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FROM THE LEAD POSITION

Tom Brent

Although the weather was eminently flyable for our last-of-the-year fly-in this last Saturday, 19th November, only three Short Wing Pipers made it to Houston Co. Airport (M93) at McKinnon, TN. I had set out in clear skies and, contrary to the forecast, was favored with a welcome tailwind; even after throttling back to 2300rpm I was still making 105kts at 5500' MSL. Jim Miller arrived from Tullahoma, TN shortly in his "old" Colt and while we waited in the comfort of 94Charlie's warm cockpit, Gilbert and Barbara Pierce in their Clipper from Memphis soon joined us. Gilbert said he was seeing ground speeds of 140mph at 2500' MSL but that ceilings in Memphis had been quite low.... again, contrary to the forecast. Maybe because of the potentially iffy weather...or the imminence of Thanksgiving.... the Clipper, TriPacer and Colt were the only shortwings on the ramp at the appointed hour.



So, the four of us proceeded to stroll down the length of the runway towards the Southernaire restaurant. A quorum being present, we initiated the business meeting as we walked. First item for discussion was the notion that the chapter's name be changed, an idea that had come up because we have a few out-of-state members and sometimes hold our meetings out-of-state. Consensus of those present was that things are just fine the way they are. (Note: If you want to influence policy, you gotta show up <GGG>.) We shall of course continue to encourage out-of-state Shortwingers to join the TN chapter and always welcome all comers to join in our activities. In addition, as I felt compelled to point out, we still have a bunch of patches and decals with the Tennessee logo that need to be sold... so any precipitous change would be fiscally irresponsible <G>.

Business was suspended once we got to the Southernaire, where our host told us that we could have parked our 'planes at the end of the runway on the grass where there is a gate allowing direct access to the restaurant. I'll try to remember that for next time, although the short walk from the ramp is no real hardship.

The Pierce's and I opted for the excellent fried catfish on the menu, while Jim selected something more healthful ☺. As we ate, Jim showed us photos of his new Colt restoration. He told us he plans to take the wings off his "old" Colt and after painting them put them on the restored plane so as to get it flying sooner. Then he can take his time finishing the total restoration of the new wings in his workshop. The photos show how meticulous Jim's work is and why it's taking so long!

During a momentary revival of the business meeting we talked about the upcoming election of chapter officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor and webmaster). A couple of nominations were made and will be listed with others elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. It's not too late to send in your nominations to Curt or me. Nominate yourself! We'll call for a vote by e-mail some time before Christmas and hopefully have the results in next month's newsletter.

Later as we strolled back to the ramp we briefly talked about potential locations for next year's fly-in schedule. A preliminary list will also be shown in this issue. Let us know your ideas and preferences.

The business meeting came to a natural end as we approached our airplanes... where we bid our farewells, mounted our aerial steeds and proceeded to ascend into the fair skies. Actually, I ran into some light rain (virgo?) before emerging into clear blue sky as I approached the Mississippi line.

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be past...so I'll just wish y'all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Cheers,
Tom B.

MORE FROM THE SOUTH EAST REGIONAL FLY-IN

DEB GEIGER

There were a few Short Wingers who decided not to take to the skies on Saturday for the fly-out to Sevierville and Sky Ranch. I suppose we were still remembering the bumpy air we experienced the day before! Still, we didn't want to be known as "Earth Pigs" so we piled into our vehicles, expertly driven by Beverly, Lola, and Vicky, and made our way up, up, up the mountain to Pinnacle Peak! It's quite a drive...and not for the timid! Once we arrived at the top, there was a short bit of hiking up a nice, paved pathway, to a view that was well worth the trip! We could look out over Cumberland Gap and see across the hills to the airfield at Middlesboro! Our eyes were trained skyward, as we were on the lookout for our fellow Short Wingers heading for "home" through the gap in the mountain. In fact, we had everyone at the Pinnacle waiting for the air show! We didn't have to wait long before we heard the unmistakable hum of a Piper. It was Steve and Kim Marcozzi soaring through the Pass, along with another Piper, yet to be identified. We watched the skies for more Pipers, but the only aviators soaring were some hawks, out for a bumpy ride. The rest of our group had decided to take an alternative route, and this was probably a very good idea! Even from our lofty perch, we could see quite a bit of wing rockin' going on, and we knew the decision to go around, rather than through the Pass, was a good one.



L-R is the Ground Crew!

Back row: David & Deb Geiger, Beverly Beringer, Lola Ramsey, Lenora Teaff, Jim and Candy Butler.

Front row: Vicky Stephenson, Nancy Zukowitz, and Julia Ours

TNSWPC OFFICER ELECTIONS **CURT AMMONS**

To date, here are the nominations:

- **President:** No takers so far!
Tom will continue to do it if there are no other nominations, but feels that we need some new blood in this position
- **Vice President:** Kenny Brown
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** Deborah / David Geiger
- **Newsletter Editor/Webmaster:** Curt Ammons

Let's set December 10 as the deadline for nominations. If I hear of no opposition, I'll send out the slate for voting by e-mail by December 15 with a deadline for voting by December 25.

We will publish election results in the January edition of *The Gazette*

Please send ALL nominations to webmaster@fly-4-fun.net to avoid confusion.

MEETING FLY-IN LOCATIONS FOR 2006 **CURT AMMONS**

Nothing has been etched in stone for next year's calendar. However, we've had some location suggestions for half of the calendar:

- Lawrenceberg, TN (2M2) BBQ in August? With Kenny's OK?
- Tullahoma TN (THA): New breakfast option. More info later. Jim Miller would host?
- Lebanon TN (M54): Food at FBO
- Bowling Green KY (BWG): Smokies
- Sikeston MO (SIK): Lambert's
- Sky Ranch TN (TN98): Paul Bale host. Picnic at hangar or Bellaire Grill
- Hopkinsville/Cadiz, KY (1M9): Lake Barkley Lodge

Tom would also like to arrange a meeting at an ATC facility [e.g. Jackson TN (MKL) FSS or MEM Tower or Center]. I've talked with Nadine Yeager, FAA-MEM, and she is receptive to setting up a tour of the MEM facility. We just have to coordinate a good date/time.

Please include your suggestions for fly-in locations and dates along with your officer election nominations/vote.

GAGGLE RESOURCES

We're coming up on the end of 2005, and there are still members out there who've not paid dues. Once again, we received no checks this month. We've cut back on mailing costs, but we have costs associated with the SE Regional Fly-In, not to mention other costs associated with operating your chapter. Please send in your dues. Out of our 31 members, below accounts for the 25 who have paid their 2005 dues:

Ammons	Brown	Hillis	King	Passalacqua	Rettberg	Wester
Atkins	Butler	Huddlestone	Miller	Perry	Sargent	
Bale	Geiger	Irby	Murphy	Pierce	Sherlock	
Brent	Hensley	Key	Myers	Ramsey	Stone	

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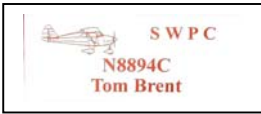
Send your check for \$10 to:

TNSWPC
c/o Curt Ammons, Treasurer
4186 Green Hill Drive
Hernando, MS 38632

THANKS!!

Balance Forward: Oct 2005	\$384.07\$
Income:	
- patches (0)	\$0.00
- decals (0)	\$0.00
- membership dues (0)	\$0.00
- other: donations	\$50.00
Payments:	\$0.00
Balance: November 30, 2005	\$434.07\$

FLY MARKET

<p style="text-align: center;">TNSWPC Patches</p>  <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 style="text-align: center;">TNSWPC Decals</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>
<p style="text-align: center;">Parts</p> <p>Looking for left and right PA22 Colt disc brake assemblies including caliper, disc and axle mounting assembly complete or brake drums for PA-22 Tri-Pacer or any leads/contact numbers to somebody that may have them!!! Contact Roger at rjmontam@bellsouth.net or 704-921-9467 Charlotte, NC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TNSWPC Name Badges</p> <p>Exploring interest in name tags for TN members who would like them. As with the patches/decals (above), quantity will drive price. If you're interested in having your plane emblazoned with your name, shoot an email to: president@fly-4-fun.net webmaster@fly-4-fun.net</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Project</p> <p>I am looking for a wrecked tri-pacer 1950 to 1954? Do you know of any in your area? I am in the Chicago suburb if you could pass this information around for me Sue Nealey 621 Berkshire Court Downers Grove, IL. 60516 630-456-3105 my car phone suefly2@hotmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parts</p> <p>Our continuous loop trim cables are FAA-PMA approved for J-3, PA-11, PA-12, PA-14, PA-16, PA-20, PA-18, PA-18A and PA-22. We can also manufacture custom length cables if requested and offer stainless cable as an option for the float plane application. We also make controls, rails and many other piper parts! McFarlane Aviation www.mcfarlaneaviation.com Ty Daniels</p>

FLIGHT PLANNING

No Fly-In/Meeting scheduled for December. Watch email for our January meeting.



Happy Holidays!!

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