

January 2016

Sunday, January 3: **SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB** Aiken Municipal airport, Aiken, South Carolina (AIK) CTAF/UNICOM 122.8. ZIPcode 29805. **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. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KAIK> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Aiken Municipal Airport](#). SCBC [Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#).

Saturday, January 9: **Special Monthly meeting of the EAA 172 Members** This will be at 12:30 PM in the second floor portion of the [Augusta Aviation FBO](#) at the the Daniel Field Airport (DNL). You may come as early as 11:00 AM to look around and tour the "new" FBO building. Augusta Aviation will provide hot dogs & hamburgers but please bring desserts and side-dishes. Augusta Aviation personnel will present a program about ADS-B which is required for many aircraft by 2020. Runways 05/23 & 11/29 CTAF/Unicom: 123.05 mhz. Runway 05/23: 4002 x 100 ft. asphalt, in good condition; runway 11/29 3733 x 100 ft. asphalt, in good condition; elevation 422'. 100LL & Jet A available. Augusta Aviation (FBO), 1775 Highland Ave., Augusta, Georgia 30904. Phone 706-833-8970. You can fly in or drive. Park your car in the Highland Ave. parking lot next to the Augusta Aviation building.

More information → contact club Vice-President Joe Britt 803-279-3593/Cell 803-341-2232 jabjr09@comcast.net or the new EAA 172 President Andy Lee 706-832-6642 eMail: gapilot2015@icloud.com or e-mail → EAA172@jcmservices.net.

Complete airport information click: [Daniel Field Airport](#) For driving directions click on [Daniel Field directions](#).

Saturday, January 9: **2016 Triple Tree Frosty Dog Electric - RC Event** 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 RC pilots to come out Saturday January 9, 2016 to fly electric aircraft. Join us for the coldest flying day of the year and bring any type of electric aircraft. Registration is \$10. AMA required. No impound, just show up and fly. 72 MHz ok. With all the new RC stuff you got for Christmas bring something old to sell. Please, no camping, this is a one day event 8:30 to 6:30.

Lunch will be at 1:00 in the hangar (gas heat) rain or shine and include Frosty Dogs, Kirby Fries, Baked Beans, and Little Debbie's. Adults \$10, 12 and under \$5

All 6 flight lines are open for this event. Most people are at the Main and 3D. The amount of swap shop items has also been growing each year-no charge. So come out and join in the fun.

PDF File/poster about the Frosty Dog Electric RC Event: [Frosty Dog Electric](#)

Event Information: www.tripletreeaerodrome.com Contact info: 864-275-0406 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](#).

Thursday, January 14: **EAA Sweet Onion Aviators Chapter 1332 - Meeting** 7:00 PM in Donald Brantley's hangar at the Vidalia Regional Airport (VDI), 2921 Airport Rd., Vidalia, Georgia 30474. CTAF/UNICOM 122.8. For that meeting Billy Ragan will be presenting the program. He will do a 15-20 minute presentation on the life and history of Bob Hoover followed by a movie that Donald has acquired. Glenn Goode, the 2015 club secretary/treasurer, wrote on November 21, 2015, that Donald Brantley, 2015 President of EAA 1332, had written "We are moving our monthly meeting to the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in my hanger in 2016. We hope with this change will allow more to attend." For more information contact: Glenn Goode - E-mail: gagoode@bellsouth.net. Website: [EAA 1332](#) Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/VDI> for airport info.

Sunday, January 17: **SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Lake City Municipal Airport - CJ Evans Field, Lake City, South Carolina (51J)** CTAF/UNICOM: 122.9 ZIP code 29560. **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. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/51J> for airport info. For driving directions click on [CJ Evans Field](#). SCBC [Website](#). SCBC on [Facebook](#).

Thursday, January 28: **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 is **Eli's American Restaurant, 2803 4446 Washington Rd #10, Evans, GA 30809** (across from Walmart). Phone number: 706-524-7152. Website [Eli's American](#). Map and directions: [Eli's American directions](#). For questions contact Sheila Connell 803-279-7250 e-mail: conl6356@comcast.net.

NAME THAT PLANE

American Electric Piranha

The aircraft on the masthead of this newsletter is the only one in existence, and is privately owned. This airplane was the first one built as a prototype and the military never owned it so it was not destroyed. Only 6 other Piranhas were built. One crashed in a spin test and the other 5 were destroyed by the military as the airplanes were very difficult to fly and for other reasons. The Piranha is tested for 16+- Gs. The American Electric Piranha was a prototype American counter-insurgency aircraft built for the Vietnam war. Designed by Milt Blair and Dick Ennis in the early 1960s, it was built by the [American Electric Corporation](#). Evaluation of the Piranha ceased following the death of Milt Blair in an unrelated aircraft accident. The prototype, [N1518](#), is currently owned and flown by Milton "Bud" Pinkston in Dodge City, Kansas, where he shows it off at his [EAA Chapter 377's](#) monthly meetings.

According to one of Bud Pinkston's friends, and a fellow EAA 377 member, "Flying pattern on final, the Piranha has to be slipped in as you cannot see the runway because of the very long nose and pilot sitting so far back." The friend also related that some extra parts for the Piranha were added from the RV aircraft catalog. He wrote ". . .this Piranha does have RV wheel pants on it as of last year, so can we call it an RV???????? Kinda..." Also the friend referenced the EAA 377 Website for [further photos](#).

(Data and information from Great Bend Tribune→[American Electric 1966 Piranha](#), Wikipedia→[American Electric Piranha](#), EAA *Sport Aviation*, July, 1976, [page 40](#), [VAF Forum 03-10-2007](#), [Duxford Diary 2013 The Aviation Forum](#), [McPherson, Kansas Fly-in](#))

American Electric Piranha

General characteristics (Data from *Sport Aviation* & the VAF Forum)

Crew: 1 pilot
Empty weight: 900 lbs.
Gross weight: 3,200 lbs.
Fuel capacity: 60 gal.
Wing area: 70 sq. ft.
Powerplant: Lycoming 180 HP+++++ fuel injected with high comp pistons.



Front view of the 1966 American Electric Piranha, the only one in existence.

Performance

Maximum speed: VNE is 399 mph.
Stall speed is 130 mph full of 60 gals. of fuel, plus pilot and 30 lbs. of baggage.
Light on fuel, the stall speed is 120 mph.
Touch down speed: 125 mph.

Armaments

Hardpoints: One with a capacity of 500 pounds.
Rockets: Two 4-round 5.0-inch (127 mm) Zuni rocket pods.

The deadline date is December 27 for any articles for the January issue of the *Pea Patch Post*.

EAA 172 monthly "get-together" – Social Meeting Thursday, December 24, 6:30 PM:

Because of all the holiday happenings, there will be no EAA 172 social "get together" this month.

SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB

Sunday, December 13: At the Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport, Spartanburg, SC (KSPA)

Sunday, December 27: At the Twin Lakes Airpark, [Ballard's hangar](#), Twin Lakes, South Carolina (S17)

Sunday, January 3: At the Aiken Municipal airport, Aiken, South Carolina (AIK)

Sunday, January 17: At the Lake City Municipal Airport - CJ Evans Field, Lake City, South Carolina (51J)

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Remember: The \$30 dues for 2016 are due by December 31, 2015. You should make out any check or money order only to EAA 172 with no other words on the "Pay to the order of" line. Please mail or give the dues and form to Don Bush, the Treasurer. Include the membership form so that we may have accurate updates, changes, etc.