

**Saturday, May 13 to Saturday, May 20: 2017 Joe Nall Week - RC [Radio Control aircraft] Event** at the Triple Tree Aerodrome located between the towns of Woodruff and Enoree, SC, on Mary Hanna Road, Woodruff, SC 29388 (SC00). Well everybody, Joe Nall 2017 is almost here! For those of you that have attended before, you know that this is **THE RC event of the year** and is the largest RC event in the U.S. and maybe the world!!! Gates open Friday May 12th 5:00 pm. The staff and volunteers and Triple Tree are eagerly awaiting your arrival. Come early and plan to stay the week. Joe Nall 2017 is going to be bigger and better than ever. Only one thing will never change: Triple Tree is the home for Fun, Fellowship and Hospitality. [New Guidelines](#) for Joe Nall 2017 click [here](#).

**Event Information:** [Joe Nall Week - RC Event](#)

**If you'd like to help, email Rob Traynham at [ftlvtl490@gmail.com](mailto:ftlvtl490@gmail.com) and we'll see to it that the person responsible gets in touch with you.**

Frequencies: UNICOM 122.9; GROUND: 122.75. Runway is close-cut grass 400' x 7000'. Airmav flying information: [SC00](#). Mapquest driving information: [Triple Tree](#).

**Saturday, May 20: Fly-In and Float the Ohoopce** The 3rd Annual Fly-In and Float the Ohoopce River is happening today, sponsored at the Swinton-Smith field at the Reidsville Municipal Airport ([KRVI](#)) Reidsville, Georgia. We will have a shuttle to the river and an outfitter with a supply of kayaks available. The shuttles will leave from the airport at 1:30 pm for the 1 mile trip to the river. After the leisurely 2 - 3 hour float, the shuttles will bring everyone back to the airport for hamburgers, hot dogs and delicious fried Vidalia sweet onion rings.

Holly Nielson, Reidsville Airport Authority Event Committee e-mail: [Holly Nielsen](mailto:Holly.Nielson)

**Sunday, May 21: SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB** Holly Hill airport, Holly Hill, South Carolina (5J5). ZIPcode 29059. CTA/UNICOM: 122.9. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail [info@flyscbc.com](mailto:info@flyscbc.com). Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/5J5> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Holly Hill airport](#). SCBC [Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#).

**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).

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**Sunday, June 4: SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB** Rowan County Airport, Salisbury, North Carolina (KRUQ) CTA/UNICOM: 122.8. ZIPcode 28147. Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail [info@flyscbc.com](mailto:info@flyscbc.com). Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KRUQ> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Rowan County Airport](#). SCBC [Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#).

**Saturday, June 10: EAA 172 BARBECUE FLY-IN** 11:30 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). We will enjoy a fine BBQ meal as well as side dishes and many delicious varieties of desserts. The meal is at 11:30 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). Runway 01/19: 2500' x 150' sod -- good --; GPS: 33° 18.08' N / 82° 10.46' W; Elevation 434' , 4511 Boulineau Rd., Blythe, Georgia, 30805. UNICOM 122.7 mhz. For more information contact EAA 172 president Al Nodorft, (706) 955-1049 eMail: [Nodorft@Hotmail.com](mailto:Nodorft@Hotmail.com) or e-mail [EAA172@jcmservices.net](mailto:EAA172@jcmservices.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](#).

**Saturday, June 10: 2017 Fabric & Tailwheel Lunch** at the Triple Tree Aerodrome located between the towns of Woodruff and Enoree, SC, on Mary Hanna Road, Woodruff, SC 29388 (SC00). Triple Tree Aviators would like to invite all Fabric covered and Tailwheel aircraft and their pilots to come out Saturday June 10th, 2017 for our fourth annual all Fabric and Tailwheel Fly-In and Lunch. Join us for lunch and land on our 7000' x 400' grass strip. Drive ins are welcome. Please, no camping, this is a one day event, sunup till sundown.

Lunch will be Saturday at 12:30 on the hangar patio rain or shine and include: Pork Loin cooked on the rotisserie, baked potatoes, salad and dessert. Adults \$20, 12 and under \$10. There are no landing or spectator fees for this event. The lunch ticket covers everything, except your fuel to get here and back home. All proceeds go to Triple Tree Aerodrome.

In the interest of keeping it simple when you land, please park on the east side of the runway in a single row. There will be a shuttle bus to pick you up and take you to the hangar and patio for lunch. Fuel will not be available.

**Event Information:** [www.tripletreeaerodrome.com](http://www.tripletreeaerodrome.com) **Contact:** Mark Davidson 864-275-0406  
[davidsonmark@charter.net](mailto:davidsonmark@charter.net)

Frequencies: UNICOM 122.9; GROUND: 122.75. Runway is close-cut grass 400' x 7000'.  
Airnav flying information: [SC00](#). Mapquest driving information: [Triple Tree](#).

**Sunday, June 11: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* Greenwood County Airport, South Carolina (GRD)**  
CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8 ZIP code 29649. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail [info@flyscbc.com](mailto:info@flyscbc.com). Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KGRD> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Greenwood County Airport](#). [SCBC Website](#). [SCBC on Facebook](#).

**Sunday, June 25: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* Pickens County Airport, South Carolina (LQD)**  
CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8 ZIP code 29657. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail [info@flyscbc.com](mailto:info@flyscbc.com). Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KLOK> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Pickens County Airport](#). [SCBC Website](#). [SCBC on Facebook](#).

# NAME THAT PLANE

## Douglas A-26 Invader

The Douglas A-26/B-26 bomber was the only American bomber to fly missions in three wars. After World War II, it served as a first-line bomber during the Korean War. A limited number of highly modified United States Air Force A-26/B-26 aircraft served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War until 1969. It was a fast aircraft capable of carrying twice its specified bomb load. A range of guns could be fitted to produce a formidable ground-attack aircraft. Alongside the pilot in an A-26B, a crew member typically served as navigator and gun loader for the pilot-operated nose guns. In an A-26C, that crew member served as navigator and bombardier, and relocated to the nose section for the bombing phase of an operation. A tractor-style "jump seat" was located behind the "navigator's seat." When World War II ended, the Invader remained active with some light bomb and reconnaissance units in the USAAF. In 1947, the US Air Force became independent of the US Army and deleted the designation "A" (for attack category). The Invader was designated the B-26, often causing confusion it with the Martin B-26 Marauder. The A-26 was the last propeller-driven twin-engine production bomber produced for the USAAF and was one of the few wartime aircraft types still in service with the post-war US Air Force. Douglas built 2,503 A-26/B-26 Invaders and the last US military A-26/B-26 Invader retired in 1972.

( Data and information from Boeing: Historical Snapshot→[A-26/B-26 Invader Light Bomber](#), militaryfactory.com→[Douglas A-26 / B-26 Invader Medium Bomber](#), Air & Space Magazine→[B-26 Marauders, A-26 Invaders](#), hitechcreations.com→[Douglas A-26B/ A26C Invader Specs](#), The A-26 Legacy Foundation→[the A-26](#), airvectors.net→[The Douglas A-26 / B-26 Invader](#) )

### Douglas A-26 Invader

General characteristics (varies some with the B & C models)

Crew: 3  
Wingspan: 70 feet  
Length: 50 feet  
Height: 18 feet 6 inches  
Weight: 35,000 pounds  
Empty weight: 22,850 pounds  
Loaded weight: 27,600 pounds  
Maximum takeoff weight: 35,000 pounds  
Powerplant: Two Pratt & Whitney R-2800-27  
"Double Wasp" radial engines, 2,000 hp each



Douglas A-26 cockpit.

Former EAA 172 member Bill Messer contacted us in March, 2017. He wrote "I'm still active, crewing on the 'Spirit of North Carolina' a Douglas A-26. That's me behind the pilot/copilot."

### Performance

Rate of climb: 1,250 ft/min  
Maximum speed: 355 mph  
Range: 1,400 miles  
Service ceiling: 22,000 feet

### Armament

Guns: 6 or 8 - 0.50 inch M2 Browning machine guns in solid, "all purpose" nose or 2 in glass "bombardier" nose  
Up to 8 - 0.50 inch M2 machine guns paired in four optional under wing pods or 3 in each outer wing panel  
2 - 0.50 inch M2 machine guns in remote-controlled dorsal turret  
2 - 0.50 inch M2 machine guns in remote-controlled ventral turret

Rockets: Up to 10 – 5 inch HVAR rockets on "zero length" launch pylons, five under each outer wing panel

Bombs: Up to 6,000 lb capacity - 4,000 lb. in the bomb bay plus 2,000 lb. carried externally on underwing hardpoints

( You can have your [own Douglas A-26 Invader](#). Contact former EAA 172 member Bill Messer – e-mail [billmesser@charter.net](mailto:billmesser@charter.net) )

( Don't forget: The Douglas A-26 normal fuel consumption at cruise is approximately 150 GPH. Standard fuel tanks hold 925 gallons. )

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### SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB

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