



Welcome to the Savannah Area Aviation Association (SAAA) March update. This month we have an update on the SE Quadrant Redevelopment, a recap of the March SAAA/SAC meeting as well as notes from the released February Minutes, updates to SAAA’s branding and website plans, news on a visit to SAV from Panchito, and an announcement of an upcoming Town-Hall meeting with Airport Management.

Thanks for your patience on this newsletter (a little later than normal this month) as we continue to work to build out our group’s infrastructure to bring value to GA at SAV.

### **SE Quadrant update**

Demolition work on the former Signature Flight Support FBO building has been completed. Demolition of the northernmost row of T-hangars and Shadeports is also underway. Further south, some concrete for new ramp areas for the redeveloped Signature facility have been poured, and developments in that area of the airport are starting to take place.



Figure 1: An overview of the state of developments on the Southeast Quadrant taken on departure from runway 10 on 4/9/23

### **March SAAA/SAC Meeting Minutes**

The SAAA Interim Council met with the Savannah Airport Commission on Feb 1 to continue discussing strategies for GA growth in years ahead. SAAA Interim Council Members Tom Huff and David Scroggs



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met with Shawn Schroeder, SAC Director of Planning and Facilities, and Timothy Roberts, SAC Contract & Leasing Administrator.

Mr. Schroeder shared a diagram of a 52,600 sq ft section of ramp adjacent to old cargo building that will become available for aircraft parking soon once concrete repairs are complete, likely in the May timeframe (SAAA believes this is the area of new concrete apron poured, which is visible on the near-side of the FedEx 757 in fig 1).

Mr. Schroeder indicated that a short presentation to the SAC for GA economic impact would be supported. SAAA intends to provide this briefing to the commission in the near future.

Hangar evictions continue on the schedule that was previously presented. Specifically, 1 Apr for hangars 1214 and 1218. The fuel farm and 3 hangars south of the 1 Apr evictions are scheduled for 1 Nov or at a date when Gulfstream is ready, no earlier than 1 Nov.

Quail Run/Red Baron's complex due to be closed on 1 Jul. Shawn mentioned possibility of Toasted Yolk – rebranding of 201 Seafood – could be potential meeting location for SAAA and other aviation activities. Toasted Yolk attempting to open ahead of Mother's Day.

### **SAC Feb 1 2023 meeting minutes digest**

SAAA IC members Huff and Scroggs attended the Mar 6 2023 SAC meeting, where the Feb 1 Meeting minutes were approved.

SAAA was provided a copy of the Feb 1 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.

### **Branding Updates from Brotallion**

Special thanks to volunteer Brendan Elliot for designing SAAA's logo and Banner. Brendan contributes to Brotallion, a design company specializing in aviation and military unit apparel. Brendan writes:

"Brotallion is a veteran-owned business passionate about fostering aircrew presence and supporting the Army Aviation community and beyond. Employing a team built entirely of Active Duty, National Guard, and veteran Aviators, Brotallion creates products that invoke the human emotion of flight for aviators by aviators. Brotallion provides an ever-growing line of aviation-centric apparel while simultaneously providing support to military units, public service organizations, and others with custom group apparel needs. Brotallion tackles the frustrations of group ordering by removing the group order process all together and replaces it with an individualized webstore platform where customers can create and offer their custom apparel to members, family, and friends. This means no more time is wasted on making



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compromises, rallying interest to meet minimum order quantities, and having to collect and account for individual payments from the masses. This time is instead focused working one-on-one with a design team member to create or refresh one-of-a-kind artwork to adorn high-quality apparel made-to-order.

The epicenter of Brotallion is the military aviation community and Brotallion facilitates multiple lines of effort to support and grow the community. The forefront of these efforts is the Brotallion Blue Skies Foundation. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides support to Gold Star families of fallen military aviators. Beyond the immediate support following a Class A (fatal) mishap, the Blue Skies Foundation provides continued support through education scholarships and vehicle purchase assistance to the family members. Most importantly, the foundation also focuses on legacy preservation of these fallen brothers and sisters through financial support to memorials and monuments across the country.

Since establishing, the Blue Skies Foundation as supported 17 Gold Star Families and provided over \$97,000 in support to the military aviation community, including more than \$40,000 to the "CASHH15" Tennessee National Guard families affected by the February 15 th mishap near of Huntsville, AL in an on-going fundraiser. Brotallion provides additional support to the growing the community through the "Brotallion Ready Room;" a Facebook group where current and aspiring members of the community can connect to share resources and provide mentorship. To connect with Brotallion and to support the Brotallion Blue Skies Foundation, check them out online at [www.brotallion.com](http://www.brotallion.com) and [www.thebrotallionblueskiesfoundation.org](http://www.thebrotallionblueskiesfoundation.org). You can also connect and support both organizations on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn."

### **Website Updates**

SAAA has engaged with MemberLeap, an association management software solution that builds template-based websites (and provides a generous discount for non-profit organizations). The new SAAA logo and art direction have been submitted to MemberLeap for design -- we expect to have a beta version of the site running within six weeks. Special thank you to Chris Baucom for volunteering as POC for website development.

### **Delaware Aviation Museum's B-25 Bomber 'Panchito' Visit**

The crew of B-25 Bomber nicknamed 'Panchito', a veteran WWII warbird owned and operated by the Delaware Aviation Museum, stopped in to Savannah for a brief visit on April 3. The crew were making their return trip from the annual Sun N' Fun fly-in and airshow at Lakeland Linder International airport in Lakeland Florida, and met with local pilots, instructors, and enthusiasts on the ramp in front of Savannah Aviation to share a bit on the aircraft and refuel.



Fig 2: B-25 aircraft nicknamed 'Panchito' being refueled while the crew met with the local community on the ramp in front of Savannah Aviation (Photo: Bob Plested)



Fig 3: B-25 Aircraft nicknamed 'Panchito' in flight over the South Carolina Coast

Events like these are a great opportunity to share history, experiences, and passion for aviation with the next generation of pilots, mechanics, engineers, and aviation professionals in a live-airport setting. Special thanks to Savannah Aviation's leadership and staff, Signature Flight Support, and Tom Huff for coordinating.



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### **Town Hall Meeting**

Watch for an update on a town hall meeting in to be held in May. SAAA will host a Town-Hall style meeting with SAC representatives to capture discussion and inputs from the local GA community. Plan to meet first for the discussion in the Crosswinds conference center for approximately 1hr and then break out for optional dinner at the Crosswinds bar and grille. Date and time TBA.

### **Upcoming events**

Tuesday, May 2nd, 5:00PM: Combined VMC/IMC & EAA 1514 meeting, Frog and Peach Restaurant  
5:00 VMC/IMC, the topic is NOTAMS – The Devil in the Details  
6:00 Dinner Break  
6:30 EAA, the topic is Young Eagle Rally – Planning for Success

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 8am-1pm: EAA 1514 inaugural Young Eagle Rally hosted by Savannah Aviation.

May Time and Date TBA: SAAA/SAC Town Hall Meeting, Crosswinds Golf Course Clubhouse

### **Closing**

Thanks for continuing to follow these updates as we explore pathways to grow general aviation locally through collaboration with SAC. We look forward to your continued participation well as welcoming you to our new website, which will go live in the next quarter.

To a better Savannah Area Aviation experience,

SAAA Interim Council  
Tom Huff  
Ted Meyer  
David Scroggs