



EAA 172 Meeting: *Coffee, sodas, pastries & Drone Presentation*  
 March 11, 2017 9:30 am  
 Augusta Aviation at Daniel Field, Augusta, Georgia

EAA 172 **FISH FRY FLY-IN**  
 April 15, 2017 11:30 am  
 Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia

*Birthday*  
*Anniversaries*

Danny STANTON	03-01	Sophia KENT	03-01
Carl WALTHER	03-02	Tina RISCHBIETER	03-25
James McBURNEY	03-09	Johna THOMPSON	03-26
Don BUSH	03-11	Sheila CONNELL	03-30

Roy & Dollie WICKER 03-09

## EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, March 30 (*note the different eat-out day*): EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering usually held on the fourth Thursday - **This month it's the fifth Thursday!** This month's location is the **Wild Wing Café**, 3035 Washington Road, Augusta, Georgia. Phone number: 706-364-9453. For Wild Wing Café information, map, and directions, click on: [Wild Wing Cafe Info](#). For questions contact Sheila Connell 803-279-7250 e-mail: [conl6356@att.net](mailto:conl6356@att.net) .

### AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**Answer to last month's question:** *Can a pilot volunteer to use his or her light sport aircraft (LSA) for activities with the police department if the police provide fuel?*

**According to AOPA and the FAA:** No. According to [14 CFR 91.327\(a\)](#), a special airworthiness certificated LSA can be operated for compensation or hire to tow a glider or unpowered ultralight or to conduct flight training. No other operations are listed. The FAA has long defined compensation to include reimbursement for fuel. If the pilot pays for everything, he or she will not be operating for compensation or hire. Keep in mind that many LSAs have a limitation prohibiting operation at night. An aircraft restricted to daytime operations may limit the value of the volunteer work.

**This Month's Question:** A pilot who has just purchased an aircraft has asked an instructor to join him on the flight home in the aircraft in accordance with insurance requirements. The flight has an estimated time en route of just over 9.5 hours. Can this instructional flight be completed in one day?

## NEW SURVEY AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE YOUR CHAPTER

This came in from our EAA national organization on February 24, 2017. They are asking our club members to take a survey:



EAA, with input from our Chapter Advisory Council and other chapter leaders, has developed a new survey that will help us understand how we can better serve our chapters.

We are asking that all EAA Chapters **share this survey with their membership by simply forwarding this survey link and message to your chapter members.** We would like have everyone respond by March 31st.

Once the survey is complete, we will share the results of the survey with the chapter officers. This will allow each chapter to see their specific results and compare them to the aggregate results for all EAA chapters. We believe this survey will provide valuable feedback for EAA and you as well.

[Take Survey Now→](#)

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### GERALD BALLARD NEWS

On Wednesday, March 1, Larry Garner sent this forwarded information about member Gerald Ballard. It had been forwarded by Valerie Anderson to the South Carolina Breakfast Club [Facebook](#) page:

All - we have some news about Gerald. As you may have noted, he was not at the SCBC (South Carolina Breakfast Club) in Greenville on Feb 19. Fact is, he was not feeling well enough to make the trip. His daughter, Janet, told us Tuesday that he was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia in both lungs and congestive heart failure. Stoney and I went down to Augusta this morning to visit him. He is much improved over his condition Tuesday. His lungs are starting to clear up and he is giving grief to both Janet and her sister Becky (along with the hospital staff, no doubt) as only Gerald can.



He is at University Hospital in Augusta in room 403 of the Heart and Vascular Institute. Address is 1350 Walton Way. Hope is that if he continues to improve at this rate, he may be released Friday or Saturday. At that point, Janet and Becky will be taking him to their old family home in Hephzibah, Georgia, to rest and recuperate. We retrieved the bowling bag and ball from the Twin Lakes hangar at Janet's request - so they will be in attendance at Bishopville - even though Gerald will not. He is, however, very keen to be at our meeting in Pelion on March 19. If you want to send Gerald a card, you may certainly do so at the hospital address - or at his business address, Ballard Truck and Tire, 2054 Old Savannah Road, Augusta, GA 30901. And, FWIW, we brought Gerald a digital album loaded with 12GB worth of pix from SCBCs from the last 5 years. Between that and Fox News, he won't be bored ...

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### BA ISSUES ANTI-CORROSION PLEA

“Please, Don’t Pee”



We often wonder why there are so many rules governing everyday life but some British Airways ramp attendants have provided an example. The airline had to remind workers at London Heathrow to please not urinate in the cargo holds of its aircraft rather than hike back into the building to a washroom. “Basically the guys were taking a leak in the hold when they were caught short,” the Sun quoted its anonymous source at the airline as saying. “You can understand it.” Apparently only the airline’s Boeing 747s were the target of the wee transgressions, presumably because there is standing room in those holds.

“Sanitary concerns and eeewww factor notwithstanding, the primary worry of the BA bosses was the discovery of corrosion inside the aircraft attributed to the practice. The evidence was described by the newspaper as 'flaking metal' but it assured its readers the aircraft were not structurally damaged.”

( Information adapted from AvWeb Flash 03/03/17→[BA Issues Anti-Corrosion Plea](#) )