

The SPACE COAST AVIATOR



November 2011

Fly-out

Saturday, November 12, ETA 09:30 A.M.
River Ranch (2RR)

MAPA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 7: pm

This year's general membership meeting will be at FIT Aviation off NASA Boulevard. The meeting begins at 7: pm. We will have a brief association status report and election of officers and directors, for 2012. Then our speaker will be **Lt Col. Bob Hughes**, USAF (Ret). Drafted in the 1942 and selected for pilot training he received his wings as a single engine fighter pilot. First assignment was as a flight instructor advanced T-6 and P-40. In 1944, he went to Tuskegee Army Air Field, as an instructor pilot. His next assignment was Randolph Air Field flight instructing Chinese and Turkish students. By 1947, he was in Okinawa flying P-51s. He studied electronics at Kieo University in Japan then served as Radar, Communications, Maintenance Officer in Okinawa, and stateside. In 1952, he flew the B-26 in on 62 missions in Korea. Assigned to SAC in 1955 and flew B-47's during the cold war until he retired in 1965. He and family relocated to Florida he sold real estate and built single-family homes. Married to wife Pat for 67 years they have two children, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild. He is active with Lions Club, MOAA and Tuskegee Airmen. → www.mlbpilots.org



Membership Renewal

Please we need your continued support

Please accept our sincere “thanks” for your support this past year and a special “thanks” to those of you who have already renewed your membership for this coming year. Your continued support has helped sponsor FAASTeam Safety Seminars, the Valkaria Air Fest and other events and activities this year. Each month MAPA represents the GA community at the Melbourne Airport Authority meeting and frequently addresses Board members on GA issues. Board members also participate in Career Day activities at local schools.



On the fun side, we purchased and drew member’s names for tickets to the **VAC Tico Airshow**, the **Cocoa Beach Airshow**, and the **Valkaria Air Fest Airshow** and the monthly fly-outs continued to be great fun.

FIT Aviation still offers members the fuel discount. And METAR, TAF, DUATS and weather radar images are available on your mobile handheld device at <http://mlbpilots.org/mobile/> Also, if you are beyond line-of-sight of KMLB, you can go to <http://www.radioaviation.com:8000/radio1> and listen to **Melbourne Tower, 118.2**, and **Orlando Approach Control, 132.65**, on your PC, made available by MAPA.

So please renew by sending your \$15 check payable to “MAPA” and mail to P. O. Box 702, Melbourne, FL 32902. → www.mlbpilots.org

Cocoa Beach Airshow

Tickets courtesy of MAPA

Congratulations to the two winners of the Airshow tickets. They were, **Chris McClure** and **John Carpenter**. We hope you enjoy this year’s Cocoa Beach Airshow. While the Airshow is **Saturday and Sunday, November 5-6**, the festivities will begin on Thursday, November 3 with an open to the public, [Performer Welcome Party](#).

Those performers scheduled so far; Military Demo’s an F-4; F-16; F-18; the US Navy Seals Leapfrogs and the US Army 101st Airborne, Screaming Eagles parachute teams; and the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB. Scheduled non-military performers are Heavy Metal Jet Team; Rob Holland/MX2; John Black/Super Decathlon; Florida Biplane Wild Waco; the GEICO Skytypers; and the Valiant Air Commands’, TICO Belle, C-47.



Those of you without tickets but plan to view the show near “Show Center” and do not have parking passes, we suggest you plan to arrive early because parking will be a premium. DO NOT forget your beach chairs. Check the Airshow website for any questions you might have. →

<http://www.cocoabeachairshow.com/html>

More TFR Aggravation

Another TFR reminder

Last month we passed along a warning from the FAA about TFRs over sporting events, stadiums, racetracks and the like with more than 30,000 people and a word of caution about time changes due to weather. [NOTAM 9/5151](#) prohibits flight within 3 nm and below 3,000ft of these events. [AOPA](#) has a good site for these but it obviously does not cover extensions or delays due to bad weather.

We are entering a time for another TFR aggravation to deal with for the next thirteen months – yep, political campaigns. A few of these VIP TFRs have already popped up because the President has hit the campaign trail, and more are in the future when some of these political caucuses are over. These can be a real hazard to your pilots' license and wallet. The size of these is huge compared with a sporting event. A recent one depicted looked like a Class B, 30 nm radius and 18,000ft.

For flight planning purposes, VIP TFRs are on the [FAA TFR Website](#). However, avoiding these can be a challenge. Even if you do not see any along your planned route, ask Flight Service. Go IFR if you can. The Centers and Approach Controls will keep you out if you are IFR. If you must go VFR, request Advisory Service and a vector/route around any that might be ahead. Controllers will provide this workload permitting to VFRs. → <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.jsp>



Piper Halts Altaire Production

A number of layoffs announced

Sad but no surprise to some is that Piper recently announced an indefinite suspension of their Altaire light jet development program. Piper has decided the light jet market is not recovering. The rest of Pipers product line is not affected. Those sales have increased over the past years. Because of the Altaire suspension, the company will lay off about 150 employees at Vero and terminate another 55 contract personnel. How far along the Altaire Jet, program was is unknown, but it is likely the orders were not enough to continue. Piper manufactures the Meridian, Mirage, Matrix, and its training fleet of Seminoles, Archer LX, and Archer TX. →

<http://www.piper.com/pages/PiperNews.cfm>



User Fees

Soon a reality?

Amid more widely reported proposals, the President's plan to ease both the federal deficit and unemployment, has resurrected the idea of levying a charge of \$100 per flight on general aviation.

AOPA, EAA, NBAA, NATA, GAMA, HAI, AEA and the National Association of State Aviation Officials condemned the plan. In a letter to the President, the associations expressed opposition citing experience with user fees in other countries and stating, "Per-gallon fuel charges work. Per-flight taxes destroy." GA already pays a per gallon excise tax on Avgas at 19.4¢ and Jet fuel is 21.9¢ and as one official said, "It doesn't require an office load of bureaucrats to collect it." →

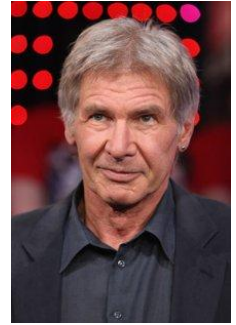
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Ya gotta love this guy

The actor Harrison Ford

Most know that **Harrison Ford** is a huge advocate and leading spokesperson for general aviation. He is an active member of the EAA Chapter in Driggs, Idaho, Chairman of the EAA Young Eagles program, spokesperson for the AOPA General Aviation Serves America campaign. Fixed wing and helicopter rated he has used his chopper twice to rescue hikers near Jackson, WY. He has owned and sold five airplanes and still has six airplanes and a Bell 407 helicopter. Currently he has a vintage Waco Taperwing, a Cessna Caravan, a Beechcraft B36TC Bonanza, a Cessna Citation Sovereign, an Aviat Husky, and his favorite a de Havilland DHC-2 Beaver, similar to the one he flew in "Six Days & Seven Nights."



Once while being interviewed a reporter asked if he was concerned about the carbon footprint he leaves behind because he owns seven airplanes, his response was, "Well, I only fly one at a time." → <http://www.cnsnews.com/node/64907>

Uh-oh, what was that

Hazards of the profession

The pilot flying a Twin-Beech, a BE-18S, was spraying a marshy area for mosquitoes. After making a spray pass, he made a right 180-degree turn to an easterly heading and the right wing struck a radio tower. The pilot did not know the extent of the damage and there appeared to be a "controllability issue." He elected to land in a pasture. During the landing, the airplane struck and killed a cow and a bull, then collided with a pile of wood, resulting in substantial damage. The unlit 100-foot radio tower was within the walls of a correctional facility, and used for ground communications. It has



been there for several years. It was not marked on sectional charts. The NTSB determines the probable cause of the accident: The pilot's failure to see and avoid the radio tower. → <http://www.nts.gov/index.html>

"Say Again"

Scrawled on the inside of a porta-potty at the AirVenture Oshkosh Fly-in:

To think, I could have been a Glasair

Airworthiness Directives

AD's that may affect member's aircraft

No relevant ADs this month.

Apparently, people are not flying enough to have something break.

Mystery Airplane

Can you identify this airplane?



The first member wins a MAPA cap.

Email your answer to MAPA

email@mlbpilots.org

The October winner was **Rob Schofield** who was first among four members to ID the **Seversky BT-8**. Designer Alexander de Seversky, was a World War I Russian fighter pilot who was sent to the U.S. in 1918 after the armistice to study aircraft design and manufacturing. While here, the Communist revolution made it dangerous to return to Russia. He stayed in the U.S. and eventually became a citizen. With other expatriate Russian engineers who escaped the revolution, based in Farmingdale, NY they developed a low wing SEV-3 monoplane as a floatplane under contract for Edo Aircraft Corporation. Without floats and a few design changes later, the airplane became the BT-8, a U. S. Army Air Corp trainer; more changes it became the Pursuit P-35 with a retractable gear. More refinements a super-turbocharger and the airplane became the AP-4 with excellent performance. However, Seversky was deposed as the head of the Seversky Aircraft Company and it became Republic Aviation. The AP-4 became the new Republic XP-43 and finally P-47 known as the Thunderbolt. Republic produced over 15,500 P-47s. Many saw combat during WW II. →



<http://www.cradleofaviation.org/history/aircraft/p-47/1.html>

Event Schedule

- Nov. 12.** Merritt Island, FL. (KCOI) Young Eagles flights 9: am to Noon. youngeaglesfly@aol.com
- Dec. 3-4.** Orlando, FL. AOPA ASI FIRC. Crowne Plaza Orlando Airport. www.aopa.org/asf/firc
- Jan. 12.** Melbourne, FL. (KMLB) FAASTeam Safety Seminar. Ditching and Water Survival.
- Jan. 19-22.** Sebring, FL (KSEF) US Sport Aviation Expo Sebring Airport Biggest LSA event in the U.S. <http://www.sport-aviation-expo.com/>
- Mar. 9-11.** Titusville, FL. (KTIX) TICO Warbird Airshow. Theme Doolittle's Raiders 70th Anniversary. <http://www.vacwarbirds.org/>
- Mar. 27-Apr1.** Lakeland, FL. (KLAL) Sun'n Fun. 36th Annual Fly-in. www.sun-n-fun.org



NOTAMS

A free service to members

If you have NOTAMS of interest for the members of MAPA, e-mail your items to NOTAMS@mlbpilots.org. Please notify us when your ad is no longer required.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your membership dues are for the calendar year. If you change your mailing or email address during the year please notify the Secretary by mail or email: email@mlbpilots.org. If your dues are overdue, membership will expire on March 1. Please renew your membership in December, and make your check payable to "MAPA" and mail to MAPA, P.O. Box 702, Melbourne, FL 32902. DUES REMAIN \$15. Thanks.

MEMBER PROFILE

Please keep your member profile up-to-date, **particularly your email address**. Send any change to email@mlbpilots.org. Complete your name and any changes you need to make. We need your correct email address and any other information you would like us to have. All information stays with us. Guaranteed!

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FIT Aviation offers a **.10¢ per gallon discount** on fuel to all MAPA members.

LoPresti Aviation at Sebastian Airport (X26) is offering up to a 30% discount with advance reservations on annual inspections. For every month in advance that you book your annual, receive a 5% discount up to 30%. This could mean substantial savings on your annual. Discount applies only to the inspection, and normal charges will apply for parts and/or repairs. Owner assisted Annual inspections are also welcome. Please contact them for more information at 1-800-859-4757 or email ed@loprestiaviation.com

Flight Instruction. Justin Wesley, Aviation Mentor, CFI, CFII, MEI offering flight instruction. Flight Reviews, IPC, or Safety pilot. Call 321-759-8418 or email at pilotjw@yahoo.com

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New- at Valkaria Airport-Aero Valkaria LLC. Frank Gallagher, MAPA member and former Director of Aviation at FIT Aviation has formed a new business venture at **Valkaria Airport (X59)** called **Aero Valkaria LLC**. It offers aircraft maintenance, flight training, and an Aero Club to the local area. Hangared maintenance includes annuals, pre-buy, and routine at \$70 per hr.

The **Aero Club** is a social and flying club, with monthly fly-away, barbecues, movie night, etc. Flying membership consists of the Cessna 172 or the PA-12 Super Cruiser. Dues are \$600 annually per aircraft and no monthly dues. The C-172 and PA-12 rent for \$47/per hour dry. Scheduling through Flight Schedule Pro. Flight instruction is \$45 per hour for members. A "club house" is available for members at the airport.

Coming soon- A Light Sport Aircraft with a full glass cockpit! Whether to fly for fun, learn a new type aircraft, learn a glass cockpit or transition to the LSA, we will be bringing on line the Paradise P-1, probably the finest LSA made. Manufactured in Brazil, it is certified to 1650# in their country, features the largest baggage compartment of any LSA aircraft, and a 47" wide cockpit. It is powered by the Rotex 912, sipping 3.5 to 5 GPH. It's all metal high wing construction will appeal to many of you. Flies just like a C-172! Frank can be reached at:

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1978 Grumman Tiger AA5B. N28240 SN 0958. 2250TTA 500SMOH LoPresti Nose Cowl LoPresti HID Nose Ldg Light. Dual Wingtip landing lights, 18 Gal Aux Fuel, Fuel Totalizer, Digital Tach, Century IIB Autopilot w/S-Tec Alt Hold, Garmin 430 WAAS, Garmin Mode S/TIS Transponder, Garmin 396 w/TIS & XM WX/Music New Upholstery. Folding rear seats for cargo. 4 place intercom. \$100K invested. Transferred overseas, Must sell. Asking \$90K. Hangar Lease Available. Mark Cannon 321-652-1165. flymlb@yahoo.com

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Partners Wanted. Need three or four partners to form a non-profit flying club to purchase a new or used LSA to be hangared at Valkaria Airport. The primary objective of this club will be to give its members the opportunity to own and fly a modern airplane at the lowest possible cost under the Light Sport Program. The LSA we purchase will be decided upon by mutual agreement of the partners. The initial investment from each partner will be in the \$15,000 - \$20,000 range with ongoing fixed costs shared equally by the members. The operating costs will be covered by a per hour charge to the member(s) doing the actual flying. Anyone interested call Mark Lenhart 321-725-5585 mlehart@cfl.rr.com or Al Malerk 321-543-8345 albertmalerk@comcast.net

1976 Cessna 172M; 890 hrs SFRMAN; Lycoming O-320E2D (150hp); 8 gal hr; Long-Range fuel - 52gal mains (C182 Tanks); 17gal aux in rear of AC. STOL kit; mogas STC; Comm1 – King KX155 TSO; Comm2 – King KX170; King KR85 TSO ADF; King KT76A with mode C; Apollo GX50 GPS; AccuTrack II auto pilot; Audio Panel King KMA20 TSO; 4 place intercom system; \$39k OBO; based South T’s MLB. Contact John Fahnestock: johnf@cfl.rr.com 321.213.4559

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