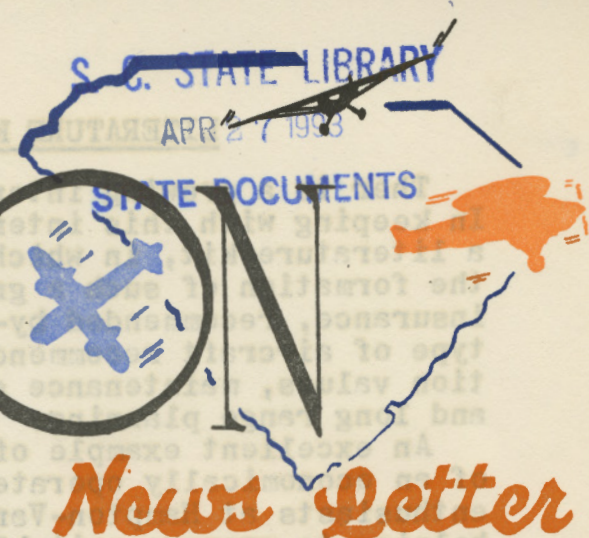


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BREAKFAST CLUB

Another disappointing situation in the weather; closed in most sections of the state, so only a very few could make it to Greenwood for the past meeting. A real disappointment to those who could not make it - this one should have been a good turnout for Homer Collum's home town. Even so, forty persons and seven or eight aircraft from nearby towns managed to attend.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, the meeting at Georgetown will probably be history - a report in the next edition.

GENERAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The city of Rock Hill is very desirous of constructing a new airport. Representatives of the Aeronautics Commission have met with interested citizens of Rock Hill in formulating plans for the proposed airport. The City Council feels that \$150,000 can be made available without bond issue and preliminary engineering surveys will be underway shortly. The Commission is in contact with the Civil Aeronautics Administration in an attempt to include this proposed project in the Federal Aid to Airports Program, which provides funds on a matching basis.

The Newberry Airport Commission is in the process of condemning land adjacent to the main runway so that an extension may be obtained. Also, plans are underway for improvement of the existing runways.

The Dillon Airport project is almost a reality. Dillon County is to expend \$26,000 on the construction and this amount is to be matched by Federal Aid.

It is sincerely hoped that sufficient interest and support can be generated for an adequate facility for the Clemson area. There is a growing need for a suitable airport in that section of the state; in fact the National Business Aircraft Association has listed Clemson as one of the twenty-four areas in the United States as most in need of an airport.

The fine airstrip at Winnsboro is near completion. Sodding is next. The Commission is of the sincere opinion that this airstrip will mean much to the industrial future of Fairfield County.

Calhoun Falls is complete except for some additional sodding. Two large industries are locating large plants there, the Meade Paper Company and the Bigelow Carpet Company, and company aircraft will be making use of this facility.

And so progressive communities in South Carolina are accepting the fact that future industrial progress is dependent to a very large extent on the growth of airports with which to accommodate the fast growing fleet of business aircraft.

A REALLY GOOD AVIATION PUBLICATION

For information concerning aviation in the south, we enjoy reading THE SOUTHERN FLYER, issued at Orlando, Florida. Each monthly edition contains a wealth of aviation information as it applies to the nation in general and to the southeast in particular. It is published by a group long active in civil aviation in this part of the country. Subscription rates are \$3.00 for one year and \$5.00 for two years. Well worth it, we believe. Address: THE SOUTHERN FLYER, 1401 Falson Drive, Orlando, Florida.

LITERATURE KIT ON AVIATION CLUBS AVAILABLE

There is a growing interest in South Carolina in the aviation club. In keeping with this interest, the Aeronautics Commission has prepared a literature kit, in which all of the necessary steps are detailed in the formation of such a group. This kit contains such information as insurance, recommended by-laws, leadership, organizational meetings, type of aircraft recommended, financing, cost of operation, depreciation values, maintenance supervision, rent, flying operations, training and long range planning.

An excellent example of what can be accomplished in the formation of an economically operated flying club is provided by a group of enthusiasts at Hampton-Varnville. This group worked diligently in helping to prepare suitable club accommodations at the airport. They sponsored an air show in connection with the July 12th Hampton-Varnville Watermelon Festival; the turn-out was very gratifying and proceeds were used to help finance the club operations. It is now a going concern.

These literature kits are available free of charge by writing to this Commission.

AVIATION WEATHER BOOKLETS

Mr. John Purvis, Columbia Weather Bureau and Aviation Liaison Official for South Carolina, advises that the Weather Bureau has prepared a series of eighteen pamphlets on Aviation Weather. These very interesting and informative booklets may be purchased individually or as a kit from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C. Price is five cents per booklet or seventy-five cents for the series.

RECENTLY NAMED CAA PHYSICIAN FOR CHARLESTON

Dr. W. Jervey Ravenel of 9 Church Street, Charleston, has been named by the Civil Aeronautics Administration as its designated physician for the Charleston area. Succeeding the late Dr. William Price, Dr. Ravenel conducts physical examinations for the various types of pilot licenses including Air Transport Rating.

CAN'T WALK - BUT HE CAN FLY!

Dick Whittemore, 40, laughed in triumph. He had just soloed his Ercoupe. He had reason for triumph. He can't walk. He uses a wheelchair for mobility. A polio victim, Dick became interested in helping his son to develop an interest in aviation instead of hot-rodding; much safer for his son he reasoned, and rightly so. His son became one of Maine's youngest pilots, and Dick, a Bangor police dispatcher, interested himself in flying. Stricken in 1950, he thought he would have to spend the rest of his life in the wheelchair. After six hours of instruction he was ready to solo. After successfully sweating out his physical waiver from Washington he soloed the plane which is rigged so it can be flown entirely with the hands. Now he and his young son are partners in one of life's finest thrills - flying.

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