

AUGUSTA FLYING CLUB

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Members of the Augusta Flying Club, let me begin by thanking you all for your trust and confidence in being your next president of the flying club. I look forward to many flying adventures and ensuring that this club can serve pilots long into the future. I have many ideas on how we can continue to move forward as both a hobby club and civic organization.

Clear skies and following tail winds -Matt Greene

AIRCRAFT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

With time, FAA mandates, and good hard flying, the time has come the time to improve and update the club aircraft. Jim Garrison, former club president, now treasurer, has developed a \$70,000 spending plan to improve the aircraft over the next 3-5 years. These improvements include WAAS GPS, ABS-B, Paint, interior and many others. We will begin these improvements with installing dual Garmin G5 attitude and HSIs in 76E the first week of August. The bonus is 76E will no longer need a vacuum pump and we will have some good back up instruments for 2GK.

Airplane upgrades are great but how the heck are we going to pay for it?

Fundraising, block time, new members, donations, and probably another loan being taken out will be how we address the cost of performing these updates. The current ideas for fundraising are a Fly In Golf Tournament at Forrest Hills in September or August and providing some sort of service at Danial Field during Master's week. If you have fundraising ideas or would like to help please let myself or Jim know.

"You have old pilots and bold pilots, but not many old bold pilots."

FOOTBALL SEASON AND \$100 HAMBURGERS

Whether its beating the traffic into Athens to see the Dawgs, grabbing some grub at the Runway diner in Greenville, or hitting the golf course in Hilton Head, General Aviation is always the best bet or at least the most fun. Make sure when you are on your summer and fall adventures you bring a friend or family to share the experience. And never forget to get your weather pre-brief and ensure you are current. As Jason Shappert always says, a good pilot is



62GK at Wimpy Field (9A0)



Sunset over the Smokies in 2GK

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always learning.



MONTY CARLTON GOES TO THE BAHAMAS IN STYLE/MONTHLY SOCIAL MEETINGS

Club members have long been asking for a more social and group oriented organization and we have listened. Starting in August(01 August), we will start having monthly safety/aviation current events meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 6pm. The first months presentation will be

from Monty Carlton discussing his recent trips with friends flying to the Bahamas in a Cessna TTx. We will hopefully have the aircraft on site to demonstrate some of the newest Garmin avionics. Feel free to invite your pilot friends who aren't in the club and share the invite with every local airport or pilot you meet. The more the merrier.

DISCUSSION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR

This past Friday I had a day off from work and decided to go flying with a buddy in his plane. It was cool overcast morning, a welcome change to the early July heat and to be able to use my new instrument rating. After a quick hop over to Barnwell for fuel and filing an IFR flight plan, we were off to Charleston. The way there was great, 10 knots of tailwind, VFR on top with clear blue skies above and fluffy status below. We punched right through the cloud deck on the RNAV approach into Charleston and picked up the crew car for a BBQ run to Jim and Nicks. On the way back to the airport, we noticed some light to medium precipitation just south of Augusta. As we filled and took off, the storm didn't get any worse but it did move closer to Augusta. By the time we were back over Barnwell, there was a small squall like from south of Bush Field all the way to just south of Colliers VOR. With on board ADS-B weather and an Ipad we figured maybe we would give the RNAV 11 at Danial a try. However, after a few bumps and listening to a busy controller trying to get aircraft around the weather and providing advisories of severe precipitation, we decided the big run way outside our right window(Aiken) looked like a great idea. After touching down in Aiken, we discovered that the hole we were going to try and shoot had turned into heavy precipitation and turbulence as we had turned away. Sometimes an extra 30 minutes on the ground and in the wrong direction is a whole heck of a lot better than braving the storm.

-Have a story or experience you would like to share? Send it to Matt Greene for the next newsletter. You have old pilots and bold pilots but not a whole lot of old bold pilots.

THE BEST PART OF FLYING CLUBS IS RECOGNIZING PILOTS FOR GETTING BETTER

I know we have many members taking checkrides soon or have recently done so. In the next news letter, we want to recognize you, let us know who you are and what you did. For example on June 18th Matt Greene completed his Instrument Rating. We also know that Jeff Annis and a few others have their private pilot check rides coming soon. We wish you the best of luck and please let us know how it goes so we can recognize you.

UPCOMING SOCIAL MEETING TOPICS

September - Private Pilot to ATP – what does it take to get from start to regional carrier? – Baptiste Charlot of Aiken Flyers

FAA Testing and Executive Aviation – New and upcoming FAA changes and what its like to fly as a corporate pilot. – Tim Mitchell, DPE based out of Lexington, SC and NetJets First Officer

Buying my first plane – the good, the bad and the ugly