
December 2014

Saturday, December 13: **Annual EAA 172 Christmas Party** at 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA); runway 01/19: 2500' x 150' sod -- fair --; GPS: 33° 18.08' N / 82° 10.46' W; Elevation 434' , 4511 Boulineau Rd., Blythe, Georgia, 30805. UNICOM 122.7 mhz. We will be having fried turkey. Those whose last names begin with A-M please bring desserts; those whose last names begin with N-Z please bring side-dishes. **Please bring an unwrapped toy for a girl or boy for the CMC (Children Medical Center) at MCG / GHSU (Georgia Health Sciences University) - GRUA - Georgia Regents University Augusta.** Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/61GA> for airport info. For Christmas Party information contact Sid Brown 762-245-8103 eMail: sid@thesidbrowns.com or or e-mail wrens@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 agenda click [HERE](#).

Sunday, December 14: **SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB** Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport, Spartanburg, SC (KSPA) CTAF/UNICOM: 123.0. ZIPcode 29376. **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: Anne Hawkins (803) 432-9595. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KSPA> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Spartanburg Airport](#). [SCBC Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#).

Thursday, December 25: **EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting** 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. Because of all the holiday happenings this month (Today is Christmas!), there will be no EAA 172 social "get together". The next one will be January 22, 2015. For questions contact Virginia Bush 706-554-5618 e-mail: donr.bush@yahoo.com .

Thursday, December 25: **Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 28: **SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB** At the Twin Lakes Airpark, [Ballard's hangar](#), Twin Lakes, South Carolina (S17). CTAF/UNICOM: 122.9. ZIPcode 29847. **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: Anne Hawkins (803) 432-9595. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/S17> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Twin Lakes Airport](#). [SCBC Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#).

January 2015

Chili Cook-off

Saturday, January 10: **EAA 172 first meeting of the New Year -- Chili Cook-off.** 12:30 PM *We plan to have delicious chili and refreshments in the heated comfort of the EAA 172 Clubhouse and also welcome our leaders for 2015* 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. Food is at 12:30 PM. UNICOM 122.7 mhz. For more information contact *unknown club president*, eMail: *unknown at this time* or eMail: 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 agenda click [HERE](#).

Thursday, January 22: **EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting** 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. The location has not yet been determined. For questions contact Shirley Harden 706-855-1553 e-mail: ghardensr@comcast.net.

NAME THAT PLANE

Spartan 7W Executive

Today if you are one of the richest 1 or even 3 percent you might fly to [Monaco](#) or [Dubai](#) in your [Gulfstream G650](#). Just before World War II, in the late 1930s, the rich and famous would have flown to their luxurious destinations in a [Spartan 7W Executive](#). With the introduction of the Spartan Executive, the Spartan Aircraft Company created a lifestyle which was known to only a very few of the world's wealthiest and most powerful. According to [Forbes](#) "The Spartan Executive was probably the ultimate prewar aircraft for the gentleman pilot. The Executive carries five passengers in Packard-like luxury for 950 miles at a cruising speed of 200 miles an hour—better performance than many aircraft being built today." ". . . the Executive had a base price when new of \$23,500 (about \$280,000 today). A fully tricked-out Executive like the one built in 1939 for [King Ghazi](#) of Iraq cost up to \$30,000—but that one included a royal throne." Since each was custom and hand built, the cost today would probably be closer to \$400,000 in labor alone. Only 36 Executives were manufactured. [Howard Hughes](#), the world's most famous recluse and aircraft designer, is reported to have flown an Executive. Designed for comfort, the interior of the 7W was spacious and featured 18 inches of slide-back seat room for front-seat passengers, arm rests, ash trays, dome lighting, deep cushions, cabin heaters, ventilators, soundproofing, large windows, and interior access to the 100 lb. capacity luggage compartment. Built during the [Great Depression](#), the 7W was the brainchild of company-founder [William G. Skelly](#) of [Skelly Oil](#) who desired a fast, comfortable aircraft to support his tastes and those of his rich oil-executive colleagues. The Spartan 7W Executive is a five-place all metal monoplane that features retractable landing gear and a luxurious interior. The Executive was designed to be fast and comfortable with extensive insulation to lower cabin noise levels. An ad from 1939:

For the owner who seeks "INDIVIDUALITY" - Recognized in the airports of the world as the most distinguished of all private planes, the SPARTAN "Executive" is the fulfillment of everything the discriminating man looks for in personal transportation: the exciting beauty of thoroughbred design... the luxury of ultra smart custom-built interiors... the security of an all metal masterpiece equipped with every refinement that adds to performance and safety... flying ease that amazes even veteran airman! The more exacting your demands, the more you owe it to yourself to investigate the "Executive."

(Data and information from [Spartan History](#), [Spartan Executive](#), EAA Museum – [1937 Spartan 7W Executive](#), [Forbes – the Executive](#), Antique Airfield VIDEO: [1939 Spartan Executive 7W – NC17634](#))

Spartan 7W Executive

General characteristics

Crew: one, pilot
Capacity: 3 or 4 passengers
Length: 26 ft. 10 in.
Wingspan: 39 ft. 0 in.
Height: 8 ft. 0 in.
Wing area: 250 ft²
Empty weight: 3,400 lb.
Max. takeoff weight: 4,400 lb.
Oil Capacity 7 gal.
Fuel Capacity 109 gal.
Powerplant: 1 × Pratt & Whitney R-985-AN3 9-cylinder air-cooled radial engine, 450 hp.



Instrument panel and front of cockpit.

Performance

Maximum speed: 223 knots (257 mph)
Cruise speed: 186 knots (215 mph)
Range: 870 nm (1,000 miles)
Service ceiling: 24,000 ft.
Rate of climb: 1,080 ft/min



Spartans outside factory in Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1939.

The deadline date is November 25 for any articles for the December issue of the *Pea Patch Post*.

SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB

Sunday, November 2: Orangeburg Municipal Airport, Orangeburg, South Carolina (KOGB)
Sunday, November 16: East Cooper Airport, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina (KLRO)
Sunday, November 30: Fairfield County Airport, Winnsboro, SC (KFDW)
Sunday, December 14: Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport, Spartanburg, South Carolina (KSPA)
Sunday, December 28: Twin Lakes Airpark, [Ballard's hangar](#), Twin Lakes, South Carolina (S17).

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