



# Carteret County Aviation Association

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Newsletter

## April Meeting – April 6th

The April Meeting will be held at 6PM on Tuesday April 6 at the Airport Office. Bring a covered dish. CCAA will provide soft drinks.

### *On the Agenda are:*

Airport Appreciation Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Approval of designs for new CCAA T-shirts. Ann Hauman has provided the graphics.

## Notes from the March Meeting

The March Meeting was very well attended by more than 30 folks including CCAA and CAP members. There was enough pizza to go around. Thanks to Dawn Kirk for yummy salad and Kathy Williamson for a very tasty coconut chocolate cake.

*John Knapp* presented a GREAT *Safety Seminar* on airspace which was followed by a slide presentation and discussion of expanded airspace controlled by Cherry Point ATC presented by the Cherry Point MCAS Radar Chief. The addition of Core and Mattamuskeet MOA's were discussed.

## About Our Members

*Pete Beswick* was appointed by the Carteret County Commissioners to serve on the Airport Authority.

*Pete Wenk* will replace Pete Beswick as the AOPA airport representative for Michael J. Smith Field.

CCAA members Frank Hauman, Ken Lohr, Tipper Davis, Pete Beswick and Jennifer Lang attended the AOPA ASF/NCDOT Air Safety Seminar on Maneuvering Flight on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## From the AOPA website:

### Congress, AOPA keep pressure on FAA over charity/sightseeing rule

Mar. 26 — The FAA continues to draw fire from Capitol Hill, from AOPA, and from pilots over its proposed charity/sightseeing rule, which would drive hundreds of Part 91 sightseeing operators out of business and make thousands of pilots ineligible to help charities raise funds by offering flights for donations.

"This rule hurts pilots, cripples charity fundraising efforts, and exterminates hundreds of small businesses," said AOPA Senior Vice President of Government and Technical Affairs Andy Cebula. "It's taking a concerted



effort by Congress, by AOPA and other aviation groups, and by pilots to make the FAA understand that this is a bad and unnecessary rule."

Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R-Kansas) questioned FAA Administrator Marion Blakey about the proposed rule's implications on small businesses, during a recent hearing on the agency's FY 2005 budget request. And Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-Calif.), himself a pilot and AOPA member, echoed concerns about the proposed rule's impact, saying that it does not succeed in its intent of improving safety. "I understand and applaud efforts to make our skies safer," he said in a letter to Blakey. "However, I do not believe that this [notice of proposed rulemaking] accomplishes this goal."

At the same time, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is evaluating the issue, and the House Small Business subcommittee, chaired by another pilot and AOPA member, Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo.), has committed to holding a hearing on the business impact of the proposed rule if the FAA doesn't address the aviation community concerns.

**Congratulations!!!** To Jeff McCann who made his first solo flight in March!

#### **Flyout April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**South Carolina Breakfast Club at Georgetown SC (GGE).** Flying distance approx. 160 miles direct. Breakfast starts at 0900-0930. Plan to be ready to leave 0730-0800 on Sunday AM. So far 7 planes/14 people have plans to go. Let Frank Hauman (728 5701) or Jennifer Lang (723 2504) know if you plan to attend.

**The weekend weather according to AOPA: Synopsis:** A broad area of low pressure over northern portions of the region will drift east-southeast into the western Atlantic by Saturday morning. A cold front will move into VA and KY by midday Sunday and will continue to push south across TN and NC into SC and northern GA by 6 p.m. Sunday.

**Flying Forecast:** MVFR/IFR ceilings/showers will be over VA, NC, and SC Friday, with showers lingering over VA through Saturday. MVFR ceilings/showers will move into VA Sunday afternoon behind the cold front. It will be VFR over the rest of the region through the period.

#### **Mark Your Calendars**

- ✎ **April 17-18 Wings Weekend, Winston Salem NC**
- ✎ **Airport Appreciation Day May 8<sup>th</sup>**
- ✎ **May 7-9, EAA Antique Airplane Foundation Annual Spring Fly-In, Burlington NC**

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