



Saturday, October 13: *Fly-In Cook/Camp-Out*

At *The Farm Airport (01GE)* 735 Rex Jackson Road, Wrightsville, GA 31096.

Unicom: 122.75 mhz.

EAA 172 member Bill Johnson writes:

- Fly in for the day or bring a tent, camper, etc. and spend the night.
- I will be cooking hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn for lunch with water, tea, Gatorade, etc. to drink.
- There are fish in the pond if you bring catching gear.
- We will have the skeet throwers going if you want to shoot some clay pigeons.
- We have horses if you know what you're doing.
- And of course . . . We will be flying!

We won't have a band, T-shirts, trophies or any of that but we will have a jukebox going and some of us will be cooking at night. You can bring or get something to cook, go to the store or mooch off someone. Bring your own adult beverages.

Hope to see you there!

Best Regards, Bill Johnson 678-977-2076 e-mail bill.johnson@ros-inc.com

LEARN TO FLY COURSE AVAILABLE FREE FOR YOUNG EAGLES

Additionally, after taking course, first pilot lesson is free, and the cost of the FAA written test is reimbursed, courtesy of EAA

[Sporty's Pilot Shop](#) is offering an upgraded version of its online Learn To Fly course available free of charge to youths who participate in the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program.



"Our recently-introduced Learn to Fly Course gives tremendous flexibility to folks starting their flight training," said Sporty's President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Wolf. "The Learn to Fly Course is a modular program that gets everyone focused on the most important first step - solo. Then users are given their choice to pursue a Sport, Recreational or Private license." "The Learn to Fly Course is ideal for a young person who wants to take that Next Step," Wolf said. "That individual does not have to commit to any particular path of study with our course - just jump in and decide as you learn which certificate works best for you."

Sporty's Learn to Fly Course is delivered in new HTML 5 format, making it usable not just on your desktop computer, but also on iPads and other mobile devices. At the conclusion of the solo component of the Learn to Fly Course, all Young Eagles will receive a free first flight lesson, compliments of EAA, and part of EAA's Flight Plan initiative. Young Eagles studying with the Learn to Fly Course will also have the option to receive the FAA written exam endorsement directly from the course so they can quickly move to the written test portion of becoming a pilot. There's even more help here for young people: EAA will also reimburse the cost of the FAA Written Test for those Young Eagles who have used Sporty's Learn to Fly course.

Link to Sporty's: [Learn to Fly Course](#)

(Information adapted from EAA e-Hotline September 14, 2012; AOPA ePilot September 21, 2012)

Tom Hitt



A founding member of Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 172

Entered into rest Wednesday, September 5, 2012, Mr. Thomas Waymon Tom Hitt, 90, husband of Mrs. Ruth J. Hitt. Tom was born in Augusta, but raised in Edgefield County. He was a graduate of The Academy of Richmond County. He served as a navigator in the 8th Army Air Corp, 351st Bomber Group in [WWII](#). Tom was a retired real estate broker, a member of the Shade Tree Model A's and a founding member of Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 172. Tom was an avid car enthusiast who spent many hours restoring antique cars. He was of the Baptist faith. Family members in addition to his wife include sons: Thomas W. Wayne Hitt, Jr. and wife Linda of Grovetown, the late David William Hitt and his surviving wife Susan of Dearing, Bruce Alan Hitt and wife Cathie of Hephzibah; daughter: Beverly A. Freeman of Martinez; grandchildren: Tommy Hitt, Kristin Ryan and husband Matthew, Amy Hitt, Alan Hitt, Patrick Hitt, D.J. Hitt; and 4 great grandchildren. A graveside service was held Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at Sweetwater Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Pittman officiating. Honorary Pallbearers were his grandsons and grandson-in-law. Memorial contributions may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](#) , 1899 Central Avenue, Augusta, GA 30904 or Silver Run Baptist Church, 5348 Hwy 221 SE, Harlem, GA 30814. The family received friends Friday evening, from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. at Thomas Poteet & Son Funeral Directors, 214 Davis Rd., Augusta, GA 30907 (706) 364-8484. Please sign the guestbook at www.thomaspoteet.com

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AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: *A pilot buckled his aircraft's nose wheel gear when landing. This caused the aircraft's propeller to strike the ground resulting in a damaged engine. There were no injuries to people. Is this a reportable aircraft accident or is it just an "incident" that does not have to be reported?*

According to AOPA (and the FAA): AOPA Counsel Kathy Yodice says that "accident" is narrowly defined in the NTSB's rules. An accident includes any death, a serious injury which is defined in the regulations, or substantial damage to the aircraft which is also defined. The FAA regulations [Title 49, PART 830](#) state: "Engine failure or damage limited to an engine if only one engine fails or is damaged, bent fairings or cowling, dented skin, small punctured holes in the skin or fabric, ground damage to rotor or propeller blades, and damage to landing gear, wheels, tires, flaps, engine accessories, brakes, or wingtips are not considered 'substantial damage' for the purpose of this part." It is not an "accident" and is not required to be reported.

This Month's Question: A pilot has an aircraft that is not certified for flight in instrument conditions. May he use it for instrument training?