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FROM THE LEAD POSITION

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There was a lot of e-mail chatter prior to our last fly-in meeting on Saturday 19th February. Weather in the latter days of that week had been glorious in most of the region. Just perfect flying conditions, but in keeping with the philosophy that we would not be aware of the “good” without the comparison with something “less than good”.....But I digress! Anyway bad weather was bound to arrive at some point, and the issue was.... “when?” The weather pattern was changing very slowly so was difficult to predict. The decision whether to fly to Rough River (2I3) had to be postponed, essentially ‘til that Saturday morning and I departed CRX at 08:30 with the notion that I might not make it back later in the day if the slow moving fronts south and north of Tennessee accelerated at all.



(l to r) Patti and Kenny Brown, Steve and Kin Marcozzi, Dave and Deb Geiger, Ken Rettberg, Pierre and Julia (hidden) Ours, Gene Roach, Luther Stivers, JoAnn and Dick Bealer. Not shown, Tom B behind camera.

Arriving at Rough River, some two hours later, I heard Steve Marcozzi on the radio ahead of me and saw Pierre-Louis and Julia Ours's and Ken Rettberg's two TriPacers already parked on the ramp. Julia and Pierre (representing the Buckeye Chapter) had come all the way from Columbus **Ohio**, while Ken had a shorter trip from Hopkinsville **Kentucky**. Steve and Kim flew in from Lawrenceberg **Kentucky**. During the next while we were joined by Gene Roach, Kentucky Chapter president, who flew in from Frankfurt **Kentucky** with Luther Stivers albeit in a Cessna 172 :-), and Dick and JoAnn Bealer from Louisville **Kentucky** and Ken and Patti Brown out of Lawrenceberg **Tennessee**, and finally (but not least) David and Deborah Geiger from Carbondale **Illinois**. Since I still maintain a home in Memphis, I claimed to represent **Tennessee** (as well as **Mississippi**). Altogether, we had seven Short Wings, all TriPacers, and the C172. Not a taildragger in sight!!

Not long after the appointed hour (1100 CST) we proceeded to the Rough River Park Lodge, close enough for most to walk, though a shuttle was available too. We didn't have to wait long before the restaurant opened at 1130 and a table for fourteen was immediately available. We held our business meeting during an excellent buffet lunch. The tentative schedule for fly-ins for the rest of the year was passed around the table and, since I heard no objections, this will be the official calendar of events. The next major item was planning for the Southeast Regional meeting. I had printed out



We've got the perfect plane for you... if you like RED! Steve Marcozzi TriPacer (left), and Ken Rettbeg TriPacer (right)

- ➔ Early arrivals will be able to see the Glacier Girl P-38
- ➔ Saturday will be a morning fly-out to Pigeon Forge (GKT) to visit the Tennessee Aviation Museum.
- ➔ Afternoon will allow for visits to local attractions close to Middlesboro
- ➔ Departure will be Sunday morning.

The hotel suggested is the Ramada, 5 miles from Middlesboro, where Friday and Saturday evenings dinner may be had in the restaurant. Close-by camping is available for those driving RVs or carrying their tents. More information will be forthcoming as the plans solidify, so stay tuned. Put October 14-16 on your calendar, and let Bobby or me know if you plan to attend so we'll get an idea of numbers.

Apart from collecting dues from Chapter members at the table, there was no other business, and after we were through eating we all drifted back to the airfield. I was one of those with longer flights home who had taken on fuel before lunch, so as to expedite departure, what with the weather being so iffy.

As soon as I had some altitude after taking off, I contacted Louisville Flight Service to activate my flight plan and get a weather update. AIRMET for icing below 9000' and PIREPS for ice pellet precipitation along my route of flight sounded somewhat ominous. Reported ceilings and visibilities remained 7000' and 8 miles or better, so I pressed on, keeping an eye on the outside temperature. At 3000' initially I stayed just below the freezing level but as I proceeded southwards the temperature steadily rose. Throughout the 2-hour trip all I encountered was intermittent light rain.



If ya want BLUE, find a Cessna!
However, Tripacer's do come in other colors too...

preliminary plans that Bobby Ramsey had e-mailed to me, but during a senior moment had left them next to the computer at home in Walnut. Recounting what I could from memory (ha,ha) there was a generally positive reaction from those present. The location will be (1A6) Middlesboro, Kentucky. The time will be the weekend of October 14-16, with arrival on the Friday afternoon.



Ain't RED beautiful? Pierre and Julia Ours PA22 (left) Tom Brent's PA22 (right)
Not shown: Kenny Brown's Tripacer... Wanna guess what color it is?
Hint: Look on the Tips and Tricks books

Everyone else got back to their home base OK, although the Geigers flew through a 40 mile stretch of snowfall, apparently a first for Deborah ☹.

This was my last long flight before parking N8894C for its annual inspection. I'm hoping it'll be flying again before next month's meeting, however, if it isn't, y'all will be able to inspect it in person in the maintenance hangar at CRX, Roscoe Turner Airport, Corinth Mississippi, location of our next meeting on Saturday 19th March.

Till then, fly safe.

Cheers,

Tom B

FLY MARKET

TNSWPC Patches



We have plenty of patches available.
Contact either Tom or Curt so you can fly your colors proudly!

Size: 2½" x 3¾"

Price: \$5.00, checks payable to *Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club*

Send to: Curt Ammons

TNSWPC Decals



Display your colors while supporting your organization.
Contact Tom or Curt to get yours now!

Size: 2½" x 3¾" (approx)

Price: \$2.00, checks payable to *Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club*

Send to: Curt Ammons

GAGGLE RESOURCES

Balance Forward: January 2005	\$243.09
Income:	
- patches (0)	\$0.00
- decals (0)	\$0.00
- membership dues (0)	\$130.00
Payments:	
- mailing expenses (February)	\$0.00
Balance: February 28, 2005	\$373.09

FLIGHT PLANNING

Corinth, MS: Roscoe Turner Airport (CRX)

It's time for Tom's annual inspection, and he saying the more the merrier. Tom hosts our next event down Mississippi way... Come on down!

Visit: <http://www.100dollarhamburger.com/crx.html>
Date: 19 March 2005
Time: 1100 CT
Location: 34-54.898067N / 088-36.209017W
Elevation: 425 ft
Communications (CTAF): 122.8
WX AWOS-3: 118.675 (662-287-5103)

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



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 16 Apr - Memphis, TN (M01): Rendezvous or Interstate BBQ
- 12-18 April - Lakeland, FL (LAL): Sun-N-Fun Fly-In
- 21 May - Owensboro, KY (OWB): Moonlite BBQ
- 18 June - Tullahoma, TN (THA): Piggy's Place and/or Staggerwing Museum
- 16 July - Centerville, TN (GHM): Homestead Restaurant
- 18-21 July - Vancouver, WA (VUO): SWPC Convention
- 25-31 July - Oshkosh, Wisconsin (OSH): Airventure 2005
- 20 Aug - Lawrenceburg, TN (2M2): Kenny Brown's BBQ or Brass Lantern
- 17 Sep - Sikeston, MO (SIK): Lambert's
- 14-16 Oct - SWPC - Southeast Regional Fly-In: Middlesboro KY (1A6): Glacier Girl
- 1-2 October - Millington, TN (2M8): Millington Air Show
- 19 Nov - Pell City, AL (PLR): St. Clair County Airport
- Dec - Christmas?



Parting Shot: More from the Rough River Fly-In. In the foreground, amongst all the red, is Dave & Deb Geiger's blue Tripacer. Looks like we have a FACE-OFF!

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