

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 2013

Sunday, March 3: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* **Columbia Owens Downtown Airport, Columbia, South Carolina (KCUB)** CTA/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](mailto:sid@thesidbrowns.com) or John Magnan (706) 547-3607 eMail: [jcm2@earthlink.net](mailto: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)** CTA/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](#) .

Sunday, March 24: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* **Barnwell County Airport, Barnwell, South Carolina (BNL)** CTA/UNICOM: 122.8. ZIPcode: 29812. 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/KBNL> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Barnwell County Airport](#) .

Thursday, March 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 **Malibu Jack's Surf Grill, 231 Fury's Ferry Road, Augusta GA** (A reviewer wrote "it is kinda hidden off of Fury's Ferry Rd. close to River Watch Parkway but well worth looking for."). Phone number: 706-364-9175. Website: [Malibu Jack's](#). Map and directions: [Malibu Jack's Directions](#). For questions contact Sheila Connell 803-279-7250 e-mail: [conl6356@comcast.net](mailto:conl6356@comcast.net) .

Sunday, March 31: *EASTER*

### April 2013

Wednesday-Sunday, April 3 - 6: Sunstate Wing and Rotor Club *Bensen Days Rotorcraft Fly-In*: Wauchula, Florida at the Wauchula Airport (KCHN). Website: [Bensen Days](#) or [Bensen Days](#) "This year, the event officially starts on Wednesday April 3rd and wraps up Saturday the 6th. But we're not that "official," so feel free to come early and stay late. Folks start arriving as much as a week early." UNICOM/CTAF 122.9 mhz. ZIP code 33873. GPS: 27° 30.82'N / 81° 52.84'W; RUNWAY: 18/35 4000' x 75' asphalt. Airport attended continuously. Fuel: 100LL Wauchula, Florida. For airport info see: <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KCHN> For driving directions click on [Wauchula Airport](#) .

Sunday, April 7: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* **Rock Hill Airport, Rock Hill, South Carolina (KUZA)**. CTA/UNICOM: 123.05. ZIPcode 29732. 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 [Rock Hill Airport](#) for airport info. For driving directions click on [Driving Directions Rock Hill Airport](#) .

Tuesday-Sunday, April 9 - 14: *Sun 'n Fun® 2013 Fly-In*: Lakeland, Florida, Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (KLAL) <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/> for details. UNICOM 122.95; CTA/UNICOM 124.5 mhz. ZIP code 33811. See <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KLAL> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Linder Regional Airport](#)

## ***NAME THAT PLANE***

### **UC-1 Twin Bee**

The late [Hardy F. LeBel](#), the renowned aviator and helicopter owner, including the UC-1 Twin Bee, who [passed away](#) November 16, 2003, wrote:

“The twenty four UC-1 Twin Bees made by STOL Aircraft, Inc. during the 1980s occupy a unique place in aviation history. They were the last multi-engine flying boats produced in the United States. Through a quirk of fate, mine, hull #23, is the newest of the type still flying and, as such, is a unique historical artifact. The FAA Aircraft Register lists thirteen UC-1’s. NTSB accident reports show that three of these were destroyed in crashes. A correspondent tells me he has the engines off a fourth. That reduces the total to no more than nine. The Twin Bee indeed is indeed an endangered species.”

The UC-1 is a major conversion of the RC-3 Seabee airframe. The single pusher engine is deleted and this allows an additional fifth seat to be fitted beneath the old installation. The twin 180 hp (134 kW) Lycoming engines, mounted in tractor configuration, are fitted in the wing, fairly close to the cabin. This required the rear cabin windows to be reduced in size, supplemented by a porthole-type window each side of the rear of the enlarged cabin.

The considerable extra engine power of Twin Bee proved to be attractive to private owners, as the aircraft has STOL take-off and landing ability. 15 of the 23 conversions were currently registered in the United States in April 2009. Other examples are active in Switzerland and the Philippines.

LeBel wrote “Takeoff is short, three hundred and seventy-five feet on land; eleven seconds off the water. Like all flying boats, adding power causes the left wingtip to go down. This is not particularly serious with Lakes or RC-3’s, but the multi-engine boats have a propeller out there that can suffer serious spray damage if the pilot is not careful.”

(Data and information from [Seabee Owner's Club](#), [Republic Seabee](#), [United Consultants Twin Bee](#), [SeaplaneInternational.com](#) )

### **UC-1 Twin Bee Specifications**

#### ***General characteristics***

Crew: 1  
Capacity: 4 passengers  
Length: 31 ft 4 in  
Wingspan: 43 ft 3 in  
Powerplant: 2 × Lycoming IO-360-B1D, 180 hp each

#### ***Performance***

Maximum speed: 147 mph  
Cruise speed: 131 mph  
Stall speed: 38 mph  
Range: 900 miles  
Service ceiling: 19,000 ft



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Click on [Twin Bee](#) for some elaborate diagrams and specifications.

Read the AOPA [article](#) referring to the Twin Bee (it's half-way down).

You can get a free SeaBee study guide here [Twin Bee](#) and also sign up for dual training in the above aircraft in Florida.

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