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## President's Report

Well, 2004 began with lots of sunny days until Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January when the clouds gathered and drizzled on us for 48 hours; and it seems like it's been sunny ever since the following Monday!

Alva and I did wait at the luxurious FBO at Corinth till almost 13:00 CST (just in case some daring souls had decided to try for it) before repairing to Ruby Tuesday's for soup'n'salad. The AWOS at the FBO desk was reading a 5000 feet ceiling and the crew a King Air departing for Houston TX said they expected VFR conditions to the south. However, as we drove westwards back to Walnut after lunch, we encountered heavy rain and low cloud mists as we crested the low ridges enroute. So I was gratified that our chapter members put discretion (i.e. good judgement) before valor (i.e. foolhardiness).

There being no meeting, we were unable to conduct business as planned. The main issue was the retirement of our newsletter editor / treasurer Mike Key and election of a successor. We had one nomination for the position...Curt Ammons... and since there was no meeting, I have taken the liberty of approving the change subject to there being no objections from the membership. I shall be happy to receive your comments by email. And, I would like at this time to express my personal thanks to Mike for his excellent work in producing and distributing the Newsletter these last two years...and being the guardian of the Chapter's coffers as well. Many thanks, Mike! I would also like to welcome Curt and thank him for his willingness to take on this task. Now, although I shall be quite happy to continue as president of the Chapter, I also feel that after two years y'all should feel free to nominate a successor ... or volunteer yourself.

Right now my affairs are still somewhat chaotic. We have finished our new house in the woods at Walnut, and spend several days a week there. We have a phone line and satellite TV, but no computer yet (During Library hours I can access the internet in Walnut). In Memphis I am finishing the annual on 8894Charlie at M01 under the watchful supervision of my friend Leon Andrews who is also my AI/A&P. No surprises this year..."Thank you God!" So I'm expecting to do a lot of flying starting Feb. 1.

Let's start the year by making up a schedule for future fly-ins. If

there is an aviation event in your area that we can incorporate into our calendar let Curt or me know. Or if there is something of local interest that would provide a focus for a fly-in...Or if you would just like to host us at your home base.

For next month, I am going to tempt the gods by suggesting Corinth (CRX) yet again... third time lucky?! That'll be February 21, 12:00 CST. I'll have my cell phone on if you need to contact me on the day (901-491-1787)

Don't forget January is the time for our dues (still \$10). Bring your \$\$ to CRX or send them to Curt. Mine will be in the mail tomorrow!

Hope to see y'all at CRX. Cheers!

Tom

The Pres



## Treasury Report

If you've not already sent your dues to Mike or Tom, feel free to send them my way.

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Please annotate on your check, "TNSWPC 2004 Dues"

Also, please include your current address and email address so we can update our records. Thank!

## Meeting Schedule

Corinth, MS (CRX)

Date: 21 February 2004  
Time: 1200  
Location: 34-54-53.884N / 088-36-12.541W  
Elevation: 425 ft (surveyed)  
Communications: CTAF/Unicom: 122.8  
WX AWOS-3: 118.675  
(662-287-5103)

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