

Above & Beyond

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

"I hope you find that your experience at Epps Aviation will not only meet, but exceed all expectations. With over 40 years in the business, I enjoy sharing my enthusiasm for flying with you. Legendary in the South for personalized service, the Epps team will deliver an experience 'Above & Beyond' all others. You can count on it."

Pat Epps, Founder & President

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First Epps airplane built 1907 by Ben T. Epps, Athens, G.A. Powered by 2-cylinder Anzani engine, approximately 15 HP

OUR HERITAGE

Pat Epps and Epps Aviation have come a long way since the aviation pioneer days when Epps' father, Ben T. Epps, the first pilot in Georgia, built and flew his first vintage aircraft in 1907.

Ben Epps built another eight aircraft designs until 1937, when he was fatally injured in a takeoff crash at the airport in Athens, Georgia, which is now named in his honor.

His six sons and two of his three daughters all became pilots.

In 1965, Pat Epps bought a small fixed-based operation (FBO) at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (**PDK**) and began Epps Air Service.

(40,000 square feet) and a shop-office area with 19 employees. Through the years, Epps continued to grow. Today, more than four decades later, Epps' team numbers more than 170 and operates on a total of 21 acres at Georgia's second busiest airport. The facility consists of the original main hangar, a terminal lobby, two maintenance/avionics hangars totaling 54,000 square feet, five corporate aircraft hangars, 40 T-hangars, and its own fuel farm.

The original facility consisted of a main hangar



ONE MAN'S DREAM

Pat Epps, a native of Athens, Georgia and the youngest son of Ben T. Epps, graduated from Georgia Tech in 1956 and entered the United States Air Force in 1957. As a distinguished graduate of Class 58L, he became the fifth of Ben Epps' sons to become a military pilot.

With over 10,000 flying hours as a commercial pilot with type ratings in North American B-25 Mitchell, Douglas DC-3, Learjet, and Cessna *Citation*, Epps continues to go "Above and Beyond." Epps has been recognized amongst the honorees of the 1998 Gatherings of Eagles, an international group setting standards and paving the way for future air and space power. Epps has also been honored by the NBAA. In 1999, he received the NBAA American Spirit Award. In 2007, Epps was again recognized at the NBAA Annual Convention by receiving the John P. "Jack" Doswell Award for his lifelong dedication to general aviation and community volunteer work.

Epps led an 11-year quest to recover the Lost Squadron. In 1992, he succeeded in retrieving a WWII Lockheed P-38 *Lightning* buried beneath 265 feet of the Greenland ice cap. In June 1994, Epps piloted a friend's DC-3 to France. As he flew over Normandy, veteran War World II paratroopers jumped to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of D-Day landings.

Pat and his wife Ann Epps, reside in Atlanta. Pat continues to work at the FBO. Their three children, Patrick, Marian and Elaine, all have their pilot's license and presently work in the family business.

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FBO SERVICES

As the leading independent fixed-base operator at PDK, Epps is your comfort zone away from home. • 24-Hour Service Constantly promoting the benefits of general aviation, Epps is a long-standing member of the leading aviation organizations – NBAA, NATA, EAA and AOPA. Epps offers real southern hospitality with a convenient location just nine miles from downtown Atlanta, and minutes from both the renowned Buckhead shopping district and the Chamblee MARTA station. All line service technicians are ACE-GA certified. With a dedicated service team and more than four decades in the business, experience the Epps difference.

- Quick Turns
- Flight Planning/WSI
- Hangar Facilities
- US Customs with Notice
- Courtesy Transportation
- Conference Rooms
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Pilots Lounge/Showers/Snooze Room
- Concierge Services, including
- Valet/Catering
- Limo/Rental Car Arrangements
- Hotel Reservations

CHARTER

ly Epps Aviation's Charter fleet and discover the advantages of on-demand charter. With over 150,000 combined flying hours, our experienced ATP-licensed pilots can safely and efficiently transport you to and from the 5,000 domestic airports served by general aviation versus just the 500 airports served by the airliners. International destinations are also within reach and no Jet Card or commitment to long-term contracts is necessary with Epps.

Consult with our Charter Coordinators to create your itinerary and choose the appropriate aircraft to meet your travel needs. Epps operates turbo-props and small & mid-sized jets that are maintained and fueled by Epps' own service teams.

The aircraft cabins are suitable for in-flight meetings so travel time can be productive work time or you can relax and enjoy the ride with in-flight catering and conversation. Feel secure knowing that sensitive and critical equipment, as well as pets, fly inside the cabin with you.

Epps Aviation is focused on providing you with the best charter experience from our convenient location at Atlanta's PDK Airport or wherever you choose to depart. When you choose flight, choose Epps.



AIRCRAFT MANAGEMENT

Our professional team at Epps Aviation can provide a turnkey solution designed just for you. Epps specializes in seamless aircraft management services such as aircraft acquisition, crew management, dispatching, FAA compliance, security, maintenance and training.

These custom-designed solutions can be consolidated into monthly billing and ownership costs can be offset with revenue from Epps' charter service. Experience aircraft ownership without the hassles.

You take care of your business... we'll take care of your aircraft.





AIRCRAFT SALES

Epps Aviation sales specialists are ready to assist you throughout the entire process of buying and selling an aircraft. We offer new and pre-owned aircraft suitable for business or pleasure flying and expeditious, professional brokerage services.

Cessna CSTAR

Epps Aviation is the Cessna Sales Team Authorized Representative (CSTAR) for Georgia and Alabama.

Pilatus Center South

Established as a division of Epps Aviation in 1996, we are the exclusive Pilatus PC-12 distributor for the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean.



MAINTENANCE

At Epps Aviation, maintenance, safety and dependability are our Epps Aviation is an authorized Service Center for primary areas of focus, not afterthoughts.

Since 1967, our experienced team of factory-trained, FAA licensed A&P mechanics have been servicing aircraft with an unequalled level of knowledge and skill. We operate an approved FAA and EASA Repair Station for major repairs and inspections of both turbine and piston aircraft.

Pilatus, Cessna, Mitsubishi, Cirrus, Mooney, Piper, Michelin and Dallas Airmotive. A Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) is on staff for your convenience.

We have an extensive FAA Research and Technical Library, extensive parts inventory and two maintenance hangars, all housed in our own 54,000 square foot service facility.























AVIONICS

pps Aviation is an authorized dealer for most major avionics manufacturers and When upgrading or purchasing your avionics a member of the AEA. Our knowledgeable, Flight Safety trained staff and full-service equipment, count on the experience of Epps Aviation avionics shop are dedicated to providing the best in customer satisfaction and to help you make the right decision. high-quality avionics repairs and installations.

Consistent winners of the AEA Avionics Training Excellence Award and the Garmin Leading Edge Service and Sales Award.













PARTS

Every hour your plane spends grounded is an hour it could be generating revenue for you and your company. Epps Aviation's goal is to return your plane to flying status as soon as possible.

Our expansive inventory, including Continental and Lycoming engines and spare parts, caters to a wide variety of turbine and piston aircraft. This inventory is also available with overnight delivery at competitive prices.

For those hard-to-find parts and components, Epps will assist by contacting all of its OEM sources. With over 100 years of combined aviation inventory experience, our team will provide you with unmatched knowledge and customer service.

Epps is a Cessna Authorized NDI Facility



NDT & CALIBRATION

Nondestructive Testing

Epps Aviation operates a 24/7 department for NDT and inspection services. Our mobile NDT lab will come to you or you can come to us knowing Epps' technicians are certified in accordance with NAS-410, SNT-TC-1A or ASNT Level III.

Epps is an experienced service provider for aircraft teardown inspections, including government projects. No job is too big or too small. Feel secure knowing that Epps' NDT technicians are capable and qualified to perform every task, from the initial cutting to the final NDT report required. Past performance records are available upon request

Calibration Services

New to Epps, our Calibration Services program has been created under the guidelines of ANSI/NCSL Z540.3-2006, NIST HANDBOOK150 and ISO/IEC 17025. All of Epps' standards are traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and our extensive capabilities are designed with the aviation community in mind.

P-38 Lightning, 265 feet below the Greenland Ice Cap

THE LOST SQUADRON

n the summer of 1981, Pat Epps set forth on his first adventure to the Greenland ice cap in search of the The story of this epic adventure has been retold in Lost Squadron – two World War II Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress bombers and six Lockheed P-38 Lightnings. The squadron was forced to land on the Greenland ice cap on July 15, 1942 after hours of flying in bad weather and running low on fuel. Epps' adventure began as a lark when he was admiring a customer's new Learjet and the customer responded, "What I really want is a P-38". Epps certainly knew where six P-38 Lightnings were located so he joined forces with a friend and two airline pilots who already had the search and salvage rights from the Danish government. The first attempt to locate these WWII aircraft was unsuccessful but Epps was determined to succeed.

Epps was an active member of, and eventually led, the Greenland Expedition Society (GES) team on another six trips to the ice cap over the next 11 years. The summer of 1992 marked GES' monumental recovery of the vintage Lockheed P-38 Lightning, Glacier Girl, buried 265 feet below the Greenland ice cap for 50 years.

the book, The Lost Squadron, and documented in National Geographic History Channel's, Hunt for the Lost Squadron. Additionally, Epps and the GES team's expedition have been documented in numerous periodicals such as Smithsonian's Air & Space and LIFE magazine. Photos of this arctic adventure adorn the walls at Epps Aviation. Pat Epps and Epps Aviation have received international attention for this remarkable endeavor. Epps attributes their success to the unwavering perseverance of the entire GES team, enthusiastic supporters and his devoted wife, Ann.

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Pat Epps as young boy