

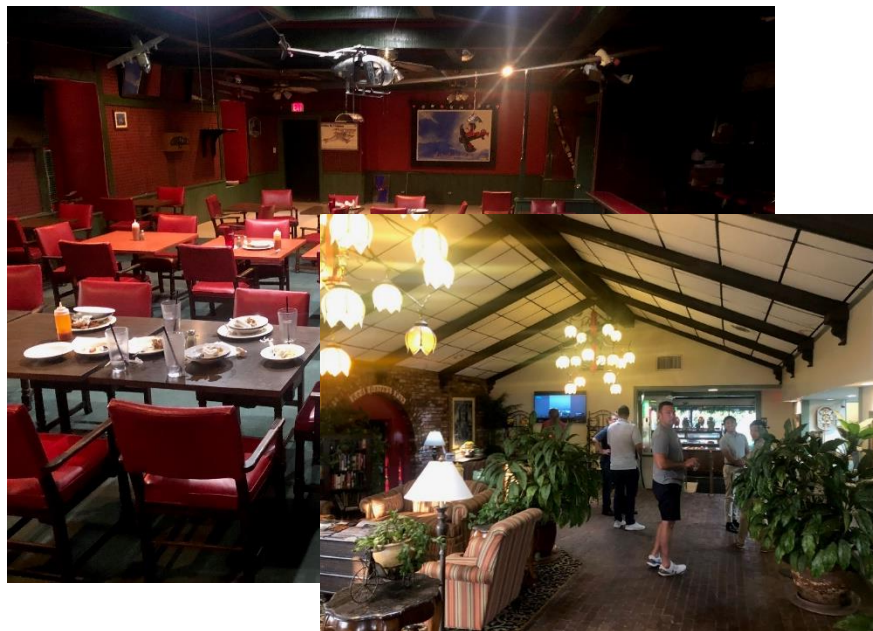
Welcome to the Savannah Area Aviation Association (SAAA) April/May/June Update. We appreciate your patience as we have worked to bring you this update in addition to building out our new website.

We invite you explore our new website: [SAVPilots.org](http://SAVPilots.org), and become a formal member of SAAA by creating an account. If you're reading this here, you already have, thank you!

### **SE Quadrant update**

Construction work in the Southeast Quadrant is continuing per the previously circulated schedule. The closing date for The Frog and Peach restaurant has been announced as July 1, so if you plan to try the buffet, time is running out! Frog and Peach will be attempting to reopen a restaurant at a new location nearby soon.

EAA Chapter 1514 and the VMC/IMC club held their final meeting in the Red Baron Pub space on Tuesday, June 6, and a few photos are attached of 'last call'. The clubs plan to continue their meetings in the departure-level conference room near the ticketing counters in the airport terminal in future months.



Red Baron

No significant changes on the air-side of the SE quadrant are expected to take place until at least November. Airport users may notice some construction activities starting to take place in the cordoned-off areas. More activity will also be taking place on the ground-side of the SE quadrant, including some road closures and utilities work as the area is reconfigured.

### **SAC March 6 2023 meeting minutes digest**



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SAAA IC member Huff attended the April 5 2023 SAC meeting and Mike Awad stood in for IC member Scroggs, where the Mar 6 Meeting minutes were approved.

SAAA was provided a copy of the Mar 6 meeting minutes. No items that directly affected general aviation concerns were recorded.

No major updates or changes have been presented by SAC on the scope or timing of the project, so the information provided in SAAA's [January update](#) is still valid as of this writing.

SAAA will continue to provide minutes updates pertinent to general aviation as they are approved by the commission each month.

#### **SAC April 5 2023 meeting minutes digest**

All three SAAA IC members had prior commitments and were unable to attend the May 8 2023 SAC meeting, where the Apr 5 Meeting minutes were approved.

SAAA was provided a copy of the Apr 5 meeting minutes. No items that directly affected general aviation concerns were recorded.

#### **SAC May 8 2023 meeting minutes digest**

SAAA IC members Huff and Meyer attended the June 8 2023 SAC meeting, where the May 8 Meeting minutes were approved.

SAAA was provided a copy of the May 8 meeting minutes. No items that directly affected general aviation concerns were recorded.

#### **SAAA Kicks-Off Youth Educational Outreach Program**

On Saturday, May 20 at KSAV, Savannah Area Aviation Association coordinated a combined EAA Young Eagles Rally with a Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge youth outreach event. Local EAA Chapter 1514 facilitated the Young Eagles Rally under the leadership of Mary Martin. Savannah Aviation hosted the event, providing aircraft, volunteer pilots and a barbeque lunch. The Savannah Airport Commission graciously supported the event by supplying safety vests, barriers, and general ramp safety/security.

The Tri-County Radio Control Club had several members present with their models to aid in describing basic aerodynamics and aircraft control as part of merit badge requirements and to better prepare the scouts for their flight. In all, 5 airplanes and pilots flew 18 participants from Boy Scout Troop 0001 over 9 flights that Saturday, and held a safe, educational, and fun event. This was EAA 1514's first-ever Young Eagles Rally, and the group intends to take the knowledge gained from this event to improve future events.



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Young Eagles rallies are a youth outreach program organized and backed by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) at the national level. EAA's Young Eagles program has introduced over 2.3 million youth to aviation since its inception in 1992. More info on EAA and Young Eagles here: <https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/free-ye-flights>



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**2023 FAA Reauthorization Update**

Further info on the broader 2023 FAA reauthorization can be found here: <https://aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2023/june/13/house-senate-begin-consideration-of-faa-reauthorization-bills>

SAAA has specifically joined the list of organizations led by AOPA in supporting this bill to improve airport access for General Aviation Users nationally. The General Aviation Airport Access Act, S. 1847 was introduced by U.S. Senator Ted Budd (R-NC) earlier this Month. The full bill can be read in the attachment to this post.

In summary, the bill would:

1. Allow FBOs to charge a fair and reasonable transient parking fee.
2. If a GA pilot does not purchase products from or use the FBO facilities or services, the FBO could not charge related fees.





3. If the FBO is the only access point to and from your aircraft, the FBO cannot charge you a fee for simply walking through the building.

### **Town Hall Meeting Update - TBD**

We continue to work toward providing an in-person venue for you to meet with Commission & Staff members so that they can field your questions and hear your concerns. The summer schedule through July has filled in, and so any meeting will likely be in the August timeframe at the earliest. We regret that we have not been able to organize this at this time but look forward to providing an opportunity for an in-person info session later this year.

### **Disaster Preparedness Meeting**

The SAAA Interim Council was invited to attend KSAV's 2023 Disaster Preparedness meeting ahead of the 2023 hurricane season.

The takeaway for GA users is that KSAV is a high-priority access point in and out of the community, and will be one of the first things to reopen, if indeed it truly closes at all. While we as GA users must comply with all evacuation orders, curfews, roadblocks, etc that may be in place due to a disaster in the area, as soon as these are lifted you will likely be able to access and use the airport.

If, when you arrive, you encounter security concerns (gate/fence damage), or safety issues (downed lines on airport property, severe hangar damage, etc), please report them to the Airport Police Department at the phone number on the back of your badge so that they can begin to be addressed.

Another key point that all airport users should be aware of is spill reporting, whether or not a disaster occurs. For fuel/oil/liquid spills in the vicinity of your airport access point (flight school, hangar, FBO, etc) please report them to that entity for cleanup. For spills in areas where this is unclear or public areas such as the airport movement area, please report them to the Airport Police Department at the phone number on the back of your badge to get them handled appropriately.

### **Runway Incursion/Safety Meeting**

The SAAA Interim Council was invited to attend KSAV's 2023 Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting. Savannah's FAA Air Traffic Control Team presented a summary of the runway incursion events that had occurred throughout the year, and discussed ways to mitigate future events.

A summary of those slides & the meeting minutes are attached.

Additionally, the FAA is producing pilot guide videos with specific focus on safely and efficiently operating out of certain airports in the NAS, and if one is published for SAV we will help share that with you.

The team also noted that the FAA is considering producing a written guide for efficient operations at SAV, and SAAA offered to collaborate on sharing best practices/preferred methods if needed.

### **Upcoming events**



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Tuesday, July 11th, 5:00PM: Combined VMC/IMC & EAA 1514 meeting, Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport departure-level conference room (note: parking will be free)

5:00 VMC/IMC: preflighting: as though your life depends on it

6:00 Dinner Break

6:30 EAA: the topic will be Flying into EAA Airventure: Planning for the big show

**Closing**

Thanks for continuing to follow these updates as we explore pathways to grow general aviation locally through collaboration with SAC.

To a better Savannah Area Aviation experience,

SAAA Interim Council

Tom Huff

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David Scroggs