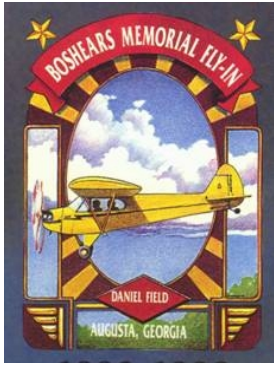


20th Boshears Skyfest

I can't believe it'll be 20-years this fall, since we began the show. I remember when Terry Burton and I talked about his vision of holding an event to honor what the Boshears family did to bring aviation to the area. I remember making the calls, our first meeting and the enthusiasm of those attending. The planning began and the excitement increased as the scheduled day grew closer. We had no idea how well it would be received by the community – that first opening day strained us to capacity handling the traffic and the crowd. Over the years, we've made a number of changes to improve how we do things, from layout, to parking and, of course, the show itself. Our show has become a looked-forward-too event by many, not just locally but across the country.



We have grown to offer a well respected air show. We've had world talents (Patty Wagstaff, Sky Soldiers, Flying Farmer), and premiered a few (Gary Ward, Team RV, Team Chaos and the newest, Greg Connell). We now have on-board, a world recognized hobby photographer (Dean Wingard), taking his first airshow pictures at our show. His pictures rival those of professionals and have been used in industry publications, posters and advertising. We brought in the Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls

Club and others – not only as show support, but to offer contributions to their cause. The Saturday morning 'run' has more than tripled in participation in a short time, increasing local support for the Boys/Girls club by 25%. We are a featured family event.

OK, you may know all that – so where am I going with this?

As we approach our 20th show, we are looking for your help and support. Some of us have been involved since the beginning, and frankly, are getting older and a little burned out. Some have dropped by the wayside, for your own reasons – and we respect that. However, we want/need your ideas on how to go forward from here. There has been talk (as some other shows have announced) of suspending the show. A recent committee meeting left no question but to continue, knowing that some changes are needed. We understand the economy plays a big part, fuel costs are now more than our whole first two shows combined. Expenses are high vs. what we take in; but we have maintained a respectable entrance fee, below the national average. We are looking for ways to gain more support – be it advertising, donations, grants and involvement.

By you receiving this, I believe you are someone that will offer your help. If you can, or know those that can (feel free to forward this message), let us know your ideas and what you can do to bring in more support for the show.

Thanks for your attention and time.

Larry Garner
Boshears/Skyfest
Augusta, GA



AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: Is there any reason a builder can't - or shouldn't - paint the tips of his prop?

According to EAA: We have not heard of any propeller that is adversely affected by painting of the tips. However, you do want to make sure that the paint that is applied does not result in an unbalanced condition, where one tip is heavier than the other. You should also check with the prop manufacturer before painting it yourself to see if they have any recommendations. Actually, applying paint to the tips is a great way to accomplish the final balancing of the prop, and paint on the tips is always a good idea from a safety standpoint. It is amazing how the prop tips literally become invisible if not painted. Note the severe injury to one person and the two fatalities during the last two months because people walked into props.

This Month's Question: A pilot is in the process of getting back into flying after a five-year hiatus. He just received his third class medical and is preparing for a flight review. He is a single- and multiengine airplane, and rotorcraft-gyroplane, helicopter-rated private pilot without an instrument rating. If he does his flight review in a gyroplane, will he also be current with his fixed-wing privileges?

Banking Summary - Last year

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Category Description	1/1/2011- 12/31/2011
INCOME	
Directed Donation	29.00
Food Trailer Income	278.00
Dues	2,860.00
Meeting Food Kitty	3,046.00
TOTAL Income	5,906.00
Leftover Food Sold	19.00
People Mover	180.11
Skyfest Exp Reimbursement	732.40
TOTAL INCOME	7,144.51
EXPENSES	
Air Spruce Gift Cert	676.00
AirNav Listing	18.00
Annual Maint. Fee	300.00
Clubhose Maint.	53.28
Clubhouse Supplies	181.15
Corporation Fee	50.00
Elect. Bill Expense	336.13
Meeting Food	1,549.18
Trailer Fees	42.45
TOTAL Expense	1,591.63
Insurance	689.00
mailing cost	29.00
Membership in National EAA	50.00
Newsletter Print. & Post.	189.27
People Mover Expense	57.01
People Mover Fuel	56.40
Printing Supplies	80.27
Scholarship	1,000.00
Table Decorations	16.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,373.14
TRANSFERS	
FROM APF '11	149.00
TO APF '12	-149.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	1,771.37