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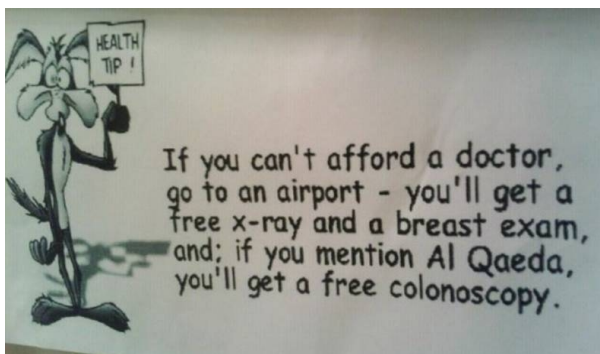
President's Desk

Al Nodorft

Hard to believe July is already here. Hope everyone enjoys a safe July 4th. At the moment, we are not planning anything special, just looking forward to some time off.

I am looking forward to the end of July when I get to go to Oshkosh again. This is always my favorite time of year. It is usually a bit cooler in Wisconsin and I get to see a lot of friends and relatives.

June was a pretty quiet aviation month for me, so I will leave you with this comic.



JULY MEETING:

The meeting this month is July 8th at the Pea Patch. Lunch will be hamburgers and hot dogs at 11:30 am.

Our guest speaker will be Jacob Postell. Jacob works for Augusta aviation and builds and flies drones for recreation. He will tell us about this hobby.



Fly Safe!

Al



Here are some possible side dishes and desserts you could bring to the Saturday, July 8th meeting. We will be having hot dogs & hamburgers in the air-conditioned comfort of the EAA 172 clubhouse.

Cucumber salad, potato salad, watermelon salad, tomato salad, corn on the cob, macaroni and cheese, biscuits, deviled eggs, grilled corn, black eyed peas, corn bread, pickled watermelon rinds, cookies, sweet rolls, pound cake, cakes of all types, fruit salad, jello, lemon meringue or coconut cream pie, fruit cobbler, strawberries, grapes.

Minutes of the Meeting of EAA Chapter 172 Members for 11:30 AM, June 10, 2017
Barbecue Fly-in at the Pea Patch Aerodrome



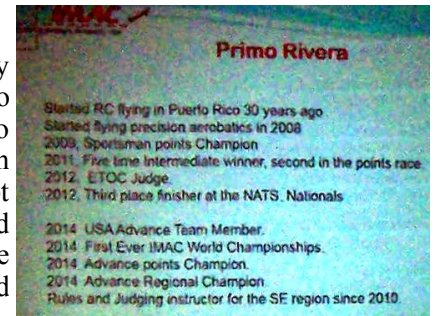
The weather was quite warm, but still comfortable, in the low 90s with a blue sky. Before the meeting, 24 club members, their families, and visitors enjoyed a delicious barbecue meal in the air-conditioned clubhouse. One airplane flew in. At 11:37 AM Sid Brown gave the invocation and everyone enjoyed the excellent meal. Club members had brought in many side dishes as well as delicious desserts. The Aerospouses set out the side dishes and desserts and prepared the dinner tables. Club president Al Nodorft thanked Sid Brown for preparing the barbecue.

President Nodorft asked for a motion approving the minutes covering the May 6, 2017, Young Eagles Rally at Augusta Aviation, at the Daniel Field airport in Augusta. Mark Slone moved and Nandi Shetty seconded the motion. The members approved the minutes unanimously.

Sheila Connell said that our next social eat-out for EAA 172 would be on Thursday, June 22. It will be at Beck's Restaurant, 2111 Kings Way, Augusta, Georgia.



After the meal we enjoyed a presentation by Primo Rivera who started flying RC (Radio Controlled) aircraft 30 years ago in Puerto Rico. He reviewed his past experience with RC model aircraft as shown in the screen shot from his video presentation. He is associated with [IMAC](#), the International Miniature Aerobatic Club. It is an organization dedicated



to the competitive sport of radio controlled Scale Aerobatic competition.



During his presentation Rivera answered many questions. He had set out the aircraft he flies on the floor in the meeting room. He said that the plane is powered by a twenty horsepower four cylinder two-stroke engine. He uses a 40:1 mixture of gas-oil. When asked, he said that at this time there is no battery setup that would work for any length of time so presently the aerobatic aircraft that are used are all gasoline powered. He said that he put his together with Gorilla glue and it is made mostly of balsa wood. It took him about 700



hours to make the aircraft he was showing us. Those large RC aircraft cost around \$15,000.

Rivera described in detail the competitions – the organized events operated under established rules. Pilots fly a “sequence” of pre-established maneuvers in front of judges. Starting with a perfect score of 10 for each maneuver, judges will deduct for deviations or errors. Sequences generally consist of 8 – 10 maneuvers. Rivera started flying precision aerobatics and competing in 2008. He has been a top finisher in many contests and holds a number of awards for those competitions.

Then Primo Rivera brought his aircraft outside and



had it take off and demonstrated some fancy aerobatics to the delight of the club members.



EAA 172 HOT DOGS & BURGERS
 July 8, 2017 11:30 am
 Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia

EAA 172 COLD CUTS FLY-IN
 August 12, 2017 11:30 am
 Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA), Blythe, Georgia

Burgers

Anniversaries

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|--------------|-------|-------------|----------|-------|
| Billy COUCH | 07-08 | Jamie Black | MILLER | 07-04 |
| Keith GOFF | 07-09 | Joan | SILLIMAN | 07-05 |
| Pierre SMITH | 07-14 | Miranda | LAFAVE | 07-22 |
| Gary HARDEN | 07-19 | Patty | CAMERON | 07-23 |
| Don GAY | 07-22 | | | |

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| Alex & Miranda LAFAVE | 07-03 |
| Danny & Kathleen STANTON | 07-03 |
| Daniel & Joan SILLIMAN | 07-05 |
| Phillip & Coral BLANCHARD | 07-14 |
| Eddie & Mary BOOTH | 07-16 |

EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, July 27: 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 **T-Bonz Steakhouse, 601 North Belair Office Square, Suite 30, Evans, Georgia 30809. Phone number: 706-737-8325. Map and directions: [T-Bonz Directions](#). For questions contact Shirley Harden 706-855-1553 e-mail: ghardensr@comcast.net.**

AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: *I lost my pilot certificate. Is a printout of a screen shot of my airman record from the FAA website acceptable to carry in lieu of my pilot certificate?*

According to the FAA: No. You must carry a pilot certificate or a document conveying temporary authority issued by FAA Airmen Certification. (See [14 CFR 61.3](#).) When you make your request online, temporary authority, detailed in [14 CFR 61.29](#), is emailed within minutes of your request. It can then be printed and carried with you when you fly, and is valid for up to 60 days. You also should request a [replacement pilot certificate](#) at the same time.

This Month's Question: I am not an A&P mechanic. Can I legally make and use my own part (so I don't have to buy the part) for my certified airplane no matter what age the plane is?



EAA AIRVENTURE® OSHKOSH ALMOST HERE

EAA AirVenture® Oshkosh takes place July 24 to July 30, 2017 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin ([KOSH](#)). Some EAA 172 members will drive there. Others will fly. Club president Al Nodorft usually flies his plane there with his family, this year less his son Michael who is vacationing/working/flight training in Alaska. Jim Mayer and Aaron Ramsey will most likely continue their volunteer work at Oshkosh this year. Others who have gone in the past are Dennis Allen, Don Bush, Joe Britt, and Sam Hart. We look forward to their reports to be printed in the August newsletter.



David Leiting, EAA Chapter Outreach Specialist writes “For aviation enthusiasts all around the world, Oshkosh is the highlight of the year. As one of my personal mentors liked to say, 'Oshkosh is literally a pure shot of aviation adrenaline.’” Leiting goes on to write “The new home for chapters and Young Eagles, known as the Blue Barn, will be located directly across Knapp Street from the Forums Plaza. ... Within the Blue Barn, you will find Paul Poberezny’s VW Bug, Red One, where you will be able to sit in the famous Volkswagen for a photo opportunity. In addition to the Red One photo opportunity, be sure to stake your claim on our chapter map, with pushpin windsocks provided by EAA.”

(Information adapted from [EAA Chaptergram 06/26/17](#)→[Oshkosh is Coming](#))

GERALD BALLARD HOSPITALIZED

On June 25, 2017, Janet Ballard Frazier, the daughter of member Gerald Ballard, wrote “I just wanted to let everyone know my father, Gerald Ballard, is in the hospital after he suffered a mild stroke. He is making great progress. He is walking, feeding himself, and is completely aware of all conversations. Of course he is giving nurses and us a hard time by trying to escape and breakout of the hospital to go home. He has a great medical team and should make a full recovery. Please continue to pray for his full recovery.” That evening she added “For those of you who want to send Gerald get well wishes, the address is 4165 Peach Orchard Road, Hephzibah, GA 30815.”



On June 26, Valerie Anderson wrote “Here is a status on Gerald (by way of his daughter, Janet)...

'He was discharged from the hospital and moved to rehabilitation yesterday. Those involved with the move were anticipating a struggle to get him in an ambulance (the hospital's preferred method of transport) - but because he had spent so much effort plotting his escape the prior two days, he slept thru the entire move!'

The word I got from Janet today is that he started more shenanigans yesterday evening to a point where 'he might get thrown out of rehab.'

Please continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers because they sure are working!!”

Besides his heavy equipment recycling business and piloting activities, Gerald Ballard is President of the SCBC - the South Carolina Breakfast Club. The South Carolina Breakfast Club is led by President Gerald Ballard who has been visiting airports around South Carolina and a few surrounding states every other Sunday since 1938. He only missed events during World War II when fuel was not available. The SCBC has no dues — you join by attending your first one and the only rule is to “fly safe.”

Richard Lee "Rich" Gabor



July 14, 1948 - June 14, 2017

Richard Lee Gabor

Richard Lee Gabor, 68, passed away June 14, 2017, at University Hospital.

Rich was born in Morgantown, West Virginia but had lived in Augusta for the last 28 years. He was a member of Warren Baptist Church and retired from Bechtel at SRS in 2002. Rich once served as president of the EAA Chapter 172 and spent many years at the Pea Patch in Blythe, Georgia building and flying experimental aircraft.

Rich is survived by his wife: Kathy Gabor; son: Ryan Gabor; step children: Adam (Ashley) Harris and Amanda (Blake) Rice; grandchildren: Macy Harris, Cara Anne Harris, Wiley Harris and Lake Rice; sister: Phyllis Atwood; and brother: Jerry Gabor. He is preceded in death by his parents: Joseph and Florine Gabor; and brothers: John Gabor and Bill Gabor.

The memorial service was held Friday, June 16, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. in the Chapel at Warren Baptist Church with Dr. Rev. David McKinley officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to Warren Life Foundation, 3203 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30907.

The family received friends prior to the service from 1:30 until 3:00 P.M. in the Chapel.

Though Thomas Poteet & Son Funeral Directors
had made the arrangements,
the visitation with family was from 1:30 to 3:00 PM
Friday, June 16, 2017

at

Warren Baptist Church – in the Chapel.

3203 Washington Rd,
Augusta, Georgia 30907
Phone: (706) 860-1586



OBITUARY

Published in The Augusta Chronicle on June 15, 2017

Please sign the [GUESTBOOK](#) for the Augusta Chronicle Obituary.

Up through 2014 Richard was very active in EAA 172, often handling Young Eagles events, preparing special foods for our meals, working with our fly-ins, leading and directing the re-building of our EAA 172 Pea Patch clubhouse, and many other club pursuits. He was EAA 172 president 1999, 2000, 2001.

FOR SALE: Members' Items for Sale

RV-4 FOR SALE

1994 RV-4. Just over 800 hrs. total time. Engine is a Lycoming IO 320 -- 220 hrs. SMOH. Inverted fuel and oil system. Great for day/night VFR. Three blade Catto prop, installed December, 2015, has the very expensive and top performing "Electroformed Nickel" leading edge. Has a Bendix King KLX 135A GPS/Comm unit. Has a Terra TRT-250D transponder which takes the all solid-state design of the TRT-250, and adds a more readable display and a number of convenience features. Standard classic aviation gauges & instruments, no glass panel. Located at Waynesboro, Georgia.

Asking \$49,500

Contact Edwin Wadel, Owner - located Waynesboro, Georgia
e-mail: [Edwin Wadel](mailto:Edwin.Wadel)



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POWERED PARACHUTE FOR SALE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY



2005 Destiny XLT Tandem. 125 hrs TT. Purchased in 2006 with 10 hrs TT from original owner. Still perfect. Beautiful multi-colored Sundowner 550 chute. 65 HP Rotax engine with dual ignition. VHF, CB (for formation flying) and Garmin etrex GPS. Engine Information System. 10 gal fuel tank. Very economical to fly - 4 gal/hr on car gas. Great low-and-slow fun at 10 ft AGL and 30 mph. Super platform for sight seeing and photography. Two helmets with IC. Includes enclosed trailer with ramp. Located at Louisville, Georgia ([2J3](#)). The safest way to fly. Easy to learn.

Click [here](#) or photo to enlarge Owner/seller Navy career attack pilot.

Now asking only \$11,500 (reduced again, this time by \$1,495!)

Contact Charles Lewis at 706-830-3393 or e-mail: [Charles Lewis](mailto:Charles.Lewis)

EAA 172 member Larry Garner sold his Cherokee aircraft. He has many aircraft related items for sale. Larry wrote on February 4, 2016: "Since I sold my Cherokee , been going thru what airplane stuff I've accumulated over the years and this is some of what I have. I am very open to offers, just have to start somewhere. I did research current selling prices."

Larry Garner e-mail: garner49@comcast.net SEE THE LIST AT: [Garner's Airplane Stuff](#)

THORP T-18 AIRFRAME FOR SALE

This is Al Patton's Thorp T-18 airplane. It has been disassembled. It is a tricycle gear aircraft. All parts of the airframe are included: Fuselage, wings, landing gear, tail section. Make an offer! Contact Tom Patton for further information. Phone: 706-863-1979 e-mail: tomalpat@aol.com

Suzuki three wheel trike FOR SALE

Member George Weiss says that he was 90 years old in January, 2017. So, though he uses it often, he now wants to sell his Suzuki three wheel trike. It is a model C50 2007 Tramp VL800K Cred with black trim. It has only 2590 miles with good tires. Very good condition. George is asking \$8000 or best offer

Phone: 706-910-0623 e-mail: weiloan@yahoo.com



stock photo of a 2007 Suzuki three wheel trike C50 Tramp

Club Member Aaron Ramsey still has this aircraft for sale:

Quicksilver MX Sprint

Single place – high wing – Single Engine

Wing Span 18'- 1"

Empty Weight 250 lbs. (true ultralight!)

Gross Weight 525 lbs.

Useful load: 275 lbs.

Engine: Rotax 447

Fuel capacity: 5 U.S. gallons

Takeoff distance 50' obstacle: 200 feet

Rate of climb: 900 ft/min

Landing distance: 200 feet

Maximum level speed: 54 mph

Also included with sale is a Rotax 503 engine that needs servicing/rebuilding.

Located at an airstrip near Blythe, Georgia in a covered hangar.

For the full version of this ad with much more information click on:

For Sale: [Quicksilver MX Sprint](#)



ASKING: \$4,500 OBO

This ad was *NEW* 01/27/14

Contact Aaron Ramsey

e-mail: veryhappyhouse@bellsouth.net

Phone number: Cell: 803-292-2235

EAA 172 MEMBER KEITH ROBBINS STILL HAS THIS ENGINE FOR SALE:

Continental O-300-D engine with Airflow Performance injection.

Engine log included. TT 2274. SMOH 1135. Cylinders replaced STO H 62.4 Custom Full flow intake manifolds.

*Injectors and log manifolds installed and tested by Airflow Performance in South Carolina.

*Engine stored in shipping box, turned, and cylinders blown with oil.

*Engine attached to a custom mount.

*New plugs and wires.



[Continental O-300-D lower side](#)



[Continental O-300-D bottom & frame](#)

Contact Keith Robbins by e-mail: kcr83406@yahoo.com

For the full version of this ad, with enlargements, click on: [For Sale: Continental 0-300-D engine](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Listings on the "Upcoming Events" pages are often revised.
Check the [Calendar](#) on the EAA 172 Website for any changes.

July 2017

Saturday, July 8: EAA 172 Hot Dogs & Hamburgers 11:30 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). We will enjoy a fine Hot dog & burger meal as well as side dishes and many delicious varieties of desserts. The meal is at 11:30 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). Runway 01/19: 2500' x 150' sod -- good --; GPS: 33° 18.08' N / 82° 10.46' W; Elevation 434' , 4511 Boulineau Rd., Blythe, Georgia, 30805. UNICOM 122.7 mhz. For more information contact EAA 172 president Al Nodorft, (706) 955-1049 eMail: Nodorft@Hotmail.com or e-mail EAA172@jcmservices.net. Click [HERE](#) for directions (both land and air). Click [HERE](#) for the Mapquest directions. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/61GA> for airport info. For the meeting agenda click [HERE](#).

Saturday, July 8: 48th Cracker Fly In Gainesville, Georgia. Lee Gilmer Memorial ([KGVL](#)). 07:00 AM - 03:00 PM. 1137 Aviation Way, Gainesville, Georgia, 30501. **EAA chapter 611 announces their 48th Annual Cracker Fly-In.** Fly-in [Driving Directions](#). [Aviation Information](#). Over 150 aircraft expected from all over the Southeast. Aircraft judging. Pancakes @ 07:30 AM, lunch @ 11:00 AM. Runway 5/23 Open all Day (No airshows). Warbird Rides, Huey & Cobra Helicopter Rides. Military planes, J3 Cubs, Stearmans, British cars and Military Trucks on static display. Kids play area with games, activities, snow cones, and more. Cost: \$5 donation for walk-ins. Kids 12 and under are free. Those who Fly-In are free.

For more information contact: Shane Crider by Email: scrider@bellsouth.net or call/text 770-540-9614. Follow their [Facebook](#) site.

[48th Cracker Fly-in Website](#)

Sunday, July 9: SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Triple Tree Aerodrome, Woodruff, South Carolina (SC00)(pvt.). Located between the towns of Woodruff and Enoree, SC, on Mary Hanna Road, Woodruff, SC. UNICOM: 122.9. ZIPcode 29388. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail info@flyscbc.com. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/SC00> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Triple Tree Aerodrome](#). [SCBC Website](#). [SCBC on Facebook](#).

Sunday, July 23: SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Cheraw Municipal / Lynch Bellinger Field Airport, Cheraw, South Carolina (KCQW). CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8 ZIPcode 29520. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail info@flyscbc.com. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KCQW> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Cheraw Airport](#). [SCBC Website](#). [SCBC on Facebook](#).

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Monday - Sunday, July 24 - July 30: EAA Oshkosh AirVenture® 2017 Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, Wisconsin (KOSH) CTAF 118.5. UNICOM 122.95 ZIP code 54902. Website: [AirVenture 2017](#)
See <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KOSH> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Wittman Regional Airport](#).

August 2017

Tuesday - Saturday, August 1 - August 5: 55th Annual PRA Rotorcraft Convention Fly-in, PRA Mentone Airport (C92) CTAF 122.9. ZIP code 46539. 12296 W 600 S, Mentone, Indiana. Phone: 574-353-7227. See <http://www.airnav.com/airport/C92> for airport info. Convention Website: [PRA Convention](#) For driving directions click on [Mentone Airport](#).

Sunday, August 6: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* Anderson Regional Airport, Anderson, South Carolina (KAND). CTAF: 123.6; UNICOM: 122.95. ZIPcode 29626. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail info@flyscbc.com. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KAND> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Anderson Airport](#). [SCBC Website](#). [SCBC on Facebook](#).

Saturday, August 12: *EAA 172 Cold Cuts Fly-in* 11:30 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). We will enjoy a fine meal of cold cuts as well as side dishes and many delicious varieties of desserts. The meal is at 11:30 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). Runway 01/19: 2500' x 150' sod -- good --; GPS: 33° 18.08' N / 82° 10.46' W; Elevation 434' , 4511 Boulineau Rd., Blythe, Georgia, 30805. UNICOM 122.7 mhz. For more information contact EAA 172 president Al Nodorft, (706) 955-1049 eMail: Nodorft@Hotmail.com or e-mail EAA172@jcmservices.net. Click [HERE](#) for directions (both land and air). Click [HERE](#) for the Mapquest directions. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/61GA> for airport info. For the meeting agenda click [HERE](#).

Sunday, August 20: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* Berkeley County Airport, Moncks Corner, South Carolina (KMKS - formerly 50J). CTAF/UNICOM: 123.05. ZIPcode 29461. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail info@flyscbc.com. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KMKS> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Berkeley County Airport](#). [SCBC Website](#). [SCBC on Facebook](#).

September 2017

Saturday, September 16: EAA 172 Wrens Fall Fly-in. At the beautiful Wrens Memorial Airport (65J) CTAF 122.7. Though the main activities are on Saturday, you may come earlier in the week if you wish. On Saturday there will be food vendors on the field. Packing-up day on Sunday. Pattern for the asphalt, main, runway, is left-hand pattern for runway 29 and right-hand for runway 11 at 1450' MSL (1000 ft AGL) unless flying an ultralight or rotorcraft which should use 950' MSL (500' AGL). The parallel grass strip will have a right-hand pattern. CTAF/UNICOM 122.7 mhz. Runway lights on from dusk to dawn. Field elevation 450 feet.

GPS: N33° 13.36' W82° 23.02'.

Click [Wrens Memorial \(65J\)](#) for airport info.

For an aerial photo of the Wrens Airport click on [Wrens Airport](#).

For driving directions click on [Wrens Memorial](#).

Comfortable pilot lounge with refrigerator, microwave, couches, two restrooms, and hot shower. Motorhomes welcome. Five restaurants and a motel adjacent to the airport at the end of runway 29. Click [Local Businesses](#) for their locations and phone numbers.

NAME THAT PLANE

Republic RC-3 Seabee

The Republic RC-3 Seabee is an all-metal amphibious sports aircraft designed by Percival Spencer and manufactured by the Republic Aircraft Corporation. In March 1946, the first production Seabee was completed. The Republic Seabee amphibian was one of the most unusual airplanes to appear on the post-World War II general aviation scene. It was designed as an affordable all-purpose sport aircraft for transportation as well as a broad spectrum of recreational purposes. The projected civilian price was \$3,500, and by the end of 1944, Republic already had received 1,972 civilian orders. The sea/land capability not only provided a broader selection of travel options but also remote access to fishing, hunting and many sporting activities. Operationally, the Seabee was an extremely rugged and versatile aircraft that could take harsh treatment, but it required high maintenance. It had excellent cabin accessibility and a cavernous interior with exceptional visibility. The water handling was outstanding but it was considered less comfortable in land operations. Its in-flight performance was adequate, cruising at 105 mph, but with somewhat heavy flight controls. However, returning pilots weren't as interested in aircraft ownership as manufacturers had imagined. In October 1947, Republic discontinued production of the Seabee. A total of 1,060 Seabees had been built. From the late 1940s and into the 1950s, the Seabee was a popular bush plane and air ambulance in Canada, Norway, Sweden, and the United States. Military operators included the Army Air Forces, France, Paraguay, the South Vietnamese Air Force, and Israel. They were well-suited for operation in countries with long coastlines, many islands, many lakes and large areas of wilderness. By the time production ended, 108 Seabees had been exported to several countries and dealerships were established in Brazil, Cuba, Panama, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay, Peru, Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, Fiji, New Caledonia, South Africa, England, Norway and Sweden. A few Seabees are still operating commercially as bush planes and air taxis. The Seabee is popular with air charter companies and small feeder airlines, and is operated by private individuals and companies.

(Data and information from EAA e-Hotline 04/14/16→[Seabee Restoration](#), National Air and Space Museum→[Republic RC-3 Seabee](#), Pacific Aviation Museum→[Republic RC-3 Seabee \(Amphibious Sport\)](#), Airliners.net→[Republic RC3 Seabee](#), wikipedia→[Republic RC-3 Seabee](#), republicseabee.com→[BUY-SELL-TRADE A SEABEE!](#))

Republic RC-3 Seabee

General characteristics

Crew: 1 pilot, 3 passengers

Length: 27 ft. 10.5 in.

Wingspan: 37 ft. 8 in.

Height: 10 ft. 1 in.

Wing area: 196 ft²

Empty weight: 2,190 lb.

Loaded weight: 2,810 lb.

Maximum takeoff weight: 3,150 lb.

Powerplant: Franklin 6A8-215-B8F or 6A8-215-B9F 6-cylinder horizontally opposed engine, 215 hp at 2,500 rpm



Republic RC-3 Seabee
instrument panel

Performance

Max cruising speed: 105 mph.

Maximum speed: 148 mph

Rate of climb: 700 ft/min

Range: 520 miles

Service ceiling: 12,000 ft.

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Sunday, August 6: Anderson Regional Airport, Anderson, South Carolina (KAND)

Sunday, August 20: Berkeley County Airport, Moncks Corner, South Carolina (KMKS)

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