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SUMMER PILOT LOUNGE COOKOUT



FRIDAY - AUGUST 25th
Noon-2:00

Airport Manager, Tom Reeder, will fire up the grill for an informal mid-summer cookout. Burgers and hotdogs will start sizzling around noon on Friday. Like a potluck, you are welcome to bring something to share

I will be sending out an RSVP email this week so we can get an idea of how many burgers to buy so keep your eyes peeled. It could end up in your spam file. *The email... not the burgers.*

OFF TO GREENER PASTURES



Gerald and Sheila Huffman said their last goodbyes a week ago and sailed off into the early morning sky. They will be missed. I shouldn't exclude Bently either. We will miss his wet nose begging for a bite of whatever snack is the order of the day.

A retired, highly experienced A&P-IA, Gerald had several homebuilts under his belt as well. He was generous with his time and guidance to those at Airport Manatee needing help with their aircraft.

Sheila always had a smile and a good word for everyone. We will miss them all but they promised to return occasionally for a visit.

If you ever get to Twin Lakes Airport in Trenton, SC, stop in and see them.

THE FIELD IS CLEARED... WHAT'S NEXT?



Rumors still abound concerning the fate of the cleared land to the north of Airport Manatee. Most of the burning has been done and the ground is being plowed. From the air, a ring of trees can be seen near the east end that appear to surround a swampy area. That may preclude the angled runway on the north side as was originally suggested.

One source closely involved in the clearing project said they heard that a hard-surface runway parallel to 07/25 on the south side might be in the offing.

Whether we will see a new runway or another watermelon patch still remains to be seen.



NEW SPORT AIRCRAFT/PILOT RULES

Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certificates - Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)

Here is a quick peek at what this means for the Sport Pilot.

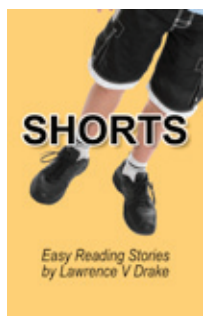
- Maximum 250 knots CAS
- Maximum 54 knots CAS stall speed
- Up to four seats (Sport Pilot limit 2 soles on board)
- Includes retractable gear and constant speed prop
- No gross weight limit

Woo-hoo! That means I can fly fast again.

Comments to the FAA are due by October 23, 2023.

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