



Skyhawk Report

June 2017

Next meeting is June 19th at **Epic Corean Restaurant**, 1455 Woodruff Road
Dinner at 6:30. Meeting Begins at 7:30

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Quotes of the Month

I hope y'all remember the old game show "The Hollywood Squares". Some of the one-liners from that program were *all time* priceless:

Peter Marshall: "According to the World Book, is it okay to freeze your persimmons?"

Paul Lynde: "No. You should dress warmly."

Peter Marshall: "Eddie Fisher recently said, 'I am sorry. I am sorry for them both.'
Who was he referring to?"

Paul Lynde: "His fans!"

Peter Marshall: "Say Paul, what is the official currency of Puerto Rico?"

Paul Lynde: "Food Stamps."

Peter Marshall: "According to FEMA, people from Florida should be prepared for hurricanes and people from the Midwest should be prepared for floods. What should people from California be prepared for?"

Charley Weaver: "The people from Florida and the people from the Midwest."

New Members

We did not add any new members at the May club meeting.

Communications

Don't forget that The Props 'N Brats Competition is back this year with Tim Pritchett as the coordinator.

Remaining 2017 Props & Brats Schedule:

June 15, 5PM

July 13, 5PM

August 17, 5PM

Sept. 16-17, at Triple Tree Aerodrome

Oct. 8, 2PM

- Each event will carry 2,000pts. possible for each pilot (best 2 of 3 rounds).
- The Triple Tree Event (see below) will carry 4,000pts. possible (best 4 of 6 rounds).
- Each pilot may drop their lowest 4 rounds of the season.
- Awards and Recognition will be held during the Oct. 2017 Club Meeting.
- Here is a link describing all the sequences for the maneuvers and Aresti descriptions (type the link into your browser):

<https://nsrca.us/index.php/sequences>

- Triple Tree Aerodrome will host an NSRCA national pattern competition September 14-17, 2017. The club members passed a motion earlier this year to form a committee to support and coordinate the TTA event. Tim Pritchett has drafted people to serve.

Upcoming Events

Here are "The Haps" for June in our area:

6/3/2017 -- Florence, SC (C) GOONEY BIRDS ANNUAL SPRING FLY IN. Site: Gooney Birds Club Field. Robert Gainey CD PH: 843-615-8114 Email: ruddercable@yahoo.com or Bob Lee (843) 773-1493. Visit: gooneybirdsrc.com. Sanction #17/1000. Come and enjoy a day of flying and fellowship. \$20 Landing fee includes pilots lunch. Non pilots lunch \$5. Large smooth grass field, restrooms. Sponsor: GOONEY BIRDS.

6/10/2017 -- Piedmont, SC (C) FIRE TOWER FLYERS ANY SIZE FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Timothy Murrell CD PH: 864.313.4957 Email: tractornut@charter.net. Visit: firetowerflyers.com. Sanction #17/479. Open to any size. Grass runway 100x900. Landing fee \$15 includes lunch. Clean restrooms. Electricity available. Lunch available for non flyers. Concessions, prizes, camping, no hook ups. Spectators welcome. Pilots meeting 9AM. Sponsor: FIRETOWER FLYERS

Huh?

Here's some good news. This is from NBC.

The Federal Aviation Administration issued rules in October 2015 requiring registration of drones — or "unmanned aerial vehicles" (UAVs) in governmentese — weighing more than a half-pound. The rules took effect in January 2016.

The half-pound threshold is light enough to cover many of the small remote-controlled drones you can buy at the department store, and John Taylor of Washington, D.C., sued in February 2016, arguing that another provision of federal law bars the government from regulating model aircraft.

In a ruling dated Friday, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Washington agreed.

"The 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act provides that the FAA 'may not promulgate any rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft,' yet the FAA's 2015 Registration Rule is a 'rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft,'" Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh wrote for the court.

"Statutory interpretation does not get much simpler," he wrote. If the FAA wants to regulate drones, the court said, it must persuade Congress to repeal or change the 2012 law.

"Perhaps Congress should do so. Perhaps not. In any event, we must follow the statute as written," Kavanaugh wrote.

In a statement, the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), an interest group for model airplane enthusiasts, welcomed the decision.

"For decades, AMA members have registered their aircraft with AMA and have followed our community-based safety programming," the organization said. "Federal registration shouldn't apply at such a low threshold that it includes toys. It also shouldn't burden those who have operated harmoniously within our communities for decades, and who already comply with AMA's registration system. Commercial operators will still need to register, as it was before. Just the hobbyist side right now is not required to register."

This Month's Special

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