



Carteret County Aviation Association

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Newsletter

Note a Change in the February Meeting

The February Meeting will be held at 6PM on **Wednesday February 4th** at Mario's Restaurant in Beaufort Square Shopping Center. CCAA will buy the pizza, members buy their own drinks.

Notes from the January Meeting

The first meeting of the New Year was held on January 6,th attended by 12 members. Frank Hauman noted the disbursement of two checks; one to Carteret County Hospice for CCAA's contribution to the Festival of Trees and one to Spouter Inn for the Christmas Party. The treasury currently balances at \$4322.21. Business items discussed include:

- ✎ The proposed FAA rule to increase the minimum number of hours required to conduct charity flights. This would significantly impact our efforts for Airport Appreciation Day. According to the AOPA, "The proposal would raise the minimum number of hours required for pilots conducting charity fundraising flights from 200 to 500 and remove an exemption that allows Part 91 sightseeing flights within 25 nm of an airport. Operators conducting flights under this exception will now be subject to the operational requirements of Part 135. The data used to justify lifting the sightseeing exemption and require the operators to be certified as Part 135 are a jumble of Part 135 and Part 91 accident reports. But of the 11 accidents cited in the NPRM, eight occurred in Hawaii, and most were apparently already operating as Part 135." The FAA has refused to hold public meetings regarding this rule but has extended the deadline for public comment. Pete Beswick is going to follow up as our airport representative.
- ✎ The Marine Corps has submitted an environmental assessment on behalf of a forthcoming proposal to create the Core and Mattamuskeet MOAs along and just inland from the Outer Banks, from 3,000 feet to 17,999 feet. From the AOPA website: "The Safety and Hazardous Materials Management section of the document notes, "Bird/aircraft strike hazards are a serious concern for military aircraft operations. In rare circumstances, aircraft may encounter birds at high altitudes. However, data from the U.S. Air Force Aviation Safety Division indicates that bird/aircraft strike mishaps, for which altitude is known, occur predominately (98.4 percent of the time) below 3,000 ft." — precisely the area GA will be forced to fly in. In addition, the proposed Core MOA, which overlies much of the Cape Lookout National Seashore, either forces GA aircraft into Class A airspace or compresses both northeast- and southwest-bound traffic into a 1,000-foot-high corridor below the MOA floor."
- ✎ A safety seminar is planned for the March meeting with food again provided by CCAA. All GA pilots are invited to attend. John Knapp will plan the seminar. Suggested topics included airspace, approaches, thunderstorms.
- ✎ Several possible locations for CCAA Flyouts were discussed. See the schedule below.

Member News

- ✎ Congratulations to Beth Beswick who became a PP ASEL on January 10th!
- ✎ Pete Wenk and Jennifer Lang flew to Mesa AZ over the Holidays. A highlight of their trip was landing in Midland TX during a dust storm with a 50 degree cross wind at 29 knots gusting to 35! Pete planted his Mooney firmly in the middle of the runway!
- ✎ Raymond Ball's son Brendon recently made his first solo flight in a C-172. Way to go Brendon!

Flyouts

- ✎ On Saturday January 24th, 6 CCAA planes and 16 people (sorry if the numbers are wrong, I got them from Frank) flew to Ocracoke for lunch at Howard's Pub. The weather was warm and beautiful and all had a GREAT time.

✎ **Mark Your Calendars**

- ✎ **Flyout: April 4th South Carolina Breakfast Club at Georgetown SC (GGE). Let Frank Hauman (728 5701) know if you plan to attend.**
- ✎ **Airport Appreciation Day May 8th**
- ✎ **May 7-9, EAA Antique Airplane Foundation Annual Spring Fly-In, Burlington NC**

News from the Airport Authority

John Betts reports that the Airport Authority has obtained funding to replace the airport perimeter fencing in order to improve security. Footings were poured last week. Bids for new hangar construction have been solicited. The Airport Authority meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Segrave Aviation

Segrave Aviation reports that they are now fully stocked with Pilot supplies. Stop by to see their inventory.

The airport scrap pile was diminished by two airplanes this month as both the King Air and the Musketeer have been taken away in pieces.

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