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FROM THE LEAD POSITION

Tom Brent

We were favored with fair weather for our fly-in to Sikeston, MO, on Saturday March 18. High ceilings and gentle breezes made for easy flying. I stayed low (2500') leaving Corinth, MS to minimize the headwind component and paid the price of being bumped about a bit from time to time. Dave Geiger told me it was silky smooth at 4500', information I took to heart on my return leg, like he said, it was *smoooooth* at 5500'.



I spent most of the time fiddling with my hand-held radio, my sole source of communication since my panel nav/com went U/S recently. I may velcro my JRC handheld unit to the panel as it performs just as well as did the old Terra 960 and has much more flexibility... e.g. flip-flop and memory and more...

True once again to my usual form, I was the last to arrive at SIK. I was gratified to see the pretty blue and white TriPacer of Dave and Deb Geiger, our treasurer and secretary. (This meant I would be relieved of recording events at the meeting). So, apart from mentioning that there were a couple of tail-draggers on the ramp (Jim Butler's and Ralph and Sherri Smith's Pacers) making it a Short Wing quorum, I shall say no more. Except to mention that the Smith's joined the Chapter at Lambert's.....Welcome!! And also to note that two planes were from Illinois, one from Indiana and one from Mississippi ... Is this like outsourcing perhaps? My fellow Tennesseans I call on you to volunteer yourselves...etc...etc...☺

Next month we'll meet at Tullahoma TN (THA) on April 15th.

Till then, fly safely...

Cheers,

Tom B



It's an even-match as the Leezards met the Milkstools at the annual winter meeting in Sikeston, Missouri (SIK).
l-r: Jim Butler's Pacer, Ralph & Sherri Smith's Pacer, Dave & Deb Gieger's TriPacer, and Tom Brent's TriPacer patiently await their owners return from the meeting at Lambert's

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

DEB GEIGER

Since weather conditions knocked us out of the last three TN fly-ins, David and I were excited to realize that Mother Nature was in a cooperative mood for our short trip to Sikeston. David has several great weather sites tabbed on the computer and we knew it was a go! The big debate was whether to fast a few days prior to, in order to do justice to what Lambert's Restaurant had to offer. We knew we were going to be stuffed, so it was light eating as part of our "pre-flight".

Any morning we get to fly is like a celebration. It feels like it's our birthday! We both woke up early, well before the

alarm went off, and headed to the hangar. Since we were already pre-heating, it didn't take us long to finish our pre-flight and taxi to Runway 06 for a northeast departure. As a result of being eager beavers, we arrived at SIK an hour early! We enjoyed a nice tailwind, and slowed to 100 indicated for 115 on the ground. We weren't in any hurry, but we wanted to be first to arrive,

since we were the unofficial hosts for the day. There was plenty of smooth air at 4500', so that's where we stayed.

As we were taxiing down SIK's very long taxiway, we heard Jim Butler reporting 12 miles out! We shared tales of our journeys over hot coffee in the FBO and waited for the next Short Wingers to arrive. Much to our delight, Ralph and Sherri Smith, in *Alaska Dreamin'*, were the next folks to land. Then...over the intercom...a very recognizable English accent...and we knew our President, Tom Brent, was in the pattern!



A motley crew at best, as the Tennessee Short Wingers made their way to Lambert's in Sikeston, MO, *Home of the Throwed Rolls!*

Front Row - l-r: Secretary: Deb Geiger, Treasurer: Dave Geiger, and Jim Butler.
Back Row - l-r: The Prez: Tom Brent, and new members: Ralph & Sherri Smith



Jim Butler explains the fine art of *throwed rolls aerodynamics* to Ralph Smith prior to departure for the Sikeston experience at Lambert's

One of the perks of being first to arrive is the privilege of watching fellow aviators perform their landings. However, Sikeston's runway is partially hidden behind some buildings and hangars, so we were left to ponder what crosswind scores we might have assessed had we been privy to the exhibitions. We felt fairly certain that Jim, Ralph and Tom had little difficulty dealing with a few bumps we felt early in our descent. We weren't "sceered", and we're sure they weren't, either!



Aren't we all *Alaska Dreamin'*. 2003 SWPC Grand Champion Pacer belongs to TNSWPC's newest members, Ralph & Sheri Smith

Sikeston has a nice, friendly FBO and the gentleman on duty was kind to offer help with refueling, even though they are now strictly self-serve. I think he was just itching to get up close to some Short Wings! There were two Pacers and two Tripacers on the ramp, and a couple of other birds that snuck in! It made for quite a colorful picture! The Lamberts van was summoned and in no time we were having rolls thrown at us, sometimes from clear across the room! David made a catch that would have made the Cardinals proud, and then proceeded to gobble up the evidence! I think we had a business meeting. It was hard to hear with so many people yelling for rolls and "more fried okra", but I saw David's and Tom's lips moving, so that indicates some business was conducted. The topics included preparations for the SE Regional, items for the newsletter, dues collection, and welcoming of new members!



We're proud to have Ralph and Sherri Smith as new members! They are a terrific, fun-loving couple from DuQuoin, Illinois, and on behalf of all TN members we extend a big welcome and look forward to lots of good times with the Smiths! Their beautiful Pacer, *Alaska Dreamin'* is the 2003 Grand Champion, and she's looking quite spectacular! I believe she's sporting some snazzy new wheel pants!



TNSWPC welcomes Ralph & Sheri Smith to the Gaggle!

All good things much come to an end, or so they say, so after a few photos at Lamberts, the entire group (some toting leftovers) returned to the airport for a last round of chit chat and, of course, more photos of us and our steeds! You could tell it was a glorious flying day, as no one even considered to check weather for the return trip. For us, it was a hands-off cruise at 5500 with only a 6 mph headwind. Once again, the 4 Fs were met, and we parted company with big smiles and full bellies!

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>

GAGGLE RESOURCES

DAVE GEIGER

Net Cash Assets February 28, 2006	\$588.51
Ordinary Income Expense	
Income	_____
Membership Dues	20.00
Interest	0.64
Total Income	20.64
Net Ordinary Income:	20.64
Net Cash Assets: March 25, 2006	\$609.15

Paid Members as of 25 March 2006		
Ammons	Bale	Brent
Butler	Geiger	Hillis
Marcozzi	Passalacqua	Perry
Smith, Jr	Stone	Warren

Hey Gang, it's only \$10 folks per year and the entertainment value's worth that much alone! Please send in your 2006 dues...

FLIGHT PLANNING

Tullahoma, TN: (THA)

Date: 15 April 2005
Time: 1100 CT
Location: 35-22-48.3270N / 086-14-46.8960W
Elevation: 1082 ft
Communications: CTAF: 123.0
 WX AWOS-4: 128.325 (931-454-2052)

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




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PARTING SHOTS

Congratulations to Paul and Vickey Bale of Knoxville, TN on their upcoming marriage – 18 April!



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