

HUMOROUS or NOT? But the Chinese Say



In a recent press release we find that a Chinese industrialist recently bought Glasair Aviation. He tells the Americans “the company will remain in the U.S. and that he intends to ramp up investment in customer support, existing models and new development commensurate with market demand. TieJi Fang, chairman of Jilin Hanxing Group, said through an interpreter that China is on the verge of explosive growth in general aviation. Feng told an AirVenture press conference that he envisions Glasair products such as the popular Sportsman selling well in China, either as trainers or personally flown aircraft. Superior Aviation Beijing Co. Ltd. says in a news release that it is committed to keeping Hawker Beechcraft Corp. jobs in the U.S. and hopes to reignite the company’s research and development programs. If the agreement goes through, Hawker Beechcraft will join a slew of other GA companies that have recently changed hands amongst foreign buyers. Last June, Cirrus completed a Merger with the Chinese firm CAIGA and last November, Diamond Aircraft was purchased by the Middle Eastern financial firm Medrar.



A number of airplane owners made comments in the EAA Forums on the subject of “[Another American aviation company sold to China](#)”. Cessna, Cirrus, Continental Motors, Hawker Beechcraft, and now Glasair are being put under the Chinese umbrella. So, perhaps, in the near future, if you want to get parts for your Cessna, Cirrus, Glasair, or Continental engine, the following might be helpful, especially when you are referred to their “main office.”

You and your children or grandchildren might want to start learning Chinese. Right now many schools in this country are beginning to teach Mandarin Chinese, even in the elementary schools. To start you off right, you can look up Chinese phrases and common sentences here at this Website: [Chinese Common Phrases](#) To help you even more, this Website [Basic Chinese phrases with audio](#) actually will let you hear how each phrase, such as “Thank you” and “I’m sorry” should be said.

If you need that Continental cylinder or piston probably you should learn proper etiquette with Chinese business people. For instance, Always stand up when being introduced and remain standing throughout the introductions. When being introduced to Chinese, the accepted form of greeting is the handshake, even among Chinese. Chinese may also nod or slightly bow (Unlike the Japanese, the Chinese bow from the shoulders rather than the waist). One would then present a business card. You can see the complete set of rules here: [Greetings and Introductions](#)

(Information adapted from multiple sources, including *AvWeb*, *Flying Magazine*, *American City Business Journals*, *AOPA* e-magazine, EAA Forums)

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Long time ago!

Army Caribou: "Raleigh Durham Tower, Army 73080 in position, runway 23, ready for take-off. Wait a minute, Tower -- there is a turtle crossing the runway!"

Tower: "Army 080, hold for crossing turtle; advise when clear."

Army 080 (several minutes later) : "Raleigh Tower, turtle has cleared runway!"

Tower: "Army 080, winds 240 at 6; cleared for take-off, runway 23. Use caution. Wake turbulence from departing terrapin."

EAA 172 CALENDAR for 2012 (as modified 04/14/12)

January 14 – Saturday: Club Meeting. Food at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

February 11 – Saturday: Chili Cook-off at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

March 10 - Saturday: EAA 172 Fish Fry Fly-in. Food at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

NOTE: March 21 – 25: Bensen Days Rotorcraft Fly-in Wauchula, FL.

NOTE: March 27–April 1: Sun 'n Fun® 2012 Fly-In. Lakeland, FL.

NOTE: April 8: Easter.

April 14 - Saturday: EAA 172 Breakfast Fly-in 9:00-10:00 AM at the Pea Patch.

NOTE: April 28 – 29: Warner Robins airshow. *Vidalia Airshow was cancelled.*

May 5 – Saturday: Club Meeting. Food at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

NOTE: May 13: Mother's Day.

June 8 - Friday: 6:00 PM EAA 172 “Bring your own meat to grill meal” Wrens airport.

June 9 - Saturday: EAA 172 O.B. Brown Memorial Fly-in, Wrens airport.

July 14 - Saturday: EAA 172 Barbecue Fly-In. Food at 12:30 PM. at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

NOTE: July 23-July 29: Monday-Sunday: EAA Oshkosh Airventure® 2012. Oshkosh, WI.

NOTE: July 31-August 4: PRA Rotorcraft International Convention. Mentone, IN.

August 11 – EAA 172 Breakfast Fly-in 9:00-10:00 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

NOTE: September 5-9: Wednesday-Sunday: Triple Tree Fly-in. Woodruff, SC.

September 8 – Saturday: Club Meeting. Food at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome.

NOTE: September 9: Sunday: Bob Rhodes Barbecue Fly-in.

NOTE: September 28-30: Friday-Sunday: Wings Over North Georgia Fly-in, Rome, GA.

October 5-6: Friday, Saturday: EAA 172 Fall Fly-In at the Wrens airport.

October 6: Saturday: EAA 172 Fall Breakfast Fly-in 9:00-10:00 AM at the Wrens airport.

NOTE: October 20-21: Saturday-Sunday: Boshears Skyfest 2012. Daniel Field, Augusta, GA.

NOTE: October 26-28: Mid-Atlantic Fly-in & Aviation Convention, Lumberton, NC.

November 10: Saturday: Keith Brock Memorial Fly-in. Millen, GA.

December 8: Saturday: EAA 172 Christmas Party 12:30 PM. Pea Patch Aerodrome.

