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FROM THE LEAD POSITION

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Well, last Saturday's fly-in at Corinth was just determined not to be, due to a narrow window of weather (bad, that is) that blocked out the morning hours... Except we did manage to assemble a quorum due to Gilbert and Barbara Pierce's stalwart aviation from east of Memphis. I was taxiing N8894C from the hangar to the ramp when I spotted a landing light approaching runway 17 out of the mist (cloud?). As we walked to the FBO, Gilbert was muttering a lot to the effect that you should never believe the radar, and that AWOS was reporting ceiling as MSL instead of the prescribed AGL (425' airport elevation becomes significant when MSL ceiling is 1100' !). Once inside the terminal building, Alva (the spouse) told us that Kenny Brown had called to say he and Patti were on their way from Lawrenceburg, however, as we later learned, they got as far as the Tennessee River flying in rain and decreasing ceilings before turning back. Kenny said visibility was such that his only ground reference was straight down and he essentially flew on instruments most of the way home. A valiant attempt but the right decision... the 180° that is.

So, the four of us went to eat at Ruby Tuesday's which is close to the airport. During the business portion of lunch we mentioned the SE Regional fly-in planned for October 14-16 at Middlesboro KY. Also, I learned that Gilbert and Barbara plan to attend the SWPC National

Convention in Oregon in July, so I've prevailed upon them to be official reporters of the event for the Chapter. I shall probably not make the Convention this year. Any other TN Chapter members planning on the trip to Oregon might get together with Gilbert.

After lunch, the weather still being marginal, we all trekked over to our newly built house on the farm at Walnut, for dessert and more conversation. By mid-afternoon, as we returned to the airport, patches of blue sky became visible.

As the Red Lady Clipper departed, I pre-flighted 94C for the first post-annual flight. Although the broken ceiling was still only around 1500' MSL (altimeter reading, that is), above at 3000' it was CAVU. I played with my new digital EGT/CHT and Volt/ Amp Meter, leaning and loading the electrical system to the limit of the "original equipment" 20 amp generator...did OK with everything "on" including transmit button mashed, till I switched the landing lights to "both" ☺. Oh well, an alternator conversion will have to come next...



Barbara and Gibert pre-flight the Clipper before departing CRX.



The Red Lady and 94 Charlie on the ramp at 3:00pm... Note the hint of blue and sharp shadows!

Next month, Saturday April 16th, we shall meet at General Dewitt Spain Airport (M01) located right by the Mississippi River, north of downtown Memphis. It's within the Class B, 30 mile veil, so you need a transponder unless you're plane has no electrics, but you can fly in to M01 without entering the restricted Class B space if you stay below 1800' MSL. The Memphis Approach controllers

are always very helpful if you do request clearance through the Bravo Airspace... 125.8 approaching from the east... 119.1 from the west. I know Sun-'n'-Fun will conflict with this meeting and some of you will no doubt be in Florida. However, for those of us who are not inclined to venture that far, let's hope the weather favors a good turnout in Memphis. See y'all there.

Fly safe, wherever you may venture,



Cheers,

Tom B



The Clipper heads for a hole in the clouds

FLY MARKET

TNSWPC Patches	TNSWPC Decals
 <p>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 <i>Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club</i> Send to: Curt Ammons</p>	 <p>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 <i>Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club</i> Send to: Curt Ammons</p>

GAGGLE RESOURCES

Balance Forward: February 2005	\$373.09
Income:	
- patches (0)	\$0.00
- decals (0)	0.00
- membership dues (0)	0.00
Payments:	
- mailing expenses (March)	\$0.00
Balance: March 31, 2005	\$373.09

FLIGHT PLANNING

Memphis, TN: General DeWitt-Spain Airport (M01)
Visit: <http://www.100dollarhamburger.com/m01.html>
Date: 16 April 2005
Time: 1100 CT
Location: 35-12-02.4940N / 090-03-14.3170W
Elevation: 224 ft
Communications: CTAF: 122.8
 MEM Approach: 119.1
 MEM Departure: 124.65
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?



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