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FROM THE LEAD POSITION

Tom Brent

It seems weather has been really changeable these last weeks. Snow and sleet scrubbed our scheduled February 18 fly-in to Dyersburg, and as usual, was followed by a couple of days of fine flying weather. However yet again on the rain date the following Saturday a front was on the move through the western Tennessee area.

I departed Corinth MS in light rain although ceilings were 6000' or better. Climbing up to 4500' I enjoyed a healthy tailwind of 10-15 kts.



What we didn't have in quantity at DYR, we made up for in diversity

l-r: Curt Ammons' Pacer (Tweety), Gilbert Pierce's Clipper (Red Lady), Tom Brent's Tripacer

arrive, and for a while thought I might be the only one. However, before long I heard Gilbert Pierce call on the CTAF. Shortly after the "Red Lady" landed, Curt Ammons with guest, Brian Cantrell, in "Tweety" rolled down the runway.

Curt and I had flown in to DYR earlier in the month for an un-official officer's meeting, so the folks at Patsy's Restaurant (named for Patsy Cline, who used the Dyersburg airport) were forewarned of our chapter fly-in. They had prepared a large table for our group with appetizers and flowers. Patty said she had constructed a novel burger just for us to be known in perpetuity as the Tennessee Short Wing Burger! All in all, the four of us were made to feel very welcome.

We did get to discuss chapter business, that is when I could break into the ex-Navy/Air Force guys' reminiscing their



Had flight following by MEM Center as I went right by McKellar Field at Jackson...Smooth air with just an occasional burble to wake me up ☺. As I canceled RADAR coverage with Center, I became aware of the fact that my 110 kt ground speed had changed to 95 kts, constant with my IAS; the tailwind was no more. Dyersburg AWOS reported surface wind at 3 kts out of the north.

What with the tailwind and an early start, I was the first to



Calling it a quorum, while awaiting the official Tennessee Short Wing Burger at Patsy's Sky Grille (DYR)

l-r: Curt Ammons, Gilbert Pierce, Tom Brent

service experiences. Brian, who now flies 727's for FedEx flew AWAC's in the Navy. He's now working on a Maule project; some would say a Shortwing Piper on steroids. ☺

Back to business:

- We decided that for the planned tour of MEM Center in May we shall use DeWitt Spain Airport (M01) as the meeting point. We need to arrive by 10:00 CDT so as to get to the Center by 11:00. The tour should take about 2 to 2 ½ hours at which time we can go for lunch on the way back to the airport. The folks at Center need to confirm the time (11:00 CDT May 20) before we finalize these plans. Curt will have more details elsewhere in the Newsletter.
- We agreed to press on with plans for the SE Regional at Huntsville in October. Choice of airport remains to be made; Moontown (3M5) was considered to be a good candidate.
- With the SWPC International Convention in Kingston Ontario approaching in July, Gilbert indicated that he and Barbara were planning on attending, as am I. Perhaps we can arrange some group flights? Gilbert has experience with flying in and out of Canada, so I'm volunteering him as a potential resource to answer our questions. If you're contemplating going to Kingston, start your plans now. A valid passport, although not obligatory, is the preferred form of photo ID. Information on convention registration, hotel reservations, and Canadian flying regs. can be found in the Jan/Feb issue of the Short Wing Piper News.

After a leisurely lunch and partially digesting the enormous TNSWPC Burger we proceeded to depart for home. I followed the Red Lady down the runway for take off and watched her streak up, up and away... Oh for a 150hp Lycoming... minus nose wheel drag ☺. MEM Center again watched over me as I breezed my way back to CRX, yet again with a tail wind...Nothing but tailwinds all day! How about that!

Next month we shall meet in Sikeston (SIK) for lunch at Lambert's. See y'all there. Till then fly safely,

Cheers,

Tom B



The namesake for Patsy's Sky Grille.
The last stop before her date with destiny.



TNSWPC Guest and part time photographer, Brian Cantrell, and Curt Ammons enjoying war stories along with the rest of the 4-Fs.
Oh, by the way, check out that spread!!

GAGGLE RESOURCES

Please complete the attached application and send it in along with your \$10 to:



TNSWPC
c/o David Geiger, Treasurer
154 Timber Trail Drive
Murphysboro, IL 62966

New members receive a TNSWPC Patch and Decal with your paid membership!!

Sorry, but your dues to this organization are not, under current law, deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Balance Forward: Jan-Feb 2006	\$478.47\$
Income:	
- Membership Dues	\$100.00
- Donations	\$17.00
- Interest	\$.04
Total Income	\$117.04
Expense:	
- Postage/Delivery	(\$7.00)
Total Expense	(\$7.00)
Net Ordinary Income	\$110.04
Net Cash Assets: 28 Feb 06	\$588.51

FLY MARKET

TNSWPC Patches	TNSWPC Decals
	
<p>We have plenty of patches available. Contact either Tom or Dave 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: Dave Geiger</p>	<p>Display your colors while supporting your organization. Contact Tom or Dave to get yours now! Size: 2½” x 3¾” (approx) Price: \$2.00, checks payable to <i>Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club</i> Send to: Dave Geiger</p>

FLIGHT PLANNING

It’s time for our annual trek up to Lambert’s, home of those famous “Thrown Rolls”. So grab a friend and join us:

Sikeston, MO (SIK)

Visit: <http://www.airnav.com/airport/SIK>
<http://throwedrolls.com/sikeston.html>

Date: 18 March 2006, 1100 CT
Location: 36-53-56.0000N / 089-33-42.3000W
Elevation: 315 ft
Communications: 122.8
Weather (AWOS-3): CGI (20 mi N) – 120.55, (573-335-3811)



MEETING FLY-IN LOCATIONS – MEM CENTER

CURT AMMONS

Yeah, I know. It’s February, and the snow/ice/freezing rain hasn’t even melted yet. Our planes are sitting in hangars, waiting out the crappy weather that is Tennessee winters. If we’ve gotten out at all, we’ve slopped through mud, slinging it up on the underside of our wings just to scud run for a few minutes before turning back due to frostbite. However, forecasts indicate that May is just around the corner, and in case you haven’t heard, we’re having a special treat for our May meeting on the 20th (rain date 27th). For at this meeting, we’re going to talk IN PERSON with those folks on the other side of our microphones. Yup, that’s right, in case you haven’t heard, we’re all coming over to Memphis to visit the ARTCC facility (aka, Memphis Center)!



This is going to be extremely cool for some of us, because if you’re like me and grew up in a world of uncontrolled airspace, you might feel a little intimidated when you push that transmit button. Personally, although I live under the upside-down wedding cake that is MEM Bravo, Tweet tends to dodge and skirt

around the area just so we don't have to deal with those big, bad, ATC folks. However, the reality is those dudes and dudettes are there to help us, whether we're in a Class B airspace talking with Approach or working with the ARTCC on a cross-country. Because there are many of us who have misunderstandings and may be intimidated by our Air Traffic Control "System", the FAA came out with Operation Raincheck.

Per Nadine Yeager, Safety Program Manager at Memphis Flight Standards:

"Operation Raincheck includes several presentations by controllers to help pilots gain a better understanding of what goes on in the Center, what services a pilot can expect and what the controllers expect from the pilots. A tour of Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center is included during which you may have the opportunity to plug in with a controller and watch/listen to him as he works his traffic. Feel free to ask questions, (as) that is what this program is for.

Attendance at this program also gives you the opportunity to schedule a visit to Memphis Tower/Approach at a later date."

Currently we have 14 people signed up to attend (http://fly-4-fun.net/TNSWPC/MEM_Center_Group.html). Nadine says MEM Center can handle as many as 25, so seats are available, and although we are most welcome, there are a few security prerequisites to which we must adhere. First, WE MUST PRE-REGISTER, meaning I need provide your name beforehand/in advance/ASAP/not the day of the event. Then, when we arrive at the Center, you must have:

- Required photo ID (must match name on registration)
- No weapons
- No cameras on the floor
- Plenty of questions/past experience discussions for controllers

Plans begin with arrivals at General DeWitt-Spain airport (M01) around 1000 CDT. We'll then use ground transportation to get to MEM, and go into the ARTCC as a group. Our presentation and tour begins at 1100, so we need to be prompt. Please be here by 1000 so you won't miss the bus.

We should expect to attend the ARTCC presentation/tour for about 2½ hours, putting us back at our planes around 1400 CDT. For some of us, we'll make plans for a late lunch at one of the Pinch District restaurants, but we will have transportation for those who need to get in the air sooner for their trip home. Remember, by May we'll have transitioned to Daylight Savings Time, so there is that extra hour of daylight for flying home if you should want to join us for lunch. Also, for our eastern brethren, don't forget that Memphis is in the Central time zone.

Remember, if you would like to attend, we need to know as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the last minute. Give one of your officer's a call/email so we can get your name on the list. It should be a lot of fun, not to mention quite educational. So throw your name in the hat, come on over to The River and join us!

WELCOME TO THE GAGGLE **NEW MEMBERS**

Please join in on our welcoming our newest, card carrying, dues paying members to the chapter:

Name	Hometown	Aircraft
Richard Warren	Cookeville, TN	1960 Colt
Steve & Kim Marcozzi	Lawrenceburg, KY	1959 Tripacer

We've added Steve and Kim's pictures to our web site. Check their's out as well as the rest of the herd at:

<http://fly-4-fun.net/TNSWPC/membership.html>

If you want us to add your picture to our growing list of planes and people, just send them to our webmaster (see contact information). If you only have hard copies of your plane, send it along and we'll scan it. Let's include you in our member pages.

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PARTING SHOT



There it is... **The OFFICIAL Tennessee Short Wing Burger** at Patsy's Sky Grill, Dyersburg Tennessee.
Now how many chapters do know of that can make that claim?
Just another reason for renewing your membership, and join the gaggle of Tennessee Short Wingers as we wander our way over the state...**AND BEYOND!**



*4186 Green Hill Drive
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Membership



Application

<http://fly-4-fun.net>

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

REGION (please circle): **Eastern** **Central** **Western**

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SWPC MEMBER NO.: _____

AIRCRAFT TYPE: _____

HP: _____

YEAR/MODEL: _____

S/N: _____

N-NUMBER: _____

COLOR: _____

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electronically (web site)

hard copy (snail mail)

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TNSWPC Membership
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