

# Tennessee Short Wing Gazette

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FROM THE LEAD POSITION

Tom Brent

We had a good turn out at our June 18<sup>th</sup> fly-in at Tullahoma. The weather was good, with not a cloud in sight when I departed Corinth, MS at 8:30 CDT. There was haze that I attempted to climb above, but gave up at 7,500 MSL. I was the first to arrive at THA.... to be welcomed by a bevy of skydivers who had just jumped from a King Air. I whiled away the time before the first of the other Short Wings arrived talking to the jumpers who were having a big event that day.



First to arrive was **Harry King** from close-by Winchester in his blue on silver PA22. I had met Harry last year at the "Taildragger Fly-in" at Lexington, TN. Harry's wife **Sara Lynne** later drove up in their van to provide us with ground transportation.... Thanks Sara! Next to arrive were **Bobby and Lola Ramsey** with their son **Robby** in their Caribbean TriPacer, shortly followed by **Paul Bale and Vickey** in their 1953 TriPacer. These East Tennesseans had flown from Middlesboro,



Kenny Brown's TriPacer and Bobby Ramsey's Caribbean at Tullahoma

and Knoxville, respectively. Last aircraft to arrive was **Kenny and Patti Brown's** TriPacer from Lawrenceberg, TN. A clean sweep for PA22s (five) on the ramp! Arriving by surface means, we were joined by locals, **Jim Miller** and his wife **Donna** and also **Charles Myers**. Jim's flying Colt was hangared on the other end of the aerodrome as was Charlie's PA20/22. If we include Jim's Colt that is in restoration at his house, we might claim to have had as many as eight Shortwings at Tullahoma that day. We were also joined by **Eric Clutton**, a local ex-Brit aviation enthusiast who still calls "airports"... "aerodromes"... ☺

We managed to muster enough vehicles to transport us all to Piggy's Place, a well-known BBQ restaurant in town, where we (or at least some of us) pigged out on the barbecued fare on the menu. After lunch we piled into Sara Lynne's van back to the airport where we proceeded to have our business meeting. Apart from collecting a couple of folk's dues and selling decals, the main order of business was the Southeast Regional Fly-in. Bobby Ramsey outlined a possible schedule of events. After some discussion with input from Paul and Vickey, a basic program was arrived at and is appended to this report. Paul told us that his hangar at Sky Ranch Airport (TN98) is essentially complete. A concrete apron was just poured so we will be able to meet there for future fly-ins. Some of us may want to visit with Paul and Vickey in October during the Regional. Paul also told us he has recently acquired a B35-Bonanza which is fast and IFR capable, so will enable them to attend more of our fly-ins.

The schedule for our next meeting is Centerville TN (GHM) in July for those not flying out west for the SWPC Convention. In August we shall gather at Kenny Brown's hangar in Lawrenceberg TN... and **Patti** will be doing the BBQ.



(l-r) Tom Brent's, Harry King's and Paul Bale's PA22's at THA all early models...note the rounded rear windows



(l-r) The gathering for Piggy's Place  
Sara Lynne and Harry, Tom, Jim, Charlie, Lola and Bobby, Paul and Vickey,  
Kenny and Patti

We had talked about visiting the Beech Staggerwing and Bonanza Museums on the field, however time ran out for those with lengthy flights home. We also passed on visiting with Jim Miller to view his Colt restoration. Jim says he's about ready to cover one wing now....The fuselage is finished.

Due to the good weather my flight home was uneventful....so I have little to say about it ☺.

See y'all at GHM on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Fly safely and cheers,

Tom B

## SWPC SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FLY-IN

BOB RAMSEY

**When: 14 – 16 October**

**Where: Middlesboro, Kentucky (1A6)** (<http://www.airnav.com/airport/1A6>)

**Schedule:**

### Friday, 14 October

*Fly or drive to **Middlesboro, KY**, Bell County Airport (1A6). The leaf colors should be at their best this time of year.*

*Visit the Glacier Girl P38 Museum on the field (<http://thelostsquadron.com>).*

*Meet and greet begins at noon at the airport. Snacks will be available.*

*Transportation to the Ramada Inn provided by the Tennessee Chapter. A restaurant, lounge and live entertainment are available at the Ramada. Twenty rooms have been reserved for the Short Wing Piper Club. The number for the Ramada is **423 869 3631**. Tell them you are a member of the SWPC. A discount group rate will be provided to members. Room Rate for Single/King Bed is \$55.25.*

*Friday is Italian night in the Restaurant with live music.*

### Saturday, 15 October

**Morning:** *Breakfast is your option, eat in the Ramada's on site restaurant or join us on an approximately 1 mile nature stroll to the restaurants in the town of Cumberland Gap.*

**Afternoon:** *Transportation to the airport begins at 0930. For the 1100 Flyout to the Aviation Museum in Sevierville Tennessee (**GKT**) (approximately 30 min flight time). With a light lunch of sandwiches served on the tarmac in Sevierville. Upon departure from the Museum fly east by the Smoky Mountains to enjoy the changing of the leaves, which should be spectacular at this time of year. Anyone wishing to forgo the flight to the museum can participate in several other events including antique/novelty shopping in the historic town of Cumberland Gap, a National Park guided tour of either Cumberland Gap Cave (to be determined) and/or a nature hike to the tri-state marker (difficulty is moderate).*

**Evening:** *Return to Ramada Inn by 1700 hrs for dinner and social gathering.*

### Sunday, 16 October

**Departure.** *Transportation to the Airport leaves at 1000 hrs.*

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Please respond so we can get a head count. Make your reservations early!

Thanks,

Bob Ramsey



**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, checks payable to <i>Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club</i> <b>Send to:</b> Curt Ammons</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, checks payable to <i>Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club</i> <b>Send to:</b> Curt Ammons</p>

**GAGGLE RESOURCES**

Are we already halfway through the year? Folks there are still members out there who've not paid dues. We've cut back on mailing costs, but plans are to subsidize transportation costs for the upcoming SE Regional Fly-In in October, not to mention other costs associated with operating your chapter. Please send in your dues. Next month we will produce a list of members who have paid up for the year. Please make sure your name makes that list by sending your dues to the address at the end of this newsletter.

THANKS!!

<b>Balance Forward:</b> May 2005	\$484.07
<b>Income:</b>	
- patches (0)	\$0.00
- decals (0)	\$0.00
- membership dues (0)	\$0.00
<b>Payments: Donation to SWPC Convention</b>	
- 5 TNSWPC Patches (\$25)	
- 5 TNSWPC Decals (\$10)	
- Check	-\$100.00
<b>Balance:</b> May 31, 2005	\$384.07

**FLIGHT PLANNING**

**Centerville, TN: (GHM)**

The Homestead awaits you for our next meeting. Come visit us @ GHM

**Visit:** <http://www.100dollarhamburger.com/ghm.html>  
**Date:** 16 July 2005  
**Time:** 1100 CT  
**Location:** 35-50-14.7380N / 087-26-43.3500W  
**Elevation:** 768 ft  
**Communications (CTAF):** 122.8

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



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 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
- 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: "Dear, you might get me in a parachute, but I'm not going up in *that* Gooney Bird!" More from the Tullahoma.



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