICOM: 122.8. **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. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail info@flyscbc.com. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/SC41> for airport info. Click [HERE](#) for the Mapquest directions. SCBC [Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#). Weblink: www.palmettoairplantation.com .

Friday (evening), Saturday, March 25-26: **Fire Ant Festival Fly-In** Ashburn, Georgia / Turner County Airport (75J) Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for pilots who fly in. In addition to the fly-in: The dates of the Festival are the evening of March 25th, and all day on March 26th, 2016. The evening of Friday, March 25th, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. will be the Lip Sync Contest, a theme to be announced, 8:00 P.M., will be a concert, 9:30 P.M. will be the Fireworks at the 21st Annual Fire Ant Festival in Heritage Park, sponsored by the City of Ashburn. Our theme for the year of 2016 is to be announced! There is no charge for the concert in the park. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the fun in the park! Transportation will be provided from the airport to the downtown events.

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WEBSITE: [FIRE ANT FESTIVAL](#)

NAME THAT PLANE

Boeing P-26A Peashooter

The Boeing P-26 Peashooter was the first American all-metal production fighter aircraft and the first pursuit monoplane used by the United States Army Air Corps. Even with its monoplane design and all-metal construction, it was the last Army Air Corps pursuit aircraft accepted with the obsolete characteristics of an open cockpit, a fixed undercarriage, and an externally braced wing. Affectionately nicknamed the "Peashooter" by its pilots, the P-26A could fly much faster in level flight than the Air Corps' older wood and fabric biplane fighters. The first of three prototype P-26s flew in March 1932. After purchasing these aircraft, the Air Corps ordered a total of 111 of the production version, the P-26A, and 25 of the later B and C models. Boeing delivered the first P-26As to the Air Corps in December 1933. The P-26 remained the Air Corps front-line fighter until 1938, when the Curtiss P-36A and the Seversky P-35 began to replace it.

In December 1941, the Philippine government employed the then-obsolete P-26 against the Japanese in a futile effort. Philippine-American pilot [Jesús Villamor](#) led a flight of Boeing P-26 "Peashooter" fighter planes against superior Japanese [Mitsubishi A6M2 Zero](#) fighter planes that were raiding Batanga Airfield in the Philippines. Despite the odds, Villamor managed to shoot down two Zeros while his men shot down an additional Zero and a [G3M Nell bomber](#), an incredible feat considering the differences in the quality of airplanes involved.

(Data and information from National Museum of the United States Air Force→[Boeing P-26A](#), Planes of Fame Aircraft Museum→[History of the Boeing P-26A Peashooter](#), Golden Age of Aviation Boeing→[P-26 Peashooter](#), Aviation History On-line Museum→[Boeing P-26 Peashooter](#), History & Headlines→[Worst U.S. Fighter Plane of World War II?](#), FILIPINIANA LIBRARY→[Jesús Villamor: Soldier, Spy](#), wikipedia→[Boeing P-26 Peashooter](#))

Boeing P-26A Peashooter

General characteristics (Data from Boeing & USAF Museum website)

Crew: 1
Length: 23 ft. 7 in.
Wingspan: 28 ft.
Height: 10 ft. 0 in.
Empty weight: 2,196 lb.
Loaded weight: 3,360 lb.
Powerplant: Pratt & Whitney R-1340-7 "Wasp" radial engine, 600 hp.

Performance

Cruising speed: 199 mph (229 knots).
Maximum speed: 234 mph (203 knots) at 6,000 ft.
Combat radius: 360 mi. (310 nmi).
Ferry range: 635 mi. (550 nmi).
Service ceiling: 27,400 ft.
Rate of climb: 719 ft/min.

Armaments

Guns: 2 × .30 in. (7.62 mm) M1919 Browning machine guns or 1 × .30 and 1 × .50 caliber machine guns.
Bombs: 2 × 100 lb. GP bombs or 5 × 31 lb. anti-personnel bombs.



Nine Boeing P-26 fighter aircraft in formation.
(U.S. Army Air Corps)

The deadline date is February 28 for any articles for the March issue of the *Pea Patch Post*.

EAA 172 monthly "get-together" – Social Meeting Thursday, February 25, 6:30 PM:

French Market Grille, 425 Highland Ave, Augusta, Georgia 30909.

SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB

Sunday, February 7: At the Lee County-Butters Field Airport, Bishopville, South Carolina (52J)
Sunday, February 21: At the Greenville Downtown Airport, Greenville, South Carolina (KGMU)
Sunday, March 6: Lexington County Airport, Pelion, South Carolina (6J0)
Sunday, March 20: Palmetto Air Plantation (private) Manning, South Carolina (SC41)

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