

# The Tennessee Short Wing Gazette

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## FROM THE LEAD POSITION

Tom Brent

**T**he April fly-in at General DeWitt Spain Airport (M01) in Memphis was blessed with fair skies. Although it coincided with Sun'n'Fun, we still had a good turn-out; I managed to be the first to arrive (for a change ☺) from only 70 nm east (CRX), followed by Tennessee Chapter members David and Deborah Geiger from Carbondale IL in their TriPacer and Jim Butler and his friend John from Evansville IN in his Pacer. Local members who drove in to provide us with ground transportation included my wife, Alva, Stan Stone, and Larry Woronoff with his son Joshua.

We all assembled at my buddy Leon Andrews' hangar, which he'd opened for us to inspect the antique and experimental aeroplanes that he has built or restored. The oldest of them is a 1928 Curtiss Robin powered by an OX-5 engine built in 1918. More modern 'planes include an early 1930's Rearwin Sportster, and a Monocoupe that he's



Shortwings on the ramp at DeWitt-Spain Airport in Memphis.  
(L to R) Jim Butler's Pacer, Tom B's, and Dave & Deb Geiger's TriPacers



(L to R) Deborah, David Geiger, Alva Brent, Ona Andrews, Stan Stone, Leon Andrews and John (Jim Butler was refueling his plane and Tom was behind the camera)

still working on. A couple of Pietenpohl's, one powered with Model A Ford and the other with a Leblond radial engine, as well as a late model (1940's) Taylorcraft, and assorted fuselages, wings, engines, etc. filled the rest of the hangar.

The original plan to eat at an old downtown rib restaurant, the Rendezvous, was scrapped based on Dave Geiger's conversation with a Center controller who recommended an



At the Blues City Café on Beale Street (From Front to Back)  
Left side: Jim Butler, John, Dave Geiger, Josh & Larry Woronoff,  
Right Side: Stan Stone, Deb Geiger, Alva Brent, Leon & Ona Andrews  
(Not pictured, President Tom Brent doing photography duty)

alternate (non-aviation related), The Blues City Café (<http://www.bealestreetonline.com/restaurants.htm>). So, joined by Leon and his wife Ona, we all trekked down the Mississippi's banks to Beale Street. A good choice it turned out! Business discussed over ribs, catfish, etc., included approval for a \$100 donation and some Chapter patches and decals for door prizes at the Oregon Convention. Jim Butler is planning to go to Oregon as well

as the Gilbert and Barbara Pierce, so we will have a fair representation of Tennessee Chapter members. I reminded folks to keep the upcoming SE Regional fly-in October 14-16 marked on their calendars. Larry Woronoff updated us on the restoration of the 1957 TriPacer that has been in his family since new and in which he first soloed. Progress is slow he said, but at least the propeller overhaul is complete! After lunch we strolled down Beale looking at a whole bunch of Corvettes that were having a show there. Alva said, "You seen one, you seen 'em all" (no offence to 'Vette aficionados)...and so we moseyed back to the airport.

I took young Josh for what Larry told me was his first flight in a TriPacer, over downtown Memphis and along the Mississippi River. I felt quite honored!

Homeward bound, I cruised at 100 mph at 2000' enjoying the good weather and scenery, deviating off course to take photos of the farm at Walnut. All in all it had been a good day with all the 4 F's in good measure.

Cheers!  
Tom

**SWPC CONVENTION UPDATE**

**RON GULLICKSON, COLUMBIA RIVER CHAPTER**

I just wanted to send a quick note to all to encourage you to register for and to attend the 2005 National Short Wing Piper Club Convention, at Pearson Field in Vancouver, Washington, July 18-21, 2005.

Our planning team and volunteers are eager to meet and greet you, make your visit enjoyable, comfortable, and worth the trip. The Columbia River Gorge, Mt. St. Helens, and the Pacific Coast are only a few of the adventures which await you!

Please join us for a trip back into history, as this summer is the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, in which Vancouver played an important role. Pearson Field is the hub for the historic Murdock Aviation Museum, Fort Vancouver National Historic Preserve, and the Fort Vancouver Barracks. In all, it's a beautiful site to visit, and is within walking distance of Pearson Airport.



The convention will feature interesting seminar/workshops, the annual club meeting, entertaining luncheon and banquet speakers, aircraft judging, a poker run, and tours of the Columbia River Gorge and Mt. St. Helens, and opportunities to tell your stories!

The Red Lion Hotel at the Quay is on the riverfront with river view dining in the Pacific Grill and Chowder House, and has a paved riverfront walking trail that leads to four riverfront restaurants with outside dining at Joe's Crab Shack, Who Song and Larry's Cantina, MacMenamins Brew Pub, and Beaches Restaurant.

Check out our chapter website <http://www.columbiariverswpc.org>. Come join us for a wonderful time!  
Fly Safe!

Ron

**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! <b>Size:</b> 2½" x 3¾" <b>Price:</b> \$5.00</p>	<p>Display your colors while supporting your organization. Contact Tom or Curt to get yours now! <b>Size:</b> 2½" x 3¾" (approx) <b>Price:</b> \$2.00</p>
<p>Please make checks payable to <i>Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club</i> Send to: Curt Ammons (address on last page of <i>The Gazette</i>)</p>	

**GAGGLE RESOURCES**

<b>Balance Forward:</b> March 2005 (est.)	\$373.09
<b>Income:</b>	
- patches (0)	\$0.00
- decals (0)	0.00
- membership dues (0)	0.00
<b>Payments:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Balance:</b> April 30, 2005 (adjusted)	\$484.47

**FLIGHT PLANNING**

**Owensboro, KY: (OWB)**

**Visit:** <http://www.100dollarhamburger.com/owb.html>  
**Date:** 21 May 2005  
**Time:** 1100 CT  
**Location:** 37-44-24.4000N / 087-10-00.6000W  
**Elevation:** 406 ft  
**Communications:** Tower: 120.7  
 Ground: 121.7  
 EVV App/Dep: 126.4  
 Information courtesy of Airnav.com (<http://www.airnav.com>)



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 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 SHOTS**



(L to R) David and Deb Geiger with Josh and Larry Woronoff  
Taking Care of Business (Short Wing Style) with *Elvis*?

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Gilbert & Barbara Pierce  
2005 Grand Champion  
Classics Division  
Sun-N-Fun**

**Check out your  
TNSWPC Web Site:  
<http://fly-4-fun.net>**



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