



**EAA 172 Meeting  
Fish Fry Fly-in**  
March 12, 2011, 12:30 PM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

**Sun 'n Fun® 2011**  
March 29 - April 3 Lakeland, FL

**EAA 172 Meeting  
Breakfast Fly-in**  
April 10, 2011, 9:00 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, GA

## *EAA 172 Night Out*

Thursday, March 24: EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. This month's location is Mt. Vintage Plantation Restaurant, 375 Mt. Vintage Plan Dr, North Augusta, SC 29860. Phone number: 803-279-5422. Contact Sheila Connell for more details 803-279-7250 e-mail: [cnl63560@comcast.net](mailto:cnl63560@comcast.net). For a map and directions go to the Web and put in this URL: [nightout.jcmservices.net](http://nightout.jcmservices.net)

*Birthdays*

Danny L.	STANTON	03-01	Sophia	KENT	03-01
James	McBURNEY	03-09	Dorothy	CRAWFORD	03-04
Don	BUSH	03-11	Joyce Ann	NEWMAN	03-08
Alfred	NEWMAN, Sr.	03-12	Gaye	HILL	03-12
John	SLIGAR	03-19	Margaret	RICHARDSON	03-20
Robert	BERNING	03-24	Johna	THOMPSON	03-26
Peter	TREMBLAY	03-24	Machell	WHEELER	03-27
			Sheila	CONNELL	03-30

*Anniversaries*

Douglas JOHNSON &	Dana DUDLEY	03-01
Ross &	Machell WHEELER	03-05
Bruce &	Cathie HITT	03-11
Larry &	Rita GARNER	03-14
Tom &	Pam COLLINS	03-17
Greg &	Ginger CONNELL	03-27
Jerry &	Dorothy CRAWFORD	03-29

## **TWO MEN, ONE SAILPLANE, 744 MILES**



Two men, aged 42 and 78, have reportedly broken a national two-place record by covering 744 miles at altitudes up to 27,000 feet on a 9-hour, 19-minute flight out and back to Minden, Nev., in 100-mph winds, without an engine. Gordon Boettger and the elder Hugh Bennett made the soaring flight on Feb. 15, high above the Sierra Mountain range. Their aircraft was a Discus glider with tandem seating. It was modified by removal of the engine and the addition of oxygen bottles and batteries. The two coordinated with controllers at Oakland, Seattle and Salt Lake City for the flight made possible by the vast mountain wave set up by high winds. Ground speeds ranged from over 100 mph to single digits. Boettger says he has bigger dreams that involve overnights in the air. (Information from AVweb February 28, 2011)

## AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**Answer to last month's question:** 14 CFR 45.29 gives information on the height, width, thickness, and spacing of registration markings to be displayed on U.S. registered aircraft. Is there a regulation on how much each character may be canted (angled) from the vertical?

According to EAA: There is no regulation pertaining to "canted" registration numbers. As you mentioned, all other sizing requirements must be complied with, so if you do "cant" them, be careful to maintain height, width, thickness, and spacing.

**This Month's Question:** Can I log instrument time while flying on an IFR flight plan above a solid layer of clouds without visual reference to the ground?

## FUND RAISING STATUS



Club House  
Roof Fund

Many are already aware that we have a fund raising effort going on for the Clubhouse roof. We do solicit funds from those who attend the meetings, but most of our members cannot make all the meetings. I appeal to you, also, for support of this fund. Please consider writing a check and send it to Don Bush, (address is on the front page). Remember when writing checks, please make them out to **EAA 172** only. Other fancier titles only get us in trouble with the bank. I will be communicating our progress monthly as we move toward our goal.

Again, thank you very much for your support! *AI*

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