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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Did I say "Third time lucky"? Well, the weather on Saturday 21st February, at CRX was CAVU, as it was for much of the State of Tennessee. When Alva and I drove up from Walnut (20 miles west), two pretty red and white Tripacers had already preceded us. I quickly taxied N8894C from its open hangar to make it three red 'n' white Tripes parked in front of the Airport Terminal Building. Ken Rettberg had flown solo from Hopkinsville, Kentucky. I didn't think of it at the time, but Ken deserves a prize for flying through three States too attend the meeting and lunch. The other PA22 brought our Vice President, Bobby Irby and Lawrence

Atkins from Camden, TN. With the weather being as fine as it was, we waited expectantly for more arrivals, but disappointingly we five turned out to be it. No doubt my "Internet" isolation at Walnut contributed to not getting the word out to everyone in a timely fashion. However, while we waited in the plush terminal at CRX, we used the time to conduct our business meeting.

We noted that Curt Ammons was pursuing his new position as Newsletter Editor / Treasurer with considerable enthusiasm and vigor. The membership list is being effectively revised and updated. The dues are rolling in...slowly ☺. Curt's initiative to generate a Web Site for the Chapter was applauded by all present...an additional two positive votes by those present who had not voted by email, brought the total of votes pro the Web Site to twelve (12) with zero (0) against. The decision to proceed with the Web Site is, therefore, unanimous. Members are urged to contact Curt with updates on their personal information and aircraft with a photo if possible for the Web Site. If you don't have a digital camera...just come to the next fly-in and I'll take a picture of you and your bird ☺.

There were a couple of items of new business. A section of the Newsletter for advertisements was considered and deemed to be a good idea. Short Wings for sale...or wanted... Parts, avionics, etc. If you have thoughts or objections let us know. We might use the same format and rules that apply to the SWPC News Magazine. Any and all input is welcome.

The timing for our monthly fly-in was also discussed, with a view to improving attendance. One suggestion was to reduce the frequency to bimonthly, with the following Sunday as a rain date. The general feeling, however, was that this would give Mother Nature a numerical advantage...the logical sequitor was that if we scheduled meetings weekly, the weather would cooperate at least one time per month. (Sounds like we had too many engineers and scientists present!!). A more serious suggestion was that we try setting our meetings earlier in the day, for brunch, at say 10:00am. In the



Red & White Tripacers at Corinth, MS

summer, at least, that would provide three hours flying time to get there and wouldn't write off a whole day for folks who have other weekend activities / obligations. Let's hear your thoughts on this. The idea of making Sunday a "rain date" is also to be considered. This latter requires effective communication to find out if the Saturday meeting is cancelled and if the Sunday substitute is a "GO". I guess I'll have to make the decision and the most effective means of communication will be my cell number 901-491-1787...(except when I'm in the air).



February meeting attendees at Corinth

Tom Brent (Pres), Ken Rettburg, Lawrence Atkins, Bobby Irby (Vice Pres)

By 12:30 we were all hungry and terminated the meeting to repair to Ruby Tuesday's a couple of miles from the airport. As we drove Lawrence regaled us with nostalgic memories of Corinth, which was apparently a stomping ground for him in his youth. After a convivial lunch, Alva took off (figuratively speaking) to shop in Corinth while we four guys returned to the airport. A quick photo op. session and we all fired up our engines and also took off (literally!). The weather being so nice I took the opportunity to take some aerial pictures of a local fellow's property.

Till next time, fly safe...

Cheers,

Tom B

TREASURY REPORT

To date, we have received paid dues from six members (out of 30) bringing our coffers up to \$445. From that, we have expended \$47.50 to cover one year's web site expense. We are also looking to donate \$100 to the 2004 Convention for door prizes.

Send your 2004 Dues (\$10), along with your current address and email address to:

Curt Ammons, TNSWPC
4186 Green Hill Drive
Hernando, MS 38632

Please make your check out to: **Curt Ammons c/o TNSWPC Dues**

MEETING SCHEDULE

Clarksville, TN: Outlaw Field (CKV)

Date: 20 March 2004
Time: 1000 CT
Location: 36-37-18.771N / 087-24-53.833W
Elevation: 550 ft. ft (surveyed)
Communications: CTAF/Unicom: 122.8
Campbell Approach/Departure: 134.35
WX ASOS: 134.575 (931-431-3045)

Information courtesy of Airnav.com (<http://www.airnav.com>)

CLASSIFIEDS

This is a new section, awaiting your input. Just email me (cdammons@netzero.com) with your needs

Don't forget to make reservations for our
2004 Short Wing Piper Club Convention
21-24 June:
Quality Inn & Suites at Sault Ste. Marie.
1 877 923 7887
<http://www.staysaultstemarie.com>
Mention that you're with the SWPC
Also, contact Tom as we are looking to put together
a gaggle flight of Short Wings for the trip.

MEMBERSHIP

Do you know these people?

We are working diligently to scrub our current membership listing in attempt to learn of our active members and/or their addresses. Tom has been making numerous phone calls to comply with this requirement. However, we've run aground in our attempts to find the following folks:

- Johnnie Allen, Killen Alabama (still with us?) Doug Camp (need address)
Tim Murphy, White House TN (still with us?) Tony Huddleston (need address)
Ralph Kimberlin, Tullahoma TN (still with us?) Ken Miracle (need address)
Stan Stone (need address)

If you know how to contact these folks, please give Tom or myself a call. Better yet, give them a call yourself and invite them to the next meeting!

Electronic Newsletters

Did you notice the new format? We're sending this to all of our members in hard copy this month, in attempts not only to reach members who do not have internet/email access, but to confirm our address updates.

As you know, there is a cost associated with sending *The Tennessee Short Wing Gazette* to you in hard copy format. For that reason, if you can (and desire) to receive our monthly newsletter via electronic format, please send me an email (cdammons@netzero.com/cdammons@fedex.com) requesting we place you on our "email-only" list.

TNSWPC WEB SITE

Another means of accessing *The Tennessee Short Wing Gazette* is through our new web site! Come visit us at:

<http://fly-4-fun.net/tnswpc.html>

We're also looking to put your plane under the Membership Section. Please forward a picture to us, and we'll see that you have your own page. For those who do not have email access, just send a picture with your dues check, and we'll get it scanned and placed on our web site.

We also have a Links page that's in work. If you have a favorite link that would prove beneficial to our Chapter members, please let me know, and I'll get it on board.

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