

Florida Sport Aviation Antique and Classic Association
E.A.A. Vintage Division, Chapter One

“FSAACA”

The Scud Runner

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Our next touchdown will be on Saturday January 31st at Melrose Landing at the Capozzi's Hangar. This will be a one day (Saturday only) event. Kim and Bobby will be hosting a FREE FSAACA Member Appreciation Breakfast. **All current FSAACA members eat FREE.** Guests will be expected to leave a small donation or they may join FSAACA to take advantage of the freebies. The menu includes eggs, sausage, grits, Kim's delicious biscuits and sausage gravy, coffee and juice. We strongly urge ALL member to show up. You'll be sorry if you miss this one!!

We will have guest speaker, Jack Tyler, the Florida liaison for the Recreational Aviation Foundation. Jack will be introducing our members to the RAF, who they are and what they have been doing for the general aviation industry. You'll be surprised to hear of their multitude of accomplishments in the last ten years since they were formed.

There will be a director's meeting right after breakfast.

Ya'll come hungry for both food and knowledge. You won't be disappointed.

If you're driving in the address is: 392 Melrose Landing Blvd
Hawthornes, FL. 32640

Flying in, it's Airport Identifier “FD22”
Runway 5/23, 3400 ft asphalt plus 1200 ft of turf
Rt traffic pattern on 5, Lt traffic pattern on 23
Monitor 122.9



On February 6th, 7th and 8th, we will be flying out to Everglades City for the Everglades Seafood Festival. We haven't made this trip for nearly ten years. It will be interesting to

see if the Old Florida, reminiscent of the early 1900's has changed any. I'm betting it hasn't. Come on down and enjoy the best of fresh Florida seafood and live entertainment. Starting Friday evening at 5 P.M., listen to the group, "Let's Hang On" singing Frankie Valli greats, Tim Elliott and Jacksonville native and cousin of the late Ronnie Van Zant of Lynyrd Skynyrd fame, Jimmie Van Zant. Many more name artists will be performing throughout the weekend.

We have been granted permission to camp on the airport. The plan is to fly down on Friday with our camping gear and spend the weekend. They will have a shuttle for getting back and forth to the festival. Shopping and restaurants are available in town.

If you're driving in the address is: 1 Mile SW of the city
Everglades City

Flying in, it's Airport Identifier "X01"
Runway 15/33, 2400 ft asphalt
Rt traffic pattern on 15, Lt traffic pattern on 33
Monitor 123.075
Self serve fuel is available on the airport.

On March 13th, 14th and 15th we will be flying out to Arcadia for a camping and Rodeo weekend. The Friends of Arcadia Airport have recently built a camping area on the airport property. The Friends of Arcadia Airport and the Recreational Aviation Foundation are sponsoring this event. We urge everyone to get signed up as soon as possible. At the request of this newsletter editor, Jack Tyler of the R.A.F. has written a short blurb describing the event as follows:

Don't Miss Arcadia's Rodeo Weekend!

Perhaps you've already heard about Friends of Arcadia Airport, a volunteer group who singlehandedly has been rescuing Arcadia Muni X06 and is converting 5 acres of native Florida terrain into Florida's first real Pilot Shelter. I'll save all that for another time. The point of this letter is to insure FSAACA members know about the Rodeo Weekend that Friends and the [Recreational Aviation Foundation](#) are sponsoring for the 2nd year. There's literally no fly-in event anywhere that's like Rodeo Weekend in Arcadia, Florida on March 13th to 15th.

[Friends of Arcadia Airport](#) will host us the entire weekend, Friday afternoon through Sunday morning. Plan on not lifting a finger, as 'Friends' will cook our meals (small cost or donation; depends on the meal), has arranged discount rodeo tickets, will arrange transportation to/from the Rodeo (or you can walk), and they may even sing for us Sat night (so bring your instruments, as some did last year). Camping will be adjacent to the 'hospitality hangar' if not in their new Pilot Shelter area, with fire ring and portalettes nearby.

There's no charge to participate but you should register for this event (it helps planning immensely) by going to the RAF Event Calendar here:
<http://theraf.org/civicrm/event/info?id=153>

Be sure you indicate when registering how many rodeo tickets (\$15/each) you need us to hold for your party, if you hope to attend the rodeo. And in case you are wondering, the rodeo is of a 'Wide World of Sports' quality with many contestants from the pro circuit. (Some Florida residents don't know that Florida has more cattle than Texas. Arcadia's rodeo has been around for over 8 decades; it's the 'real deal').

But there won't be rodeo tickets available by the time you arrive unless you reserve them, as they always sell out. Keep in mind there won't be a 'rain date' offered since the rodeo is only held on this weekend. If the plane's in the shop, you're still welcome. We had a tent camper and RV camper both join us last year.

'Friends' hospitality last year was exceptional and the event had a relaxed, out in the country feel. Also consider that, if this is one of the best fly-in experiences you've had in years, you might kick a few extra bucks into 'Friends' cookie jar before leaving. They are a 501.c.3 tax-deductible charity and are singlehandedly reviving an airport in a local area with a long aviation tradition. Like the RAF, they deserve the support of all of us who value a healthy future for recreational aviation.

Before concluding, let me also invite you over to the [RAF website](#) at theraf.org. Our sole mission is to protect, maintain and open up airstrips in recreationally interesting destinations. If you would like a good 'Florida Example' of what the RAF has been doing, read about [Blackwater Airfield](#) in beautiful Blackwater River State Park. Closed for decades, the RAF and the forest's local management reopened public access, using a permit process, to this long, wide, smooth airstrip in the heart of Blackwater's recreational area. Imagine camping under wing with the airfield all to yourself and hot/cold showers, hiking trails and lots more a stone's throw away. If this sounds worthwhile, come join Team RAF. We don't ask for a dime. Our bet is that, with time, you'll volunteer a contribution once you see our successes.

Have Q's? Need more info? Let me hear from you.

Jack Tyler, RAF Florida State Liaison

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We'll have more on this event in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, be sure and contact the RAF and get your tickets reserved.



Our last fly-in on January 10th at New Smyrna Beach was a big success with just over fifty airplanes showing up. We all got a good close-up look at the B-17 and B-24 in for their annuals, plus a P-51 and many other pieces of WW-2 equipment including a SCUD missile launch vehicle.

We appreciate all of the hard work performed by our hosts at this annual event.

We had our first Board meeting of the year after lunch at New Smyrna. A lot of business and planning for the year was conducted. The high-light though was FSAACA's

decision to sponsor one of our newest members for flight training. Randa Johnston is a young lady that has been flying with Clark Dechant in his Stearman for the last few months. She is taking aviation related courses in college and has her sights set on a career in commercial aviation. FSAACA has agreed to donate money to get her started on her flight training. We all wish her the best of luck and much success.

It's that time of year again

Sun N Fun is just around the corner. All FSAACA members who want to work at the Vintage Building should contact Kim Capozzi at FSAACA@AOL.Com or call her at (352)363-4025 immediately to reserve their credentials for free admission to the fly-in and expo. She will be ordering credentials soon, so don't delay in contacting her if you want to participate.

Humor

His request approved, the Bulletin Newspaper photographer quickly used his mobile phone to call the Townsville airport to charter a flight. He was told a plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go". The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, "Fly over Mount Stuart and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm a photographer for the Bulletin" he responded, "and I need to get some close up shots."

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered,..... 'So, what you're telling me, is . . . You're NOT my flight instructor?"

"Life is short.....Drink the good wine first."

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