



Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity Monthly Newsletter

Redstone Arsenal
Flying Activity 

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You're Invited
REDSTONE ARSENAL FLYING ACTIVITY

OPEN HOUSE

Oct 7th, 2006

**BLDG 4828
9AM-3PM**



**OPEN TO
PUBLIC**



**Mini Flights
For you And
Your family!**

**Receive
FREE 1st Flight
Photo
courtesy of
BGOP
Federal**

Learn to fly... it's exciting!
Initiation Fee will be waived for individuals who join
the Flying Activity on this Open House day.

- PRIVATE PILOT THRU ATP TRAINING
- PRIVATE & INSTRUMENT GROUND SCHOOLS
- CESSNA 152, 172, & 182 RG
- PIPER ARROW,
- LASER GRADE TEST CENTER

OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES

- **Mini Flight Lesson**
ADULTS: \$30
Children 12 and under: \$25.
- **Free Food and Drink**
Pizza, Hamburger, Hot Dogs, & Soda.



If you've ever had a desire to become a pilot, or just want the exhilarating
experience of being airborne, then come by and share the fun.

**For more information call 881-3980 or 880-9495 Monday thru Friday
or come by the Flying Activity, Bldg 4828 off of Hale Road.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



“Volunteering at the open house gives me a chance to share my enthusiasm for flight”

The Flying Activity holds an open house twice each year to promote the activity to the community, recruit new members, and generate revenue. Volunteers are essential to the open house's success.

Why volunteer at the open house? It's a unique opportunity to put your pilot experience to good use, and it's easy. It helps build a bridge between those who fly and those who don't. It's a great thrill when little children - or adults - ask you, eyes wide, "Are you a pilot?" At the open house, not only can you describe flying, but you can show people what it's all about.

How can you help? You can work on the flight line, refueling airplanes to keep those introductory flight lessons running smoothly. You can escort passengers to and from the airplanes, keeping them out of harm's way and answering their questions. You can take pictures at the end of each flight, capturing those smiles for permanent record.

What else can you do? You can work at the registration or scheduling stations, signing people up for their flights. If grilling is your strong suit, you can cook hot dogs and hamburgers. We also need volunteers to watch the runways and report returning aircraft to the flight dispatcher. Did you know the open house now includes an "Ask a Pilot" booth? Volunteer there and spend your time answering questions about aviation. Spend the day talking about flying, and help the activity in the process.

All flight instructors are needed at the open house too. Success depends on the number of flights that are made. More instructors means pilots can rotate out for rest breaks and lunch without having to reduce our overall flight capability.

It's great to see the results of the open house. I've seen families come to the field and make the open house the highlight of their weekend. I've seen countless people leave their introductory flights and say "I want to do that!" I've seen would-be pilots bring their logbooks to the open house, ready to restart the private pilot training that they interrupted years ago. And I've seen people who have dreamed of flying for years but thought there was some obstacle - medical difficulties, excessive cost, lack of a nearby airport - come to our open house, talk to our members, and learn that they really can fulfill that dream and learn to fly. It's great to help make those experiences happen.

Volunteering at the open house gives me a chance to share my enthusiasm for flight and express my pride in being a pilot. It also provides a satisfying way for me to support the Redstone community. It's a good cause, a great time, fresh air, a day around airplanes and fellow aviators, and a chance to share my hobby with other people. I recommend it to all Flying Activity members. *-Analda Anglin*

Drawing for FIVE HOURS of Flight Time

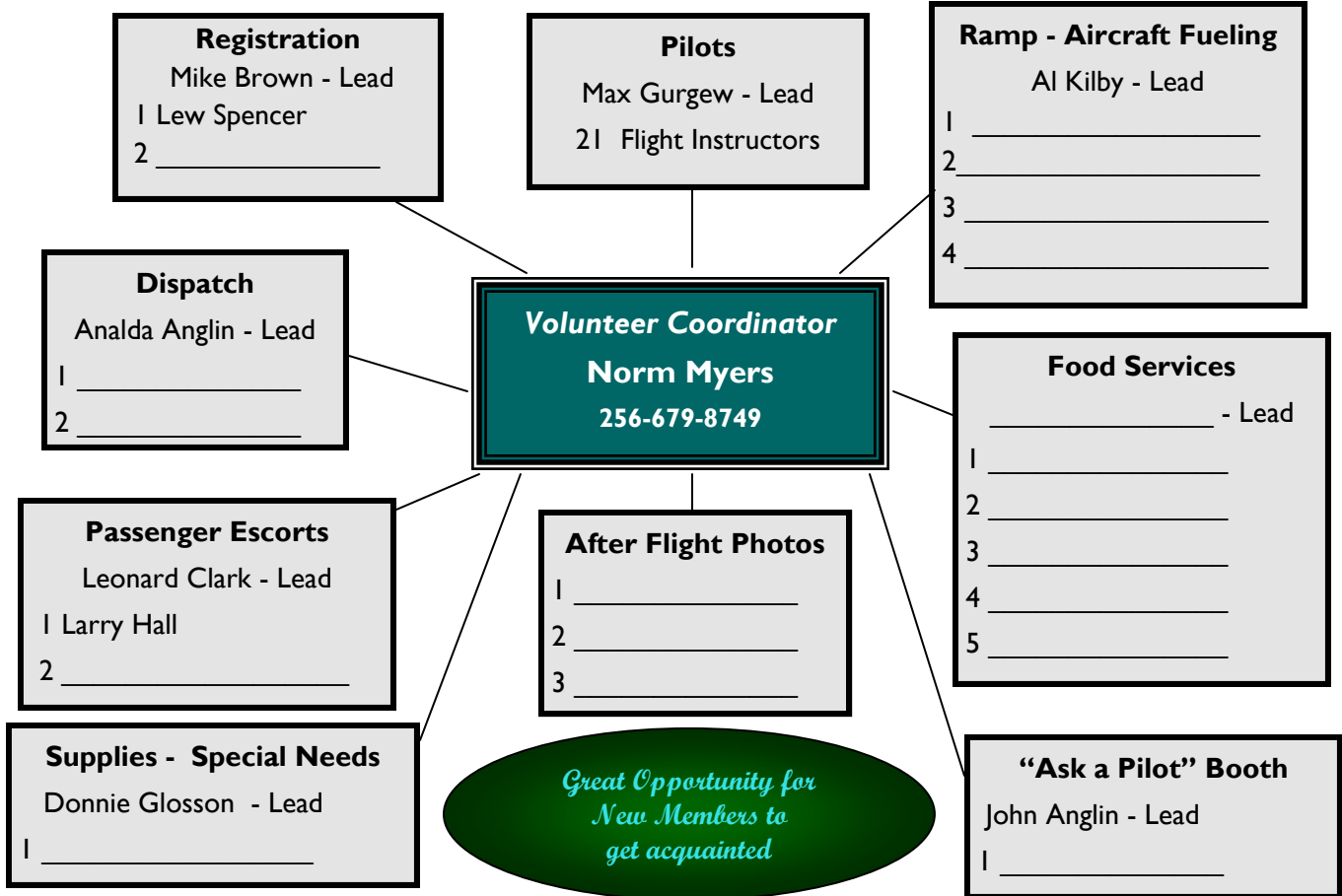
All volunteers who work the entire event will be eligible to win one hour of

FREE FLYING TIME

At the conclusion of the Open House, five RAFA member/volunteers will be selected through a random drawing to receive a gift certificate for one hour of future flight time in the C-172 of their choice. You must be present to win. Good Luck !



OPEN HOUSE ORGANIZATION



DID YOU KNOW?

At our Spring Open House 2006 we:
 Had over 200 visitors
 Signed up 12 New Members
 Flew 147 passengers in 89 flights
 Sold 14 RAFA hats and 11 RAFA shirts
 Cooked 360 hamburgers and 120 hot dogs
 Served 50 pizzas, 20 cases of soft drinks/water
 Had a live radio broadcast from WVNN
 Sponsors: Coke, WVNN radio, Office Max, Papa Johns, and Halsey Foods
And realized \$4,155 for our Flying Activity

We need your help

To volunteer for any of the positions listed above, please contact:

Norm Myers, Tom Sharp, or the Lead person listed in the category.

Or sign up in the office

Can't make it the whole day, how about a half day ?

Business Manager's Corner

Tim Thompson

Block Time: Receive a 10% discount when you purchase \$500 of flight time. Sign up today!

FAA Flight Review: Effective October 1st (private pilots and above) must have an FAA flight review (BFR) current in the computer to be cleared for flight. Please review your currency to avoid any problems.

Pre-Solo Students: Don't forget to complete the written test for the aircraft you'll be making your solo flight in along with the pre-solo written test.

Non-MWR Credit Cards: Effective October 1, 2006, monthly dues for all members not using MWR credit cards accounts will be billed quarterly (three months ahead). This change is due to increased labor and costs involved in administering the accounts. If you'd like to make other arrangements or change to the MWR card see Mildred Lancaster or myself.

Wyatt Field - By Scott Brown

Wyatt Field is a private airstrip at the foot of Lookout Mountain, near Summerville, GA, and 8 miles south of Barwick LaFayette airport (9A5). According to the website, you can see some of the rarest and unique vintage aircraft, including ultra lights, in the North Georgia area, any sunny late evening and most anytime on the weekends. Also, annual fly-ins bring in 50-60 aircraft and hundreds of spectators.

Wyatt Field is the home Mr. and Mrs. Greg Wyatt, and of Vintage Corvettes (<http://www.vintagecorvettes.com>), which, as you might have guessed, specializes in vintage Corvette sales. The sparkling showroom, which is outfitted to look like a 1950s Texaco station, is filled to the walls with an amazing collection of exquisitely maintained 1953-1967 Corvettes. The cars in the showroom, while part of a fluid collection, span the range from completely hand-built cars to perfectly maintained all-originals. Even if Corvettes aren't your thing, you can't help but be impressed. If Corvettes are your thing, bring your check-book.



Tucked in among the Corvettes, you will find a beautifully restored 1940 De Havilland Tiger Moth and an even nicer 1939 Piper J3 Cub. The Cub, in particular, looks showroom new, despite the fact that it gets flown regularly. The care that Mr. Wyatt takes in maintaining these planes is evident, and resonates throughout the Corvette showroom, and throughout the property. Getting into, and out of, Wyatt Field is not particularly difficult, however, the grass strip has a few nuances, notably a slight curve and a low spot on the north end of the field. Due to this fact, runway 02 (right traffic) is the preferred runway. There is a paved driveway that crosses the runway toward the end of the field, that is okay to roll over, as it is at field level. This serves to connect the shop to the home, and doubles as a ramp. According to Mr. Wyatt, if landing on runway 20, use the driveway as your touch-down point and you will still have plenty of roll-out room (obviously, this will depend on your short field proficiency and the performance of your particular aircraft). Keep in mind that this is a private airstrip. All-in-all, Wyatt Field is a fun destination, less than an hour from HUA. Whether you are looking to brush-up on your short field technique, or want to see some vintage Corvettes or airplanes, you won't be disappointed.



Wyatt Field GA23 Atlanta Sectional 65 NM east of HUA 7 SE of Summerville, GA.

Runway: 2/20 2750' x 150' turf

Private Airport - Prior permission required

<http://www.wyattfield.com>

<http://www.airnav.com/airports/GA23>

For Field information: 706-734-0567



UPCOMING EVENTS

Flying Activity Cookouts: Every Saturday between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM the Redstone Flying Activity cooks hamburgers and hotdogs for anyone wishing to participate.



Sales and Purchases: Reminder that there is a volunteer in the office between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Saturdays. If you have a need to purchase equipment, charts, supplies, and t-shirts, they are available for sale.

Congratulations

Flight Accomplishments

Congratulations

First Solo

John Conyers 08-26-2006

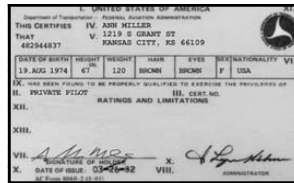
CFI: Dan Malcolm

A&P

Inspection Authorization

Derek Romine Telton Tolbert

Ted Stokes



New Flight Instructor

John Blevins

CFI: Bob Scheppler

New Private Pilots

Mike Baysinger 08-04-2006

CFI: Scott McManus

Josh Cobb 08-12-2006

CFI: Scott McManus

Taylor Lusk 08-14-2006

CFI: Scott McManus

Andy Williams 08-24-2006

CFI: Dave Williams

Our Ramp is **REPAIRED !!**



A very sincere thanks to
Tim Thompson, Derek Romine, Telton Tolbert, and Ted Stokes
for all your hard work.

Nice Job guys !!



Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide our members with affordable, high quality flight instruction, and a diverse fleet of rental aircraft which meet their local and cross-country flying needs, maintained to the highest safety standards in the industry.

Our goal is to be the premier flight training facility in northern Alabama, and through professionalism, safety and customer satisfaction remain a model for military flying clubs throughout the world.

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Items of Interest Corner

South East Regional Fly-In

Middleton Field GZH

Evergreen, Alabama

http://www.serfi.org/ for information on displays, vendors, and arrival and departure procedures. Should be FUN !!



5% DISCOUNT USING RAFA AIRCRAFT

Friday October 6th, 2006



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Safety Meeting
Sept. 21**

**AOPA Safety Foundation
Meeting**

13 Oct 06

Location TBA

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