



# Skyhawk Report

August 2005

Next meeting is Monday, August 15th at Perkins Restaurant, 1455 Woodruff Road  
6:30 for Dinner      Meeting Begins at 7:30

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## Quotes of the Month

George Carlin:

“ Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?”

“ 'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language.  
Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?”

“What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?”

“Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?”

## New Members

The club added two new members at the July meeting. Joining WCRC is the father and son team of Brian and Travis Morgan. Welcome, gentlemen. We will be glad to see you at the field.

## Upcoming Events

### WCRC Fly-In

A formal WCRC Fly-In had been scheduled for October. However, due to unforeseen circumstances that meet has been changed to a Fun Fly (I think that's really the same thing except the meet won't be sanctioned by the AMA).

I don't know "Pop" so I can't comment on his Fun Fly. But, I've been to "Warbirds Over Triple Tree" and if you're into warplanes, this is the one to see!

### Pop Purdy's Fun Fly

8/14/05 - Whitesburg, Georgia. Pop Purdy's Fun Fly for 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 101C, 102-103C, 104-105C, 20, 24, 28, 40, 42, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 (JSO). Site: North Georgia Turf. David Mills, CD. Post Office Box 12306, Atlanta, Georgia, 30355. Phone: (404) 509-4209; E-mail: [davidmillsat1@comcast.net](mailto:davidmillsat1@comcast.net). FAC, NFFS, and SAM events also. TTOMA Events: Model of the Year: Lee Campbell's Cat-A-Piglet: Event of the Year: FAC Jet Catapult Scale. CO2: Nos Gas Replica, Chattahoochee Challenge, And Back Porch Pusher. For field site directions and additional contest info see [www.thermalthumbers.com](http://www.thermalthumbers.com). Sponsor: THERMAL THUMBERS OF METRO ATLANTA.

### Warbirds Over Triple Tree

9/15/05-9/17/05 - Woodruff, South Carolina. Warbirds Over Triple Tree. Site: Triple Tree Aerodrome. Doug Imes, CD. 504 Hammett Road, Greer, South Carolina, 29650. Phone: (864) 268-8745. E-mail: [dougimes@yahoo.com](mailto:dougimes@yahoo.com). Warbirds only, 80" mono, 60" biplane minimum. \$35 entry fee includes BBQ. \$20 fee for entry only. RV parking on field. Camping-showers. 3000' turf runway. Joe Nall site! Sponsor: CONFEDERATE AIR FARCE

## Communications

At the June 20<sup>th</sup> club meeting it was proposed that Rule 11 of the WCRC Club Rules be changed. Those present at the meeting unanimously agreed to put the change to a vote of the club members at the meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, that vote was postponed due to uncertainty about whether or not Spartanburg County regulations prohibited noise from lawnmowers, model airplanes and such above certain decibel levels. It turns out there are no such

restrictions in Spartanburg County, and so the vote on Rule 11 will be taken at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Be there...or you cannot vote.

Existing Rule 11: “No engine may be run before 12:00 noon on Sunday or before 8:00 Am Monday through Saturday, except for scheduled events”.

Proposed Rule 11: “There will no engine running before 8:00 AM Sunday through Saturday, except for scheduled events”.

## **Mea Culpa**

I'm tired of writing this section! I mean, how would you like it if every, single month you had to tell everybody what it was that you just did wrong?! Ergo, and therefore, I am not continuing this section as it has been written any more! Henceforth, there will be a new section. It will be titled “**Huh?**” In this new segment I will be detailing not only my goof-ups but also what y'all did wrong, as well! Now, I won't be using any names (heh, heh...) but the circumstances surrounding *your* foul-ups may possibly be recognizable by, at the very least, those in attendance on the day of the particular blunder in question (obviously, if I'm not around at the time of any mishaps, well, maybe some slip-ups just won't get reported). I say “at the very least” because information in this sport seems to travel faster than George Carlin's zigzagging lightning! So, OK...this month everyone but me gets a pass. But, be careful, boys...be very careful!

Now, to the screw-up of the month (mine, of course!). You've all seen “BUMBLE BEE” IV at the field. I know that because I've been flying it now for a long time. I love that plane. Really. Fun to fly. And during July it's SuperTigre .90 engine has been just screaming. Must be all that humidity or something, but that I'll bugger moves! So, I put the “BEE” into a vertical climb just to see how high it would get. It just kept going, and going, and going. Must have been at about 500 feet when it stalled, rolled over on its back and started a full throttle dive, at about a 45° angle of attack, picking up speed all the way down – a lot of speed, a tremendous amount of speed. It picked up so much speed that at the time I gently put in some “up” elevator something strange happened; the wings began...flapping! I mean, for a couple of seconds the darn thing looked like a hummingbird at the feeder. Ripped one of the aileron servos right out of the servo bay. I brought it in over the field to inspect the wings (after they stopped that stupid looking, stupid sounding vibrating) and discovered it all looked OK to land, except, of course, for that servo dangling by its wire about two feet outside the wing. Got it down OK, but there's a lesson here: Never, never, attempt to discover the speed limit of your craft, 'cause while it might be nice to study the “outside of the envelope”, it could be very costly!

## **This Month's Special**

**This is the final installment about commercial airliners attempting to land at the old Hong Kong airport. Hong Kong now has a new airport...and here's why:**

**Overreact on the crab correction, and "Crunch...# 1 Engine!"**



**Don't "Float" or try to make a smooth landing...Just put it on in!! "Firm" landings help dissipate energy, and assist you in stopping...**



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**Drop too low, and you'll drag your wheels through the high rises.**



**“What I said was: ‘I think we’re a little high and fast!’...But that was a nice smooth soft touchdown, sir!”**



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