



If you plan to attend, please go to <http://foaa.us/camping-reservations/> and sign up. This is necessary so the our hosts will have an idea of how many will be going on the canoe trip and the Friday night trip to town. No money is needed up front and if for some reason, you can't make it, you won't be turned over to a collection agency. When you go to [foaa.us/camping-reservations/](http://foaa.us/camping-reservations/) to sign up, in the last box labeled "desired use" please include the following information:

1. How many will be in your party?
2. Do you plan to go into town Friday night for dinner?
3. Will you be going on the canoe trip on Saturday?
4. Do you want the \$5.00 bag lunch on Saturday?
5. Do you plan to stay for breakfast Sunday?

We hope to see everyone there.

### **PAST EVENTS**

On the weekend of September 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> we had our September Blackwater camping event. Somebody forgot to check with the weather gods and order good weather for the weekend. There were only 5 planes that camped all weekend. About 25 so or planes flew in and visited during the weekend. Temperatures were a little warm for this time of year in the Panhandle of Florida and we had intermittent showers all weekend. The highlight of the weekend was Saturday night when D.C Nowling brought out a mess of mullet that he had caught that morning and fried them up for the group. Mrs. Nowling (Leigh) brought in all the fixings to go with the mullet and together they prepared what turned out to be a very delicious and satisfying meal. Too satisfying for some of us who didn't know when to stop eating. Thanks a whole bunch D.C. and Leigh. You made the day a great one in spite of the showers.

Sunday morning, we got up, broke camp and checked the weather for the trip home. We noticed a small area building in the Gulf, South of Tallahassee and another small area building just North of Tallahassee. No problem, we thought. Surely it will dissipate by the time we get in the air. Our plan was to stop in DeFuniak Springs for fuel and lunch and head home in a leisurely fashion.

After leaving Blackwater, Paul Michel, Hal Peters, Jason Graybeal and another guy all arrived at DeFuniak Springs about the same time to get fuel and lunch. After taking on fuel, they decided to check the weather one more time before leaving the airport for lunch. Upon checking the computer, they discovered that the small areas North and South of Tallahassee had continued to build and were merging together right where they were going.

A quick change of plans put everyone back in the air immediately. After just a few minutes in the air, they were confronted with a 20 mile long wall of water 10 miles to the North and a very menacing cell building on their Southern wingtips about 3 miles distant. Everyone's throttle handle went to the firewall in an effort to get through the door before it slammed shut. Fortunately, everyone made it through the opening about 5 minutes before it became an ugly black wall.

## **MAULE & ALL FLY-IN, MOULTRIE, GEORGIA**

The following weekend September 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>, FSAACA was invited to the “Maule & All” fly-in at the Maule Aircraft factory in Moultrie, Georgia. Over thirty aircraft showed up for the weekend. Camping was available on the grounds, which us common folk and the Maule Sport flyers took advantage of. The Maule folks provided transportation to town for those Maule “STOL” pilots that had to have an inside bedroom to sleep in. (It's a joke that only Maule pilots will understand)

There were tours of both the Maule factory and the repair facility. On Saturday, there was a short take off and landing contest that was a big hit with everyone. (You guys are going to be so embarrassed some day when a Supercub shows up to compete. Are you listening Jay S?) There was a drawing for door prizes and nearly everyone flying a Maule got some kind of prize. Somehow the tickets belonging to the Cessna and Piper pilots didn't get drawn. As my friend Donald likes to say, it must have been rigged.

All kidding aside, it was a great fly-in and one that you should put on your calendar every year. Bobby and Kim Capozzi contributed substantially to the success of the event by bringing up a truckload of door prizes, set-up props, equipment, food etc. Kim prepared food for the crowd all weekend and generally mothered everyone.

At the end Brent Maule offered \$400.00 to Bobby and Kim for their trouble and reimbursement of their expenses. They refused the money and instead had Brent make out the check to FSAACA, Thank you Bobby, Kim and Brent and all of the Maule family. We all had a great time.

## **ANNUAL MEETING IN THOMASVILLE**

Our annual meeting in Thomasville was canceled due to hurricane Matthew. The fly-in went off as planned, but only a few people braved the blustery conditions that resulted from Matthew strutting up the East coast of Florida and Georgia. Access to Thomasville from the South was almost impossible due to conditions.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD DURING OUR DECEMBER FLY-IN AT LAKE LAND AT 1:00 P.M. RIGHT AFTER LUNCH. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND. WE HOPE TO HAVE SOME VERY EXCITING NEWS TO ANNOUNCE THERE.**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Mike and Mary List** of Jacksonville Florida. Mike and Mary fly a Cessna 150 out of Hilliard Airport in Hilliard, Florida

**David and Andrea Standelf** of Jacksonville, Florida. David and Andrea fly a Fairchild 24 out of Herlong in Jacksonville.

Welcome aboard everyone. Hope to see you all at a fly-in soon.

Last week I got an email from Shelly and Esther Decker. They asked me to pass this on to our members and friends. This is what he said: *“if you wish to pass it on, Estherbrook 7FD9 always welcomes flyers who wish to camp, fish, swim, or just get away from it all. All we ask is you let us know you are coming and be proficient in short field take offs and*

*landings We're just 2200 feet long”*

For those of you unfamiliar with Estherbrook, it is Shelly and Esthers personal grass strip in North Florida. It is located, literally on the Florida/Georgia line (Withlacoochee River) about 10 miles West of I-75. You can reach them at (850) 929-2404 or [thbear43@gmail.com](mailto:thbear43@gmail.com).

### FSAACA ELECTIONS UPCOMING

**We will be holding our Annual Meeting along with the election of officers this year at the Vintage Hospitality House at Lakeland Airport at 1:00 P.M. on December 3<sup>rd</sup> .** We will also be picking our Antiquer of the Year during the meeting.

At the direction of our by-laws, we will be electing two new officers to two year terms. The positions to be filled are vice president and treasurer.

Thus far, we have a candidate for each office to be filled. Jason Graybeal out of Norton's airstrip in Summerfield has put his name in the hat for VP. Hal Peters, out of Johary's scrub patch in Summerfield is already ably fulfilling the duties of Secretary has entered his name for Treasurer.

There is still time for others to toss their name in the hat for either of these offices.

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the meeting.

**An official ballot is attached with this newsletter. If you will be unable to attend the annual meeting next month, please fill out the ballot and return it by snail mail to the address indicated.**

**WANTED:** Serviceable metal prop to fit a C-85 on a J-3. Contact Jason Graybeal at 352-266-9756 with details.

It is rumored that Mike Angell has his RV-6 up for sale. If you are interested, contact Mike at (352) 804-0424 or [mangell03@yahoo.com](mailto:mangell03@yahoo.com).

### FSAACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 11, 12, 13	(X06)	Arcadia – Camping
December 3	(KLAL)	Lakeland – Annual Home Field Gathering

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