

UPDATE ON CHARLIE CONNELL



Charlie and Sheila Connell wish to convey their thanks and appreciation for prayers, telephone calls, cards, books, visits, and food many of you have provided us during Charlie's recovery from his fall from the roof. We've been out of the loop a bit due to his immobilization, but he is getting better every day. He's no longer in a cast and, hopefully, by the time this publication is out he will be able to put some weight on the foot that was operated on. He graduated from wheel chairs/walker to crutches and is anticipating being able to throw those away very soon! Everybody is telling him he's looking better than his "nurse", so that must mean she's a good one! Just hope he is able to take care of her bill when she presents it to him after his recovery! Seriously, it's been much of a bummer summer; however, trials are what make us tougher, so we should be good to go! What would we do without friends for support?!

You can contact Charlie or Sheila at 803-279-7250.

Sheila also wrote that Charlie insisted he'd be able to handle the flight line at the upcoming Boshears SkyFest.

On June 15, 2012, Charlie was doing some roofing work on his house and somehow lost his footing and slipped off the roof. He spent three days in the hospital. Both ankles were broken, one was shattered.

AIR RACES CONCLUDE SAFELY

The Reno Air Races, held September 12 – 16, were safe events this year. Organizers hosted a ceremony on Sunday afternoon, September 16, to remember the 11 who died in last year's crash of Jimmy Leeward's P-51 Galloping Ghost. Attendance was down about 8 percent compared to last year according to Mike Draper, spokesman for the Reno Air Races. Ticket prices for attendees also were raised to help cover higher insurance costs, Draper said. The show policy rose from \$300,000 last year to \$2 million this year. NTSB investigators were on the ground at the event, explaining the Safety Board's investigation of the Galloping Ghost crash to pilots, participants and organizers, according to NTSB chairman Deborah Hersman. She wrote "Air racing is inherently risky. The pilots understand and assume that risk. Spectators, though, expect and deserve a higher level of safety."



Steve Hinton of Chino, Calif., was the fastest piston-aircraft pilot at the 2012 National Championship Air Races. Hinton won the Unlimited class's Breitling Gold race flying Strega, a modified P-51D Mustang, at a speed of 477.523 mph. Hinton has won the Unlimited class each year since he began racing Strega in 2009, repeating the feat in 2009 and 2010 as well. (Information adapted from AOPA ePilot 09/21/12, AVwebBIZ 09/19/12, and AVwebFLASH 09/20/12)



GEORGE & FRANCES - PARASAILERS

At the meeting, George and Frances Weiss told us that they were courageous enough to go parasailing over the Gulf of Mexico near Tampa, Florida – at Treasure Island, during the last week of August. He said they were about a mile offshore and at 1200 feet. Frances said that it was pleasant, not at all scary. Here they are over the Gulf.





EAA 172 Fall Fly-in
 October 5-6 at the Wrens Memorial Airport (65J), Wrens, GA

EAA 172 *Breakfast* Fly-in & Meeting
 October 6 -- 9:00 AM at the Wrens Memorial Airport (65J), Wrens, GA

Boshears SkyFest
 October 20-21, 2012
 Daniel Field (DNL), Augusta, Georgia

Keith Brock Memorial Fly-in
 November 10, 2012
 Jenkins County Airport (2J5), Millen, Georgia



Birthdays

Richard REVELS	10-02		
Lawton JAMES	10-06		
Frank CHRISTIAN	10-07	Langga GAY	10-01
Richard BELL, Jr.	10-15	Madeline BOWEN	10-08
Benjamin BROWN	10-15	Cathy JOHNSON	10-15
Joe BRITT	10-16	Virginia BUSH	10-28
Steven AMSTER	10-25	Paula JONES	10-30
Glenn BRIDGES	10-27		

Anniversaries

Robert & Cathryn	KNIGHT	10-10
Lawton & Joyce	JAMES	10-11
Ray & Jan	WIGGINS	10-14



EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, October 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 it is at the **Garlic Clove Italian Eatery**, 4534 Washington Rd, Evans, GA 30809. Phone: 706-364-7377. For restaurant information and directions, click on: [Garlic Clove Eatery](http://GarlicCloveEatery.com). For questions contact Sheila Connell 803-279-7250 e-mail: conl6356@comcast.net. On the Web go to nightout.jcmsservices.net