



The Flight Line

Amelia Island – Great Old Cars

March 11th saw 15 SAAPA members assemble at Amelia Island for the 2001 Concours d'Elegance. The 200 + antique cars were not your "run of the mill" variety (i.e., cars that are old but you drive them everyday). These were old and v e r y grand. They were definitely someone's "baby" and a lot of money had been spent on restoring or just maintaining their mint condition. I didn't realize so many cars from the 20's and 30's were still around – in show room condition.

The grounds (the 10th and 18th fairways) were immaculate. Weather was a little on the chilly side but not a factor (until lunch, on the patio, under the outside canopy, with the ocean breeze). Now I know why **Vic Martinelli** said a loud and emphatic "NO" when asked if a table outside would be satisfactory. Vic is an old hand at the Ritz.

Henry Warner couldn't make the outing due to a kidney transplant. I understand he is doing well. I guess when they call and say "we have one", you best go. He was tested and transplanted that day. All our members wish him a speedy recovery.

Alan Steinberg departed St. Augustine and just decided for no other reason that he didn't want to go. You know how Alan is. By the way, it might have had something to do with losing his alternator after takeoff – picky, picky, picky. BUT, better safe than sorry. Wise decision.

The gang that participated were: **Vic and Natalie Martinelli, Tom Darlington and Gina Buell, Earl Douglas, John Wright and his special date, Dan Holiday & Candy , Scott Smith & Leila, Marty & Juanita Martinelli, Wayne & Lyn George and Len Tucker and his 2 guests.**

Ask anyone, I think they all were impressed.

ANYONE FOR TOSSING MULLET?

Perdido Key is the place to be for the 17th Annual Interstate Mullet Toss Contest. This should be a blast to attend with plenty of music, beach, sun, festivities and of course mullet to be tossed across the state line. The event is held right on the beach at FLORABAMA bar (straddles the Alabama & Florida state line).

An airport has been chosen. Our destination is Jack Edwards Field in Gulf Shores, AL (JKA). Once we arrive, we are there for the weekend of April 27th-29th. Serious partyers and weekenders look forward to fun.

Plan early to attend this outrageous event. Members already planning to attend are TJ & Judy Wagner, Len & Jean Tucker, Wayne & Lyn George and Dr. Pat & Sue Hale. Come join us. This makes "Bike Week" look tame. Contact **TJ Wagner**.

• • SPECIAL NOTE... QUARTERLY CREEKSIDE MEETING CHANGED TO THURSDAY MAY 17TH • •

SELF-SERVICE FUEL AT SGJ ??

At the last AA board meeting, 3/19/01, SAAPA presented again it's desire to have a self-service fuel facility the St. Augustine Airport just like the adjoining counties have for their aviators. Additional fuel prices were presented which solidified our previous statements about the big differences in fuel prices in northeast Florida.

The big contention by SAAPA was not to try to force Aero Sport to lower their prices but to at least give us the same options that the other counties have – i.e., their own self-

service fuel pump with prices consistent with what the adjoining counties are charging. Aero Sport is running their business and therefore must make their own decisions as to what to charge for their fuel. WITHOUT an alternative, there is no check and balance.

Mr. Bob York did some investigation on the behalf of SAAPA and found one company that could turnkey a self-service facility (an above ground tank and ancillary equipment plus a credit card system) for \$60,000. Add to that the

infrastructure, taxiways, environmental protection, etc., and you have a cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000 - \$200,000. Getting that kind of matching fund money could take 1-2 years. Ed Wuellner mentioned maybe some other options could be found.

The Board instructed Ed and his staff to investigate how we can make it happen including looking into a second FBO providing the capital investment and the service. Buzz George is working with them to help the investigation. We hope to have more news next month.

BIRD 1 - ALAN 0

There I was, cruising along enroute to Flagler for lunch. Ceiling was around 1500 feet with visibility close to VFR minimums. All of a sudden, I saw out of the corner of my eye a black streak in front of my right wing. No time to react- I felt a sudden jolt like mild turbulence.

A quick look at my right wing confirmed it....a birdstrike!

The leading edge had a huge dent and I could see that the wing skin was torn, rivets exposed. Bird feathers were evident and blood was streaming back towards the ailerons. I was on the radio with Bob Paige at the time, who was only a few miles from my position. While

making a 180 back to SGJ, I asked Bob to head over in my direction so he could keep an eye on me and report if anything happened. The plane seemed to be flying okay at cruising speed but I didn't know how it would handle at approach and landing speeds. 10 miles out I declared an emergency on 122.8. asking the four planes in the pattern to break off. Everyone cooperated and with Bob on the radio reminding me to keep the speed up, I made a straight in approach to 31.

Luckily there was a quartering wind from the left so I was able to keep the right wing up in case it

stalled before the left wing. I used the most of the runway, touching down at 100 knots. My thanks to Bob and everyone in the pattern and on the radio for their cooperation and concern.

Repairs were estimated at over \$5000 and the insurance company adjusters handled it promptly.

Photos of my bird are attached. If you think this was bad, you should see the other guy!

Alan Steinberg



Front View of Birdstrike.

Quarter View of Birdstrike.

Pilots View of Birdstrike.

RENO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AIR RACES

Interested in some of the most exhilarating racing anyone could imagine? Then plan on going to Stead, Nevada this Sept 13-16th. See Formula Ones, Biplanes, AT-6s, Sport Class and of course Unlimiteds racing at speeds up to 500 MPH, wing tip to wing tip and less than 50 feet off the ground. In between races you will be entertained by various air show performances for days of non-stop action. Tired of the same old air shows? Then take a visit to the pits and talk with the pilots and crews of these remarkable planes. Think the wife or significant other might get bored? Let her do some shopping and visit the casinos – on her money of course.

Want to add more excitement to the trip? The call Reno Air Services at the Reno Airport to rent a plane for a trip into the mountains or desert.

Tentative Schedule of events:

Mon – Wed Sept 10-12
Qualifications for all classes

Thur & Fri Sept 13 – 14
1st & 2nd round of races

Sat Sept 15
Semi-finals

Sunday Sept 16
Finals

We have 10 rooms reserved at the Nugget in Reno. Costs are \$59 per night during the week and \$89 for Friday & Saturday. Call TJ Wagner to reserve a room in your name 904-443-3636. Travel is best accomplished by commercial air carrier either direct to Reno or Via Las Vegas.

It gets hot out there so we will be publishing a recommended list of things to bring and clothes to wear.

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AA MEETING REPORT - MARCH 19, 2001

The meeting consisted of Four Actions Items and the usual agenda call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Minute Approval, Acceptance of Financial Report, Approval of Meeting Agenda and Reports.

Action Items Presented by Mr. Wuellner

1. Revised Copy of Strategic Plan - Included change requested by AA to include phrase Aviation Related in section dealing with hangar construction.

2. Counter Lease - Aerosport - The FBO will have a separate location for the Rental Car function. They will rent 96 sq. ft. starting April 1st for 5 years at \$17 sq. ft. (\$1,632/yr.) The arrangement will also clarify the pick-up/drop off of vehicles and the washing of the cars.

3. Terminal Phase II - As presented at the last meeting, there are circumstances involving this phase that can save construction funds by

eliminating duplication if the AA moves to proceed. Although Phase II has not been awarded yet, Mr. Wuellner expects the FDOT paperwork will catch up by July. Approved \$661,151 to proceed.

4. Capital Projects Priority Presentation - Mr. Wuellner and Mr. Cooper presented the following by Calendar Year.

2002 - (1) Update Airport Master Plan, (2) Construct Airport Maintenance facility, (3) Hangar Construction site development, (4) Construct Corporate Hangars, (5) Improve Airport Apron, (6) Construct T hangars.

2003 - (1) Construct additional aircraft apron, (2) Runway 31 Safety area, (3) Construct T hangars.

2004 - (1) Runway 31 Safety area, (2) Construct Terminal facility, (3) Construct north side service road, (4) Construct T hangars, (5) Construct corporate hangar for heliport.

2005 - (1) 200 Block infrastructure improvements, (2) Construct 4 corporate hangars, (3) Construct Heliport, (4) Construct T hangars, (5) Construct corporate hangar for heliport.

2006 - (1) Expand terminal buildings, (2) Construct T hangars, (3) Last phase of construction of FBO.

For each of these projects there was funding information related to projected cost and sharing of the cost by the AA, FDOT and/or FAA. Please contact Robert Fleming if you want further information.

At the conclusion, SAAPA president **Wayne George** made a presentation dealing with AVGas prices at SGJ. This was a follow up to last months meeting and included information about other airports with self service or multiple FBO competitive pricing. The AA authorized Mr. Wuellner to gather information about the possibility of self service or a 2nd FBO at SGJ. We will keep you informed.

APRIL FLY-OUT... CEDAR KEY... SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST

Artists from all over the southeast USA will present fine paintings, sculpture, photography, graphics and crafts at the annual Cedar Key Art & Seafood Festival.

Delicious fresh cooked Cedar Key seafood dinners will be served at the waterfront park in town. Scheduling our fly-out on this date will enable us not only to experience the fun of flying into CDK's "aircraft carrier" style paved strip, with water at both ends, but will allow our accompanying friends and family to enjoy ambience of this quaint Gulf of Mexico town at its best.

This great annual outdoor festival will start at 9:00 AM and close at 5:00 PM. As aircraft parking is kind of limited, your fly out committee suggests that we schedule our departures early enough to arrive at CDK by 10:30 AM. This will give everyone time to view some of the

exhibits before lunch and then have time to visit the shops in town before heading back to St. Augustine. The local taxicab monitors the CTAF frequency and will be at the airport to transport you into town when he hears you announce in the pattern.

For further information concerning Cedar Key, its airport and the festival, click onto www.cedarkey.org.

Anyone needing a ride to this fly-out should be sure to attend the April 14th membership meeting. If unable to be there, send me an email at and I will try to make arrangements for you.

Alan Steinberg

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Chairman, Day Fly-Out Committee

May Fly-Out

Ft. Pierce Navy S.E.A.L. Museum
Ft. Pierce, Florida
Details in next month's newsletter.

FLYING REBELS CALENDAR 2001

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Apr 8-14	EAA Sun n Fun, Lakeland, FL
Apr 20-22	Lexington, KY
Apr 27	Ft. Payne Fly-in
May 18-20	Savannah, GA
June 9	PDK, Atlanta, GA
June 16	Pine Mtn, Callaway Gardens
July 24-30	EAA Oshkosh
Aug 2-5	Cape Cod, MA
Sept 14-16	Charlottesville, VA
Oct 12-13	Louisville, KY Bowman Field
Oct 19-20	Kings Bay, GA
Nov 9-10	New Orleans, LA
Dec	Holiday Party TBA

For more information log onto our website @ www.SAAPA.org & check out our link to The Flying Rebels

CONGRATULATIONS HAMILTON!



Not to be outdone by his wife, Sue, **Hamilton Upchurch** soloed Florida Aviation's Roidinson R22B on March 2nd. He is shown with his instructor, Ken Stockdale, who also soloed Sue. they both want to convey their

thanks and appreciation to Ken for his time, support, and unending patience.

Meetings

Our meetings are always on the **second (2nd) Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.** at the airport.
APRIL 14TH

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FORWARD & ADDRESS CORRECTION

SAAPA Calendar of Events – 2001

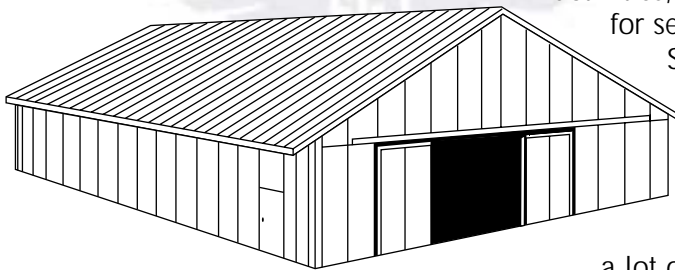
The board of directors who have taken on the responsibility of planning events this year are putting together a very interesting and varied calendar. The committees are:

Saturday Programs and Education

Marty Martindale – 287-3553

Sat 3/10 – Differential
Compression Test of
Aircraft Engines –
Marty Martindale

Sat 4/14 – Biennial Flight Review,
- Fred Zimmerman



Quarterly and Special Meetings

Vic Martinelli – 285-4409

Ladies and Gentlemen – We want to make our quarterly dinner-meetings informative as well as a fun evening for all. So far, the Creekside restaurant seems to be the right place. (Meeting room & food). So, what we need are your ideas for speaker and/or program content. Also, if you have personal contacts with interesting speakers we would like to invite them to address our group. Please call Vic at 904-285-4409 with your ideas.

Thurs 5/17 – Quarterly Meeting
at Creekside.
Details to follow.

Family Weekend Trips **Wayne (Buzz) George – 808-1205**

This committee met and decided to start with 2 fully coordinated and planned trips for this year and a few informal, "come join us" trips which will not have a coordinated agenda by a SAAPA representative. It is hoped that from this variety, we can plan the kind of trips that best suit the majority of the members next year.

The coordinated trips will be planned for airport arrival times, transportation to lodging, evening meal, Saturday options for joint activities, Saturday afternoon for self directed activities, Saturday evening meal and outing, Sunday breakfast and transportation back to airport.

The trips should be a lot of fun with activities planned if you want to participate. These are not fly together over and back only trips but are group activities designed to let us get to know our fellow members better.

April 27 - 29 – Anyone for
tossing Mullet????
Predido Key for
the 17th Annual
Interstate Mullet
Toss Contest.

June 22 - 24 – Charleston, S.C.
Friday arrival,
stay downtown,
eat, party, sleep,
eat, sightsee,
eat, party, sleep,
eat, depart.

Sept 13 – 16 - Reno National
Championship
Air Races – (Un-
coordinated Trip)

Saturday Trips and Flyouts

Alan Steinberg – 285-1942

Whenever possible, fly-outs are planned for the third Saturday of the month so that last minute details can be discussed at regularly scheduled meetings. This timing will also be after the publication of our newsletter, which will further serve to remind members of these events who were not able to attend the meeting.

**NOTE TO ALL SAAPA
MEMBERS - IF YOU NEED A
RIDE TO ANY OF THE FLY-
INS LISTED AND HAVE
MADE PRIOR
ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE BE
AT THE CLUBHOUSE ONE
HALF HOUR PRIOR TO
"WHEELS UP" TIME.**

Sat 4/21 – Cedar Key (Lewis)
Airport (CDK)
Annual Outdoor Arts
and Seafood Festival

Sat 5/19 – Ft Pierce (St. Lucie
County) Airport (FPR)
Visit to local Navy
Seal Museum.

We will be updating the calendar as the year progresses. Please let us know in advance of any event that you would like to know more about and don't forget to check out our web site at www.SAAPA.com for more information as well.

Happy Flying!



SAAPA CALENDAR 2001

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
April 14 (Sat)	SAAPA Meeting - Program "Biannual Flight Review"	Fred Zimmerman
April 21 (Sat)	Outdoor Arts/Seafood Festival Cedar Key (Lewis) Airport (CDK) Annual outdoor arts and seafood festival. Details to follow	Alan Steinberg 285-1942
April 27-29 Weekend	Interstate Mullet Toss Perdido Key	T. J. Wagner 443-3636
May 17 (Thur)	Quarterly Meeting (Creekside)	Vic Martinelli 829-4409
May 19 (Sat)	Visit Navy Seal Museum Ft Pierce (St. Lucie County) Airport (FPR) Visit to local air museum. Details to be announced.	Bob Thousand, DDS 824-6048
June 15 (Fri)	Tour Piper Aircraft Factory Vero Beach Airport (VRB) Tour of Piper Aircraft Factory. This event being held on Friday as tours are only given on certain days of the week. Details to be announced.	Alan Steinberg 285-1942
June 23 Weekend	Charleston, S.C Enjoy downtown fun with tours of Fort and Navy Aviation Display. Party at the latest Hot Spots.	Wayne George 808-1205
July	Open	
Aug 11 (Sat)	BBQ and FSAACA Event Haller Field, Palatka, FL (Private airpark) (PVT) Saapa member John Drago is hosting a barbecue. This is a FSAACA event, but SAAPA members are welcome to attend. Wheels up: 10:30	John Drago
Sept. 13-16 Weekend	Reno Air Races Stead, Nevada	T. J. Wagner 443-3636
Sept 15 (Sat)	Fantasy of Flight Museum Winter Haven (Gilbert Field) Airport (GIF) Fantasy of flight museum visit. Details to be announced.	TBA
Oct. 19-20 Weekend	Kings Bay Sub Base St. Mary's, GA (4J6) A visit to the King's Bay Submarine Base. Details to be announced.	Linton and Ruth Broome Atlanta Flying Rebels
Nov 17 (Sat)	4th Annual SAAPA Olympics Jekyll Island, GA (09J) 4th Annual SAAPA Olympics. Wheels up: 9-9:30 am (aircraft arrival by 10:15)	Alan Steinberg 285-1942
Dec	Annual Holiday Party	TBA