



EAA 172 Young Eagles Rally  
May 6, 2017 9:00 am  
*Augusta Aviation at Daniel Field, Augusta, Georgia*

EAA 172 **BARBECUE FLY-IN**  
June 10, 2017 11:30 am  
*Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia*

*Barbecues*

Allen NODORFT	05-13	Ronna Hiltz	05-01
Charles LEWIS	05-15		
Ronald HALEY	05-19		
Joel BIRNEY	05-21		

*Anniversaries*

Billy & Marlyn	COUCH	05-03
George & Frances	WEISS	05-04
Carl & Sandy	WALTHER	05-16

## EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, May 25: 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 will be at the **Southbound Smokehouse**, 1855 Central Ave, Augusta, GA 30904. Phone number: 706-733-5464. Website: [Southbound Smokehouse](#). Map and directions: [Southbound Smokehouse Directions](#). For questions contact Virginia Bush 706-554-5618 e-mail: [donr.bush@yahoo.com](mailto:donr.bush@yahoo.com).

## AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**Answer to last month's question:** *Can a Piper Cherokee Six be piloted by someone flying under the third class medical reform?*

**According to AOPA and the FAA:** Normally no. Under third class medical reform, now known as BasicMed, pilots flying covered aircraft and meeting certain requirements will have the option of using BasicMed in lieu of a third class medical certificate. Some aircraft are authorized to have either six, or more than six seats installed per the type certificate data sheet (TC). One example is the Piper Cherokee 6 (PA-32-300). The TC for this airplane authorizes it to have either six or seven seats installed. Since it is authorized to have seven occupants, it does not meet the BasicMed requirements, even if only six seats are presently installed.

**However**, the FAA does allow that an aircraft can receive a **Supplemental Type Certificate (STC)** or an Amended Type Certificate (ATC) to reduce the maximum number of authorized seats to 6 or fewer. See [Advisory Circular 68-1](#). If the new design approval authorizes no more than 6 seats, then it will conform with the BasicMed requirements. Similarly, an aircraft that was originally certificated with a maximum certificated takeoff weight greater than 6,000 pounds can receive a new design approval authorizing a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 6,000 pounds or below.

**This Month's Question:** During a Part 107 operation your drone lost power and damaged your car. The repair cost \$700. Do you have to report this incident to anyone?

## BASICMED RULES RELEASED BY THE FAA

On April 24, 2017, the FAA released the final checklist for the physician visit required by BasicMed allowing pilots to visit their regular doctor in preparation for the program's official implementation on May 1. To fly under BasicMed a pilot must have the checklist, called the Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist ([CMEC](#)) by the FAA, signed by a state-licensed physician and kept in the pilot's personal records. Club members should examine this list and ponder whether their own personal physicians, not AMEs, would sign it. Club members who are also physicians might look over the new checklist and determine whether they would sign it, considering licensure and insurance risks.



Under BasicMed, pilots can fly as pilot in command of aircraft authorized to carry up to six occupants and weighing up to 6,000 pounds maximum certificated takeoff weight; carry up to five passengers; fly within the United States day or night, VFR or IFR; at altitudes up to 18,000 feet MSL; and up to 250 knots indicated airspeed as long as they take the free online aeromedical course every two years (24 calendar months) and visit their state-licensed physician every four years (48 months) to have the medical checklist completed. Pilots can flight instruct under BasicMed, but they cannot operate for compensation or hire.

AOPA writes this:

“As a reminder, before flying under BasicMed beginning May 1, one must:”

“Have held a third-class medical certificate or special issuance at any point since July 15, 2006.

New pilots and pilots who fall outside the above window must obtain a one-time third-class medical certificate or special issuance before flying under BasicMed.

Visit any state-licensed doctor and have them review and sign the [CMEC](#) during the visit.

Retain the CMEC records.

Take one of the [online medical self-assessment courses](#) provided by AOPA or Mayo Clinic.

Retain proof of completion.”

The FAA also has compiled a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and said the [Medical Self-Assessment course](#) developed by AOPA (and available free online for anyone) can be used to fulfill its requirement to complete a medical education course every two years. The rule also requires a medical exam every four years, and compliance with certain operating restrictions. The online course educates pilots about conducting medical self-assessments and determining fitness to fly, and requires users to complete a 20-question quiz to pass the course. Users can save their progress; upon completion of the course, BasicMed rules require the user to provide some basic information about the pilot and the physician who conducted the exam (such as name, address, and telephone number), the date of the exam, and a few certifications as to the pilot's fitness to fly.

( Information adapted from AOPA ePilot SPECIAL REPORT April 24, 2017 → [FAA releases BasicMed checklist](#), General Aviation News 04/25/17 → [The FAA has released the official BasicMed Checklist](#), AVweb Flash 04/26/17 → [BasicMed Checklist, Video Now Online](#), EAA eHotline 04/27/17 → [FAA Checklist, AOPA Course Ready for BasicMed Implementation](#), AOPA ePilot 04/28/17 → [Members sizing up BasicMed](#), FAA → [Advisory Circular 68-1](#) )

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## THE 43RD ANNUAL SUN 'N FUN WAS THE BEST FLY-IN SUN 'N FUN HAS EVER HAD

The 43rd annual SUN 'n FUN International Fly-In & Expo was the best fly-in SUN 'n FUN has ever had, according to officials, who just released the following numbers:

Approximately 200,000 guests attended from over 60 countries;

More than 4,000 rolls of toilet paper were used during the week;

SUN 'n FUN distributed 90,000 bottles of water and approximately 19,000 sandwiches to volunteers;

More than 3,000 volunteers helped during the six-day event;

HAM Radio worked 39 states, 12 countries, and had a total of 742 worldwide contacts for the six days;

38 student tours were conducted with 969 students;

*(see more facts by clicking the link below)*

( Information adapted from General Aviation News 04/25/17 → [2017 SUN 'n FUN by the numbers](#) )

