

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

**“FSAACA”**

**The Scud Runner**

**June 2016 Edition**

Our next touchdown will be at Keystone Airpark(42J) <http://airnav.com/airport/42J> on June 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a one day only event and will take place between 10 AM and 2 PM on Saturday.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served along with chips and fresh brownies. We hope that everyone will come, even if you have to drive. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to FSAACA to benefit our scholarship fund.

Keystone Airpark was constructed in 1942 under the moniker of Crystal Lake Airfield. Later that year it was commissioned by the U. S. Army Force as Keystone Army Airfield.

*During the war, Keystone AAF was the home of the AAFSAT Strategic Reconnaissance School. The [432d Tactical Reconnaissance Group](#) was moved in early March 1943 from Alachua as the Operational Training Unit (OTU), although its component, [3d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron](#) was assigned to Keystone in January in an attached status from the AAFSAT Air Support Department.*

*At Keystone, students flew the [F-3A Havoc](#) (a version of the A-20 Havoc attack aircraft), and the [P-39D-3](#) Reconnaissance version of the Airacobra fighter. The L-2 and L-3 Grasshopper light observation aircraft were also utilized. Pilots were trained in battlefield reconnaissance as well as long-range strategic reconnaissance photography, evasion techniques and other skills necessary for the unarmed combat reconnaissance missions to assist fighter, bombardment, and ground units.*

*In November 1943, the [313th Fighter Squadron](#) was moved from Alachua with [P-40 Warhawks](#). The 313th was part of the AAFSAT 50th Fighter Group which trained single-engine pilots in combat maneuvers. Crowded conditions at Alachua and the phasedown of the photo-reconnaissance school at Keystone were the reasons necessitating the move of the 313th. The 313th FS was upgraded to [P-47D Thunderbolts](#) in July 1943.*

*Phase-down of Keystone AAF began in late 1943 when the 432d was inactivated on 1 November*

1943, and the 3d TRS was moved back to [Orlando Army Air Base](#) in early February 1944. The 313th FS was moved back to Orlando in January in preparation for its parent 50th Fighter Group being sent to the [European Theater of Operations](#) (ETO) as an operational fighter group under [Ninth Air Force](#).

With the operational squadrons leaving, a caretaker unit was assigned and the flying mission at the airfield was reduced to the support of transient aircraft using Keystone for landings and cross-country flights. The number of personnel were reduced, being reassigned to other bases.

In January 1945, AAFSAT sent down orders to close the facility, and it was placed on inactive status on 1 February 1945. Jurisdiction of the airfield was transferred to [Air Technical Service Command](#) (ATSC), whose mission was the transfer of any useful military equipment to other bases around the country. Under ATSC, buildings and equipment were sold and any useful military equipment was transferred to other bases around the country. The base was declared as surplus in 1946 and was turned over to the [War Assets Administration](#) (WAA) for disposal and return to civil use.

The City of Keystone Heights acquired the property from the federal government in 1947.

The airport manager, the stunningly attractive Maria Gall will be our hostess for the event. We urge everyone to be sure to look Maria and her crew up and express your gratitude for their efforts and generosity.

Driving in, It's Keystone Airpark, 7100 Airport Road Stark, Fl. 32091

Flying in, it's Airport Identifier 42J. Airport frequency is 122.7

<http://airnav.com/airport/42J>

While you're there, top off those tanks. They have the best fuel prices in the area.

### **PAST EVENTS**

No past events to report on this month. Our scheduled fly-in at Williston was canceled due a scheduling conflict of the host.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Our annual “hottest month of the year” fly-in will be held at Back Achers on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Pete Fambrough will be our host. This is always a great and well attended fly-in. Most of you older members have been there many times in the past and can attest that this is a great fly-in. Mark your calendars for July 16<sup>th</sup> and pray for good weather.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Donis & Bonnie Hamilton flying a Fairchild 24 and a Cessna 140 out of Paragould AR.  
William Morgan flying a Champ out of Paragould Arkansas

Thomas Julian flying a Cessna 140 and a Stinson 10 out of Niceville, Florida  
Welcome to the FSAACA family everyone. We're happy to have you aboard.

### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE**

We recently received this update on Randa from Clark Dechant:

*“I saw Randa two days ago and she was to either fly or to work on additional oral prep time with her CFI. In either event, she is supposed to be right at the point of taking her checkride. I think I told you "her " 172 came up for TBO so she was not allowed to use it. I arranged for her for take her checkride in a neighbors 172 after we flew in it for several hours. (Rob Nixon, who is a really great guy!) She flew once with me in it. Then her flight school told her she could finish up her training in "her" 172 after all??? There is more...She is receiving quite a lot of prep for the oral. It seems her CFI has a high failure rate! SOOO instead of retraining a deficient CFI, they intend to untrain Randa and then retrain her to pass the test, all the while charging her ground time. It is no wonder the school is soon to cease operations”*

**REALLY!!!** They're going to charge Randa to retrain her when they provided an incompetent CFI to train her the first time? **REALLY!!** Sounds like some pink slips need to be passed out, starting from the top to bottom.

Andrew Eyster is the latest recipient of a Florida Sport Aviation Antique and Classic Association student pilot scholarship. He was chosen by a unanimous vote of FSAACA's board of directors and executive committee. We don't want to put any undue pressure on you Andrew, but we're looking forward to you taking your check ride by the end of the summer. Andrew is training under FSAACA member and CFI, Paul Asbury. Best of luck to both of you.

**Update:** After Paul spent some time flying with Andrew, he reported that because of Andrew's previous flying experience with his dad, Jim and friends, he is probably going to need a minimum amount of time in the air. Just enough to get all of the FAA time and task requirements checked off. Again, no pressure Andrew, but get to work and get that ticket by the end of the summer. There is no point in dragging it out. Get it under your belt and move on to bigger and better things.

### **FSAACA ELECTIONS UPCOMING**

The election of new FSAACA officers will soon be upon us. 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. Anyone willing and able to step up and serve your organization please contact Steve Knouse at [FSAACA01@centurylink.net](mailto:FSAACA01@centurylink.net), 352-250-8139 or Kim Capozzi at [FSAACA@Aol.com](mailto:FSAACA@Aol.com) 352-363-4025 or Jason Graybeal at [chopper0389@hotmail.com](mailto:chopper0389@hotmail.com), 352-266-9756.

Either position will require a minimum amount of your time and effort. The duties of the VP are to fill in when the president is playing hookey, and making a few phone calls in November to set up fly-ins for the following year.

The duties of the Treasurer are very minimal due to the fact that our tightfisted, overbearing, cheapskate, control freak president won't allow the organization to spend any money unless it is for the preservation or promotion of the organization. So there are very few checks to write and very little bookkeeping to be done.

**Come on folks. Step up and serve your organization. We need new blood at the top. The folks that have been serving you for the past ten years are beginning to burn out.**

### MATTERS OF CYBERSPACE

Life member and webmaster Dan Brooks has done a fantastic job getting our new website at FSAACA.aero up and running and deserves everyone's applause. If there is something that you would like to see on the website, contact "Brooksie" at "[Dan@Brooksaviation.com](mailto:Dan@Brooksaviation.com)" and he'll get-er-done.

Our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSportAviationAntiqueAndClassicAssociation/> is being administered by Facebook master, Jason Graybeal. He keeps the page fresh and updated daily with photos, articles and videos from the aviation world. Make it a habit to stop by there anytime you are on Facebook and get the latest club and world news and entertainment.

### FSAACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11	(42J)	Keystone – Stay tuned for details
July 16	*(8FL3)	Back Achers
August TBD	(FL10)	Little River/(X60) TBD
September 16, 17, 18	(8FD3)	Blackwater – FSAACA/RAF Camping
September 23, 24, 25	(MUL)	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Maule Homecoming Fly-in -Camping, Factory Tour
October 7, 8, 9	** (TVI)	Thomasville – Annual Meeting, Camping
November 11, 12, 13	(X06)	Arcadia – Camping
December 3	(KLAL)	Lakeland – Annual Home Field Gathering

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