



O.B. Brown Memorial Fly-in

May 14, 2016 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

BBQ lunch --- Noon – 1:30 pm

Wrens Memorial Airport (65J), Wrens, Georgia

EAA 172 Meeting

June 11, 2016 12:30 pm

Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia

Birthdays

Greg CONNELL	05-01	Ronna HILTZ	05-01
Richard ZGOL	05-10		
Allen NODORFT	05-13		
Charles LEWIS	05-15		
Ronald HALEY	05-19		
Joel BIRNEY	05-21		

Anniversaries

Billy & Marlyn	COUCH	05-03
George & Frances	WEISS	05-04
Robbie & Debbie	ROBERTSON	05-11
James & Karen	REEVES	05-17
Spencer & Mindy	OLSON	05-25

EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, May 26: *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 **Village Deli**, 2803 Wrightsboro Rd., #28, Augusta, Georgia 30909 (near the corner of Highland Ave. and Wrightsboro Rd., across from Daniel Field. Phone number: 706-736-3691. Map and directions: [Village Deli](#).

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AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: *A friend is hoping to get some air-to-air photos of his aircraft and proposes that the two of you do some formation flying so that he can get the pictures he wants. You have no formation flying experience and are not sure this sounds like a great idea. Can this flight be done legally?*

According to AOPA referencing the FAA: Yes, this flight can be done legally, but there are a few requirements. [14 CFR 91.111](#) states: "(a) No person may operate an aircraft so close to another aircraft as to create a collision hazard. (b) No person may operate an aircraft in formation flight except by arrangement with the pilot in command of each aircraft in the formation. (c) No person may operate an aircraft, carrying passengers for hire, in formation flight." Whether this flight is safe is up to the pilot in command of each aircraft. Training is available from several organizations and companies.

This Month's Question: You are planning a cross-country flight with some friends in your flying club's tailwheel aircraft. You recently attained single-engine-landing currency in a Cessna 172. Must you also attain landing currency in a tailwheel aircraft to act as pilot in command for this flight?

WHAT YOU MISSED ON APRIL 29th!

You could have hobnobbed with those involved with the Thunderbirds team.

On the EAA 172 Website we [advertised](#) that Shaw Air Force Base in Sumpter, South Carolina, was having a general aviation fly-in on April 29. They called it the **SHAW AIR FORCE BASE General Aviation Fly-In**. They wrote "With prior approval, Shaw Air Force Base will allow general aviation aircraft to land on a military runway and give participants an orientation to the 20th Fighter Wing mission and airspace." They gave a contact phone number and e-mail address.

More than 70 GA pilots flew in and talked with Shaw Air Force Base officials. "One of the things we're learning here with the general aviation community is that obviously we have to share the skies," said Lt. Col. Joe Rodriguez, who organized the event. "The Shaw Air Force Base has a certain airspace that they're responsible for. These military controllers whether people realize it or not they're actually controlling civilian aircraft on a regular basis every day, so it's important for them to come out and meet these pilots and these pilots can turn around and meet these controllers and sort of get an understanding of each other's challenges," he said.



However, while flying into the base you definitely had to follow instructions. After all, it is an active base that trains our pilots who go to the Middle East. Those who live in Jefferson County often see the Shaw jets doing "mock" dogfights overhead. "It's great. Stuff like this gives me a chance to unwind from work," civilian pilot and Navy veteran Brian Christiano said. Although Christiano enjoyed the flight, he said it was intense. "You have to be able to take direction," he said.

(Information adapted from WLTX-TV (Columbia, S.C.) 04/29/16→[Shaw Air Force Base 04/29/16 fly-in](#), [Fun Places to Fly](#), [USAF→Thunder Over the Midlands](#), [Thunderbirds→2016-2017 Schedules](#))

SOME [NOTES](#) ABOUT THE MAY 21-22 SHAW "AIR EXPO" EVENT:

What time do the gates open? The Sumter and Main Gates will be open to the public between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22. Normal base access for Team Shaw personnel and residents will be available through the 441 Gate.

Is there a fee for admission? No. Admission and parking are FREE.

Can I bring my motorcycle?

Yes you can. There will be a designated parking area for motorcycles. All South Carolina state laws apply while on base; helmets and other personal protective equipment are recommended.

Will it be necessary to have hearing protection?

Due to the nature of the event, it is highly encouraged you bring hearing protection. There will be a number of aircraft taking off, landing, and performing, which will be extremely loud.

Can I fly my own plane into Shaw AFB?

No. Only pre-approved static display and performer aircraft are allowed to fly into the base prior to the air expo.



Click the NOTES above for many more frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Note that both members Gary Ward and Greg Connell are on the aerial performer list!