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Fun Activities! Where have you taken your wife or husband for lunch in the plane? As we move into the summer season we'll enjoy better flying weather. There are three airports in close proximity to South East North Carolina are Williamson (60J), Cape Fear Regional (SUT) and Beaufort (RMH) that can make a fun flight. I've flown to all three for lunch and enjoyed them. Beaufort has more entertainment with a museum and the local waterfront history. Try it out!

ILM Airport will hold its 5K fun run, Oct 8th. Registration for the event is not later than Oct 7th. EAA Chapter 297 has plans to do something to show off our club and attract membership! In past years we have participation with a static display or booth for information exchange. We will discuss it during the meeting on Saturday.

Dave

JOHN JEFFREYS (DECEMBER 1925 – JUNE 2016)

STAG AIR PARK - John Jeffreys was a stalwart member of EAA Chapter 297. I do not know whether John was a "plank owner", but I do know that he had been an active member for several decades. He was that quiet supporter who actively participated, but he worked behind the scenes. Before our monthly meetings he was the gent who arrived early; to brew the coffee, adjust the heating or cooling system, and vacuum the deck so that all would be presentable when the rest of us arrived. During a fly-in he was always in the middle of setting up tents or moving tables. Where there was work, that is where John would be. I remember one time attempting to find a particular Christmas decoration. He knew exactly where it was stored; probably

because he was the person who stored it. During later years he was easily spotted traveling the airfield on his gray lawn mower; with his walking stick stowed in the utility trailer that was towed behind it.



John seemed to gravitate to the second row during meetings and he taught me to pick a seat with a cushion. He assured me that the cushion made the meeting decidedly more tolerable. During a meeting he could be counted on to lend his advice or make a comment, but only when he felt it was necessary. While Jack Grigsby edited and published the newsletter, John added a monthly article called "Airport Happenings". The article would keep us abreast of what was going on, and who was making progress on his project. It was always fun and informative.

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John served in the Navy during World War II as an aircraft mechanic. He was partial to the Grumman line of fighters, including the Wildcat and Hellcat. Both sported big radial engines. John was a prolific builder. His kit of choice was the Mini-Max series of aircraft. The Mini-Max design comes in several different models, but they are all wooden framed, fabric covered, single seat, tail-draggers. They are powered by either a Hirth or a VW engines. I am told that, among our chapter members, John holds the record for number of aircraft completed. (The number is between thirteen and fourteen, but even that was being argued during the last time I heard the topic being discussed.) I don't think anyone else in the chapter even comes close, despite the fact that we have had multiple members build more than one aircraft. There is no doubt in my mind that his number of completions is a record that will stand for many decades to come. John was an expert in the Ray Stitz (Poly-Fiber) fabric covering system. When the chapter volunteered to build the two thirds scale model of the Wright Flyer, John was the member who did the fabric work. I got to help him iron the fabric on the lower wing. (He watched with a careful eye to ensure I didn't make any mistakes.) The Wright Flyer proudly hangs in the center hall of the terminal building at ILM.

These are a few of my recollections of John Jeffreys. I know that all of you have your own special memories. He was in good spirits at our last meeting; and now he is suddenly gone. We will all miss him. Thank you to all who attended his services.

To honor John and his contributions to aviation, and to the chapter, a flyover of his service was organized by Drew Holbrook. Darrel Wolf flew as Drew's copilot in the RV-8; and they were joined by Ken McGee in his Robinson, Tom Goodwin in his Bonanza, and Tom Primm in his "new" RV-8. John's daughter Ann described the flyover at "perfect."

TRIVIA QUESTION

The following quotation, which also applies to aviation, was stated by what well known sea captain? "When anyone asks how I can best describe my experience in forty years at sea, I merely say, 'uneventful.' I have never been in an accident worth speaking about. I never saw a wreck and have never been wrecked, nor was I ever in any predicament that threatened to end in disaster."

For the answer turn to page 4.

ALBERT ELLIS BURGER BURN AND FLY-IN

Jerry Collins – JACKSONVILLE NC - On Friday June 24th, Gabe Glinesky, Jerry Collins, and Phil Bies met with James Smith at Skyport Aviation to assess what would be needed for Saturday's Burger Burn. Phil took responsibility for providing the ice; Jerry the paper supplies, beverages and condiments. Jerry also assumed responsibility for bringing the all important chapter banner. Gabe and Jerry made plans for preparing condiments on Saturday morning.



Saturday was a beautiful day. It was sunny and hot, with a 10 knot breeze plus gusts that kept the temperature comfortable. Gabe and Jerry sliced the tomatoes and onions and they put the water and soda on ice.



Phil hung the chapter's banner on the second floor observation deck and the grill was fired up. About twenty five souls attended the event with about ten flying in. Two Light Sport Aircraft arrived along with a Cessna 182, a Cherokee 180, an RV-8, and a Bonanza. And of course Ken was there in his R-44 Robinson helicopter. The burgers and hot dogs, with all the fixin's, were cooked to perfection by chef du jour Gabe Glinsky.

They were served with generous exchanges of ideas and experiences during the concurrent hanger talk. Along with having a lot of fun the chapter recognized a small financial gain. All in all it was a totally successful day.

BURGAW BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Burgaw, NC – Once again the Burgaw Blueberry Festival was an extraordinary success. Blessed with “Carolina Blue” skies, a nice breeze, and comfortable temperatures the center of downtown was crowded with attendees. Under the shadow of the courthouse, and the surrounding trees, you could find all that makes a festival memorable. And this year the festival was notably larger as it stretched over several blocks of the downtown area. Besides being able to purchase fresh blueberries by the flat, you could sample every possible confection that could include blueberries. My favorites include the

blueberry cobbler, pie, and homemade ice cream. And every different type of delicious; greasy; calorie laden; festival food was also available.



The antique car show stretched for several blocks and included well over sixty cars. The effort that some have put into these vehicles was remarkable.



The model trains were on display in the old train depot. And along the railroad tracks were the grills that were competing for honors in the bar-b-que competition. They were all smoking away and the smells were mouth watering.

From the main stage there were several musical acts during the morning. Ronald McDonald entertained the children, and then during the afternoon the beach music band cranked up. There were rocking sounds and a shagging contest. Many dancing pairs competed and a large audience enjoyed the rhythms. My wife Nancy, and daughter Julie, paid a call at every vender's stall in the entire festival. I am happy to report that I did not have to rent a trailer to transport all of their purchases. We had a terrific time, and while on the drive home we were already planning next year's adventure. (And I mistakenly thought my daughter came home to celebrate Father's Day --- maybe not.)

FAA MONITORING ADS-B OUT EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS

Jared Allen - Attorney for AOPA's Pilot Protection Services – Legal Services Plan

If Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Out equipment is already installed in your aircraft but isn't functioning properly, you may receive some unwanted attention from the FAA.

Once ADS-B Out equipment is installed, it must be operational and broadcast the required information at all times. While **FAR 91.225** provides that aircraft must have ADS-B out equipment installed to operate in designated airspace "after January 1, 2020," the regulation also affects present-day operations by requiring that **"each person operating an aircraft equipped with ADS-B Out must operate this equipment in the transmit mode at all times."**

The FAA's ADS-B Compliance Monitoring System is already operational and is capable of detecting each flight of an aircraft with ADS-B Out equipment that is failing to broadcast the information required by FAR 91.227. The information required by the FAR includes 19 different indications such as the aircraft's latitude and longitude, barometric pressure altitude, and transponder identification code.

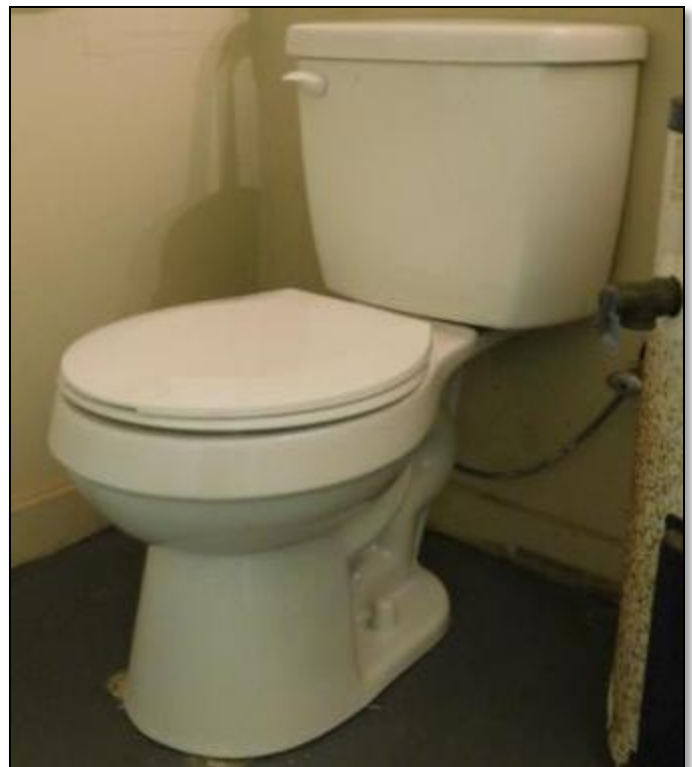
The AOPA Legal Services Plan is aware of several cases in which aircraft owners have received a "Letter of Finding" from the FAA's Avionics Branch in Washington, DC, notifying the owner of the date of the flight in question and the nature of the ADS-B Out equipment's deficiency. The letter also provides a point of contact to call within 30 days to discuss a

plan of corrective action. As with any potential FAR violation, aircraft owners and pilots are advised to contact an attorney prior to discussing the matter with anyone.

How can you confirm that your ADS-B equipment is functioning properly? According to the FAA's website, you can send an email to the agency at 9-AWA-AFS-300-ADSB-AvionicsCheck@faa.gov with your aircraft's registration number and request an ADS-B Out equipment check. However, consult with your attorney or the AOPA Legal Services Plan before you do so, as both the aircraft owner and the pilot of the aircraft could be liable for any regulatory violations discovered.

CHAPTERS NEWEST MEMBER

While we do not ordinarily introduce new members in the newsletter, I wanted to announce the arrival of probably the most useful addition to the chapter. Many hands were involved in the installation process and I am sure that all of our lives will be made easier for their collective efforts. Thank you to all who participated in this technically challenging achievement.



TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

Edward John Smith, Captain, *RMS Titanic*, made this statement during a press conference prior to his final voyage. Now there is a case of tempting fate.

FUTURE EVENTS

July (Please note the postponed chapter meeting.)

Saturday 9th EAA 297 - Chapter Meeting
10:00 AM in the Chapter
Clubhouse.

Lunch in the No Whining Saloon
12:00 PM

Sunday 10th South Carolina Breakfast Club,
Triple Tree Airport (SC00)

Saturday 23rd EAA 1456 - Pancake Breakfast
Fly-In Sumter County Airport
(KSMS)

Sunday 24th South Carolina Breakfast Club,
Cheraw Municipal Airport
(KCQW)

Monday 25th – Sunday 31st AirVenture Fly-In,
Oshkosh WI

Friday 29th Final Friday Fly-In, 3:00-7:00 PM
Lumberton Regional Airport
(KLBT)

August

Saturday 6th EAA 297 - Chapter Meeting
10:00 AM in the Chapter
Clubhouse.

Lunch in the No Whining Saloon
12:00 PM

Sunday 7th South Carolina Breakfast Club,
Anderson Regional Airport
(KAND)

Sunday 21st South Carolina Breakfast Club,
Berkeley County Airport (KMKS)

Friday 26th Final Friday Fly-In, 3:00-7:00 PM
Lumberton Regional Airport
(KLBT)

Saturday 27th EAA 1456 - Pancake Breakfast
Fly-In Sumter County Airport
(KSMS)

September

Saturday 3rd EAA 297 - Chapter Meeting
10:00 AM in the Chapter
Clubhouse.

Lunch in the No Whining Saloon
12:00 PM

Sunday 4th South Carolina Breakfast Club,
Jim Hamilton L B Owens Airport
(KCUB)

Wednesday 14th EAA 297 - Board of Directors
Meeting 7:00 PM, No Whining Saloon

Sunday 18th South Carolina Breakfast Club,
Laurens County Airport (KLUX)

Saturday 24th EAA 1456 - Pancake Breakfast
Fly-In Sumter County Airport
(KSMS)

HUMOR

When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me
\$85.00. That's why, in the Navy, the Captain goes
down with his ship.

Comedian Dick Gregory

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE - J-3 Cub - Randy Allen is selling his
Cub. For details call Randy at 910-791-4545.

HANGAR SPACE available at STAG AIR PARK -
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