

Florida Sport Aviation Antique and Classic Association

“FSAACA”

The Scud Runner

October 2014 Edition

Our next touchdown will be on Saturday November 8th at Mount Royal Airpark. This will be a one day (Saturday only) event

John Drago will be our host. He can be reached at his home number (386) 467-2018 or his cell (904) 449-6470 to answer any questions that you might have. John has been hosting us at Mount Royal for a number of years now and is getting pretty good at it. Some of you might remember the first FSAACA fly-in that John hosted at Mt Royal back about 7 or 8 years ago. It was a cold November day and Susan, his lovely wife let him get things set up by himself. He had the coffee all made when planes started arriving about 9 A. M. John, how many times did you fill up that 6 cup coffee maker before Susan made you crawl up in the attic and get the big coffee pot down? We're not gonna let you live that one down, John.

**If you're driving there, the address is: 100 William Bartram Drive,
Crescent City, Florida 32112.**

Flying in, it's Airport Identifier 3FL0. Located 5 miles North of Lake George right on the St Johns River. Folks, the Mount Royal Airpark is what Florida airport living is all about. It has the best of what Florida has to offer. Beautiful homes located among large mossy Live Oaks right on the river. A 3000 X 52 foot paved runway (08/24) and great people all around.

Monitor 123.15 for the active runway. Depending on winds, 08 will be favored for incoming traffic. 24 will be the preferred departing runway. Begin monitoring 123.15, five miles out or call for the active runway. Upon landing follow the flagmen to parking.

Lunch consisting of smoked pork, chicken, sausage and maybe some freshly poached gator will be served around noon. There will be plenty of sides and deserts, so come hungry.

Our last fly-in was at Thomasville, Georgia, on October 10, 11 and 12. The weather was spectacular. All three days were sunny with hardly a cloud in the sky. High temps in the 80's during the day and lows in the high 60's in the evening. There were nearly 300 planes that showed up with more than a dozen that belonged to FSAACA members.

There were everything from Bonanzas to a Beaver on Floats, from J-3's to Tomahawks, Cessnas and late model Pipers.

The boys from the Maule factory just a few miles to the East were camped out next to the cub corral.

Jay Stanford and his father from St Marys Georgia showed up in their scratch built 200 plus horsepower SuperCub with a Yamaha Razz Scooter tucked under the wing for ground transportation when they get to fly-ins. Jay and his father have worked on building the super SuperCub for the last 5 years and it looks like they purpose built the plane specifically for fly-ins. It has extended cargo areas where they pulled nearly everything out of the innerds of the cub except a portable hangar. The scooter attaches to the left side of the fuselage on specially fabricated hard points. The “extensive” panel has everything that you need to fly a cub. Airspeed and altimeter. A 3/4 inch diameter compass hangs from the windshield.

When they pulled in to the infield with that red scooter tucked up under the wing, people started flocking to the plane to take a better look , like ants to a drop of honey. Congrats guys. You’ve got a super cool and unique airplane. Hope to see you at Sun N Fun. Stop by the Vintage Hospitality House and say hello. We’re looking forward to seeing and serving you and all the attendees at the Sun N Fun Expo and Fly-in. You're our kind of people.



Our annual meeting was held on Saturday at 1:00 P.M. Our usual business was conducted with elections for officers and the selection of the Antiquer of The Year. Motions were made and passed to donate \$500.00 to The Thomasville Aviation Organization to help out with their planned new building. We also donated \$1,200.00 to The Central Florida Aviation Academy to help with training young people working toward careers in aviation.

Steve Knouse was elected to the office of president.

Bobby Capozzi was elected Vice President

Kim Capozzi was elected Secretary and Mike Angel was elected Treasurer.

This is probably the most experienced roster of officers that we have ever had, so we're expecting a lot out of them. Let's all give them our support and help to make FSAACA bigger and better than it has ever been in the past. They've got a big job ahead of them.

Frankie and Regina Bracewell were selected as Antiquers of the Year. They can both be seen during Sun N Fun week keeping busy around the Vintage Building doing something from early every morning till late into the night most nights. They're very deserving of the award. It was about their time.

Most of you who have been around FSAACA for any amount of time know Shelly Decker. Shelly and his lovely wife Esther are not founding members, but they have been around since the early years back in the 70's. They have held just about every executive, board, and committee position that it's possible to hold for FSAACA. They have held many of the positions multiple times. Shelly is the closest thing to a historian that FSAACA has. FSAACA has been around so long that most of the founding members have flown west in recent years. Shelly is a prolific author and has had a number of Best Sellers in the Western Fiction world. NO, the New York Times didn't say they were best sellers, but they were Shelly's best sellers. I'm thinking that now that Shelly is retired and has lots of idle time on his hands, he needs to write a history of FSAACA. Those of you that are Shelly's friends, and most of you are, please give him a call and encourage him to write that book. (Sorry about your phone ringing off the hook Shelly, but I had to do it. You need to write that book) I'm sure that we can manage to gather up the money that is going to be needed for publishing. A stack of those books for sale would look good on the counter at the Vintage House during Sun N Fun. I'll bet Shelly would have another "best seller".

If you've read this far, you have probably noticed that FSAACA desperately needs a newsletter editor. I am sure that there are some members out there that have newsletter writing skills. We need your help. Please contact Steve Knouse at mortbuy@centurylink.net if you would like to volunteer.

On Saturday October 18th, Bobby Capozzi and Steve Knouse conducted a reconnaissance mission to Arcadia Airport for a pancake breakfast and to check out their new fly-in camping area. The Friends of Arcadia Airport with help from AOPA and the Recreational Aviation Foundation have been working on a project to get an on-airport camping area approved. They have received necessary approvals and are now doing sight work. It promises to be a really cool place to go air camping when the work is complete. They have a fire-pit area, restrooms and showers planned as well as some other neat stuff. We'll be reporting more as the work progresses.

We hope to see everyone at Mt Royal on November 8th.

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