

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2013

Saturday, May 4: *Hangar Party* 7:00 - 11:00 PM You are invited to the following event:
["Party Down For The Playground! Retro Style!" Hangar Party Featuring Music By Retro Vertigo!](#)

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM (EDT)

Location: Greenville Downtown Airport, Airport Road Extension, Greenville, SC 29607 ([KGMU](#)) [View Map](#)

Get your tickets today! Help us raise money to add playground equipment and a picnic pavilion to the new community aviation themed park at the Greenville Downtown Airport, while having fun with your friends hanging out, listening and dancing to... [Read More](#)

Saturday, May 11: *Monthly meeting of the EAA 172 Members* 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 -- 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](#).

Sunday, May 12: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* White Plains Plantation airfield, Lexington, South Carolina (SC99)(pvt.). UNICOM: 122.9. ZIPcode 29054. 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/SC99> for airport info. For driving directions click on [White Plains Airport](#)

Sunday, May 19: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* Green Sea Airport, Green Sea, South Carolina (S79). Turf runway. CTAF/UNICOM: 122.9. ZIPcode 29581. 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 [Green Sea Airport](#) for airport info. For driving directions click on [Driving Directions Green Sea Airport](#) .

Thursday, May 23: *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 **Chop House restaurant**, 3450 Wrightsboro Rd., Augusta, GA 30909 (at the edge of Augusta Mall). Phone number: 706-733-2244. Website: [Chop House](#). Map and directions: [Chop House Directions](#). Contact Virginia Bush for more details 706-554-5618 e-mail: sporthorses9@gmail.com .

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Sunday, June 2: *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. 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/SC41> for airport info. Click [HERE](#) for the Mapquest directions.

Weblink: www.palmettoairplantation.com .

Friday, June 7: *Special meal for EAA 172 Members and guests* Friday, June 7, is a special EAA 172 "bring-your-own-meat-to-grill" meal, around 6:00 PM, at the Wrens Airport. This is held for the club members and Fly-in guests. The club will provide baked potatoes and salad but bring any sidedishes and desserts you want. Call Sid Brown at 706-884-8853 for more details. Or *email to:* sid@thesidbrowns.com or wrens@jcmservices.net.

Saturday, June 8 :

***Eighteenth Annual EAA 172 Wrens O.B. Brown
Memorial Fly-in***

At the Wrens, Georgia, Airport (65J):

CTAF/UNICOM 122.7 mhz. GPS coordinates: 33° 13.36' N / 82° 23.02' W; elevation 450'; runways: 11L/29R 3000' x 50' asphalt – good; 11R/29L 1300' x 100' sod – good. Airport attended 24 hours during the Fly-In. All aircraft welcome: Conventional, warbirds, experimental, light planes, ultralight, gyroplanes, trikes, powered parachutes, PPGs. No landing or tie-down fees. Free overnight camping. You may stay overnight Saturday to Sunday, June 9th. Air conditioned lounge with refrigerator, microwave, couches, two restrooms and free hot shower. Motorhomes welcome. Four restaurants and a motel are next to the airport at the end of runways 29L and 29R. Starts around 9:00 AM and lasts until late afternoon. Call Sid Brown at 706-884-8853 for more details. Or email to: sid@thesidbrowns.com or wrens@jcmservices.net.

Sunday, June 9: SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Cheraw Municipal / Lynch Bellinger Field Airport, Cheraw, South Carolina (KCQW). CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8 ZIPcode 29520. 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/KCQW> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Cheraw Airport](#) .

Sunday, June 23: SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Lee County-Butters Field Airport, Bishopville, South Carolina (52J). ZIPcode 29010. CTAF/UNICOM: 122.9. 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/52J> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Butters Field airport](#)

SUN 'N FUN ATTENDANCE INCREASES

Sun 'n Fun President John "Lites" Leenhouts announced April 12 that show attendance was up 5 percent over the past two years. “The camping area is packed, vendors tell me merchandise is selling, and we’ve got lots of airplanes,” he said. The splash-in at nearby Lake Agnes drew some 35 varieties of seaplanes for grapefruit bomb drop and spot landing contests, although wind curtailed some activities. Reports from companies attending the show varied. While all reported a drop-off in overall foot traffic, a number of them told *Flying* magazine reporters that the quality of the folks who stopped by to talk was very positive. Sporty's VP John Zimmerman said traffic at the booth, where the company was taking orders for a number of hot products, including a new ADS-B/AHRS unit, was “slower than usual but that the business was good.” A number of airframe companies echoed that sentiment, and there were even reports of airplanes being sold at the show, including one by Socata, which sold a TBM Elite. Redbird Flight Simulations' Charlie Gregoire told *Flying Magazine* that sales of its Jay desktop flight simulator were "very good," and that there was a steady stream of traffic at the AOPA's pavilion.

However, some writers commented that General Aviation seems to be “drifting” with no particular direction. Some said that new airplanes are just too expensive. Although there's plenty of wealth out there, real wages are flat or in decline, but the prices of airplanes have been going in the opposite direction. One wrote that years ago when an airplane salesman “... started out selling for Cessna in the Midwest, he could find plenty of airplane customers among autoworkers. Not anymore. So sales efforts, [such as at Sun 'n Fun], now focus on wealthier clients, but there's a clear effort to make aircraft affordable by engineering group or multi-member buying or other creative approaches to getting people into airplanes.”

(Information adapted from the April 15, 16 & 19, 2013, Avweb FLASH, *Flying Magazine*, and AOPA ePilot)

You can view *Flying Magazine* photos from the April 13-14 weekend finale at Sun 'n Fun [here](#).