

What is B.U.G.?

The Bluegrass Ultralight Group is a private, not-for-profit club dedicated to promoting low-cost, fun flying in central Kentucky. It is affiliated with the national Experimental Aircraft Association as local EAA UL Chapter 91. BUG provides its members a focal point for information exchange, technical assistance, and shared experience in the exciting and challenging pursuit of building, maintaining and flying ultralight and other small aircraft.

What is an "Ultralight"?

A true ultralight is an aircraft that falls within specific FAA limits on weight, speed and fuel capacity. More generally, ultralight-type aircraft are small, one- or two-seat craft that are mostly flown for pleasure, often from small grass airstrips. They offer the ultimate in fun, low-cost, wind-in-the-face flying.

Although training is necessary, a license is not required to fly a true ultralight. Heavier or faster aircraft do require certification and licensing. Many small recreational aircraft that are not true ultralights are now placed in a new "light sport aircraft" intermediate licensing category.

Ultralight and light sport aircraft are produced in a wide variety of designs, including conventional fixed-wing airplanes, weight-shift trikes, powered parachutes, and autogyros. Each type has its dedicated enthusiasts.

Fly-Ins.

BUG organizes an annual schedule of summer fly-ins in and around central Kentucky. The annual "Bug Blast", the summer's biggest event, is held at a public airport and attracts the largest number of aircraft and visitors. Others take place at picturesque, out-of-the-way grass airstrips that you may not have known existed. All offer an opportunity to examine aircraft, exchange information, swap flying stories, break bread, and share the camaraderie of the air. Visitors are welcomed at all BUG fly-ins. The 2006 fly-in schedule is:

April 22 Harrison Co. Airport, Cynthiana
38-21-58.1900N / 084-17-00.0400W

May 27 - 28 Norm Labhart Field, London
37-09-04.0000N / 084-15-27.0000W

June 17 - 19 Bug Blast! Stuart Powell Field, Danville. 37-34.67 N / 84-46.17 W

July 15 Crawdaddy Landing, Carrollton
38-40-22.0000N / 085-10-58.0000W

August 19 Lincoln Farm, Hodgenville
37-32-15.2170N / 085-44-14.8580W

September 2 - 3 Lee's Airpark, Somerset
37-01-24.0000N / 084-43-32.0000W

September 16 Owens Airpark, Owenton
38-27-22.0000N / 084-46-44.0000W

October 28 Field of Dreams Airpark, Brodhead 37-25-31N / 084-22-71W

Safety Seminar.

Each January, BUG organizes and hosts a two-day safety seminar in Lexington that is recognized as one of the premier events of its kind. Featuring nationally known speakers, a hands-on maintenance workshop and vendor displays, this annual event draws attendance in the hundreds from across Kentucky and surrounding states. The seminar is also made available to a broader audience via webcast.

The seminar reflects BUG's strong emphasis on flying safety, and has contributed to the excellent safety record of its members.

More Information.

Visit the club's website at www.bluegrassultralightgroup.org, or its online forum at groups.yahoo.com/group/BUG-KY.

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