

The Scud Runner



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Hilliard May 15-17, 2009

There was a major oops in the newsletter mailed out a few days ago in that the date we had on the official schedule on the website for many months now was the following weekend. Please, all of you responsible for a fly-in check the schedule at www.fsaaca.org and make sure your dates and contact information is correct.



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or page 39 on the 2008 Florida Airport Directory

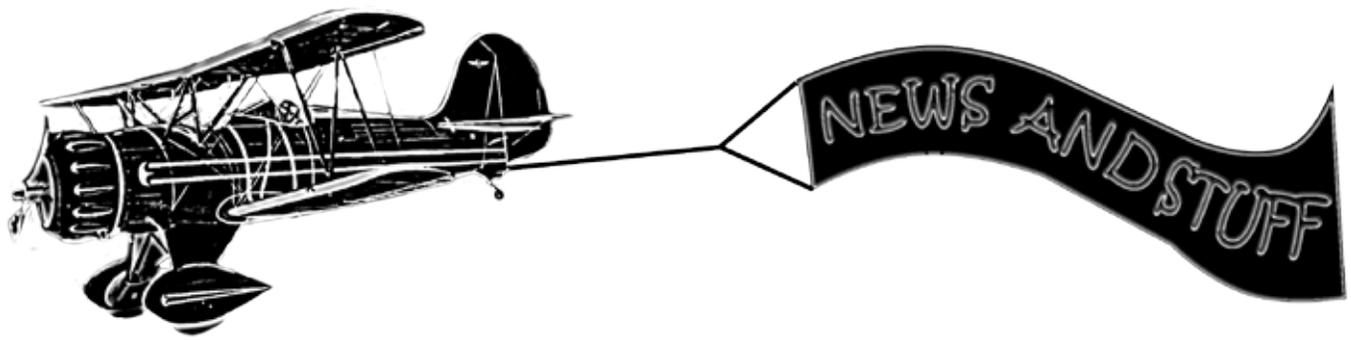
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Sun n' Fun as I saw it:

My first Sun n' Fun was back in 1977 and over the years since we have had sun and rain, cold and extreme heat, drought and floods. Remember the year back in the eighties it rained so much we dubbed it Swim and Fun, we were wading around in nearly knee deep water almost every where we went, even last year our camping area was nothing short of a mud-bogger's dream. And then there was the year it was so hot and dry that fires were rampant throughout Central Florida, we even had the order to evacuate the Antique/Classic area but the smoke was so bad the field was IFR and no one could fly out, thankfully at the last minute and I mean truthfully the very last minute the wind changed and turned the fire away from our tie down area. And then there was the time it snowed, of course that was back in the days when the event was still held in January but it sho-nuff snowed with a brisk wind too and was I ever glad I had some ole bomber overalls and a fine leather jacket. With all this said I will affirm that the year 2009 had the best weather of any Sun N' Fun I have ever seen, perfect mostly cloudless days and cool pleasant nights. Usually there was a slight breeze but never a wind. It was wonderful, weather wise.

As for the Vintage Building, we came out OK, not great but ok. All things have not been calculated as of this writing but we made a profit, which has not always been the case. Once more the Vintage Dinner was a success of sorts, the fish fry lost money as it has for the past several years but the BBQ dinners made a good profit and pulled the whole affair out of the red. The crafts donated by some of the members made us a little and we picked up a few new members as well as renewing a lot of old members.

There was another rather nice thing that happened this year for the building. It seems FSAACA held a lottery back in 1991 an idea of Don and Harriett Basset, and the first prize was to have Aviation Artist Kurtis Kohl do a portrait of the winner's airplane. After painting the beautiful Cessna 140A Mr. Kohl made two extra prints, one for himself and one for his father Dan Kohl. This year Dan donated his print to our Vintage Building for display so thousands can appreciate it. The event even made the Sun n' Fun Today paper. A few days later I was admiring the picture as it hung on our west wall and realized the plane was painted very similarly to the 140A our past president Mike Quinlin owned and was so proud of, then upon checking closely to the tiny N number below the horizontal stabilizer I saw to my surprised N140MQ, so now the circle is complete and Mike's plane has come home to the Vintage Building. Thanks Dan.



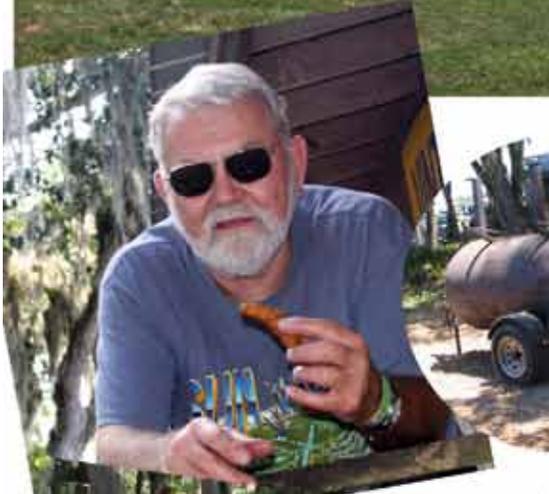
Yes Sun N' Fun was good, hope you didn't miss it.

See Ya at Hilliard

Shelly Decker



From the Editor: Notice there are now lots of extra pictures of the fly-ins on the web page, fsaaca.org, even a slide show for you to view. Since I cannot make a lot of the events please send me as many pictures as possible so we can have an even bigger choice and more - more - more. Thanks.....



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