

# The Tennessee Short Wing Gazette

A MONTHLY UPDATE OF THE TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF THE SHORT WING PIPER CLUB

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FROM THE LEAD POSITION

Tom Brent

If the definitive temperature of Hades is > 311 degrees Kelvin, then the fly-in BBQ at 2M2 (Lawrenceburg, TN) was officially "Hotter Than That"! As has become the norm also for this annual event, in the FBO we enjoyed a cool environment and scrumptious vitals. Many thanks, Patti and Kenny!

Next month we shall enjoy what is also becoming an annual event at Sky Ranch Aerodrome in Knoxville. The "Fire on the Water" chili fly-in hosted by Vickey and Paul Bale, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

And don't forget the South East Regional being hosted by the Carolina's Chapter this year at Rowan County airport (RUQ) the weekend of October 19 – 21. See more details in this newsletter. Mark your calendars and make hotel reservations early.

The best flying weather of the year usually occurs in the fall....so let's make the most of it.

Fly safely... Cheers!



## HOTTER 'N H... BBQ

## KENNY BROWN, VICE PRESIDENT



Tennessee Short Wings baking in the 100+ degree temps as *Hotter 'n H...* BBQ lived up to its name. (l-r) The Pierce's *Red Lady*, Jim Miller's *Colt*, Jim Butler's *Candy Stripe*, Eric Bale's *Tri-pacer*, and Jim Hudgin's *Vagabond* set the stage.

Another *Hotter-In-Hades* BBQ at 2M2 has come and gone and it lived up to its name again this year. Temps were triple digit and thank God the two air-conditioners were working well in the pilot's lounge of hanger #2.

Patti and I were up early this hot third Saturday of August, making final preps to our annual feed as hosting, of the gathering of the TN Chapter clan at our home base at Lawrenceburg, TN (2M2).

The menu for this sweltering day

consisted of anti-pasta salad, potato salad, coleslaw, barbequed pork ribs, boiled sweet corn, and some red neck caviar. Rounding out the menu was Barbara Pierce's famous baked beans and some special pecan treats. Delton and Mary Lou Perry furnished the cold drinks and Tom and Alva Brent top it all off with two freezers of some very good home made ice cream (peach and chocolate chip mint).

Jim Miller from Normandy, TN was first to arrive in his *Colt*. Shortly after were Gil and Barbara Pierce from Germantown, crossed mid-field and turned downwind in their *Clipper*. Accompanying Gil and Barbara was their grandson Wade. Jim Butler arrived next from Evansville, IN with his fresh looking *Pacer*. Eric Bale from Huntsville, AL landed right behind in his *Tri-Pacer*. Jim Hudgins and son Brent from Lewisburg, TN was the last to fly-in with his award winning *Vagabond*. Wow! For the second year in a row the Tennessee Chapter had a grand slam display with all five Short Wing Piper examples setting together on the ramp. Soon to join us were chapter members Frank and Vickie Zarski who drove in from Collegedale, TN on their way to visit family



Kenny Brown makes sure he meets the mission of *Them 4-Fs*. Nary a complaint... Mission Accomplished!

in the Memphis Area Accompanying Frank and Vickie was Mr. Wiggles, a very cute Scotty. Members Tom and Alva Brent arrived in Alva's new wheels from Walnut, MS. Rounding out the Chapter membership were local residents Delton and Mary Lou Perry and Kenny and Patti Brown, both of whose planes never left the hanger.



Tennessee Shortwingers cool off after a great meal at the annual *Hotter 'n H...* BBQ, contemplating a nap prior to the hotter 'n h... flight home

Visiting 2M2 always prompt a visit to hanger #3 belonging to Joe Fleeman to see what restoration project he has underway. Joe's talent with tube and fabric aircraft is well known. The display cabinet in his office shelters half-dozen or more Lindy trophies and the office walls supports dozens of photos of other projects Joe has completed. This year's project is a PA-12 that Joe has just recovered the frame and has doped up thru the white primer coat. The wings have been rebuilt and are ready for fabric.

Joe's hanger is always a gathering place for chit-chat and even in this heat it didn't take long to fill up the walk ways between Joe's Mustang II, 1943 twin Cessna T-50 Bamboo Bomber, a Skyhawk, and last but not least, my 1955 Tri-Pacer.

Visiting us for our Chapter feeding frenzy this year were Patti Brown's 79 year old father Mel Maresh, Joe Fleeman and his father James, retire airline pilots Van Hulen and Buddy Kirkland, Jim Campbell and Stan Whitehurst.

After the meal, Chapter members gathered for a moments of the Chapters business. Topics included next months meeting at Sky Ranch airport in Knoxville. It was discussed that since the SPWC National Convention is scheduled to be held in Knoxville at the Knoxville Downtown Island airport (DKX), it would be a good time to look around a bit at the location and see what info we could gather for the Convention Organizing Committee. After further discussion, a motion was made to select that location for next years SE Regional. That idea seemed to go over big time. We'll discuss it further at next months meeting and make that motion at this year SE Regional in Salisbury, NC, October 19 – 21 at the Rowan Co. Airport (RUQ).



Ya know, if I had another bowl of that nice cold homemade ice cream, I think I could probably endure another trip outside.

Other discussions included fuel management, carburetors, single and two-piece ventures and Tom Brent and I drilled Gil Pierce about this new Anywhere Map® with GPS and XM WX Satellite weather. I'm putting that on my Christmas Wish list. See ya at Sky Ranch, Lord willing...

**2007 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FLY-IN STEVE CULLER, CAROLINA CHAPTER**

**Carolina's Chapter invites you to the Southeast Regional Fly-in**

The Carolina's Chapter would like to invite all Shortwingers to the Southeast Regional Fly-in at Salisbury, NC this fall. The weekend of October 19 – 21 will find Shortwingers gathering at the Rowan County airport (RUQ). Arrivals on Friday will be welcomed by Carolina Chapter members in the EAA 1083 hangar; cold drinks and snacks will be offered and assistance with directions, transportation or information.

Our hotel accommodations will be provided by the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Salisbury. Reservations can be made by calling 704-637-3100 and asking for the Shortwing Piper special; do not call the national toll free number. Rates are \$79.99 per night and include a deluxe continental breakfast or \$74.99 and you

can order from the breakfast menu. Be sure and visit online at [www.holiday-inn.com/salisburync](http://www.holiday-inn.com/salisburync) for more hotel information.

For those that would like to camp under the wing of their airplane, camping will be available at John Barringer's. Barringer Field is a 2000 ft grass strip on the Charlotte sectional approximately 12 miles SW of Rowan County Airport. Bathrooms and showers are available. For camping and airport details, contact John Barringer at 704-309-45634 or e-mail John at [jdbarringer@vnet.net](mailto:jdbarringer@vnet.net).

Friday night we will meet in the hotel lounge for some socializing before an informal dinner at a local restaurant. Saturday morning after breakfast we will meet in the lobby for a choice of activities. One will be a NASCAR based day with a trip to tour Lowes Motor Speedway [www.lowesmotorspeedway.com](http://www.lowesmotorspeedway.com) and a visit next door to the Concord Mills/Bass Pro Shop mall for lunch.

Our other activity, weather permitting, will be a fly-out to visit the North Carolina Aviation Museum [www.ncairmuseum.org](http://www.ncairmuseum.org) on the Asheboro airport (HBI). We will hop over to a nearby airport for a BBQ lunch. We will return to the hotel in the afternoon for a few minutes recuperation then we will be off to John Barringer's field for a fun evening of socializing, food, and entertainment. The meal will be catered and the cost will be approximately \$10 per person. We hope that this format will give everyone an opportunity to visit without a time limit that a restaurant might impose. We also are working on either an evening speaker or local entertainment or both.

Sunday will come quickly and after leisurely breakfast most of us will make our way to the airport for weather briefings, pre-flights and a safe flight home. I look forward to good weather and a good turnout.

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**GAGGLE RESOURCES**

**DAVE GEIGER**

<b>Net Cash Assets July 31, 2007</b>	<b>\$775.62</b>
<b>Ordinary Income &amp; Expenses</b>	
Income	
Membership Dues	
Donations	
Sales	
Interest	.91
<b>Total Income</b>	
Expenses	
Postage & Delivery	
Other	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income:</b>	
<b>Net Cash Assets: August 31, 2007</b>	<b>\$776.53</b>

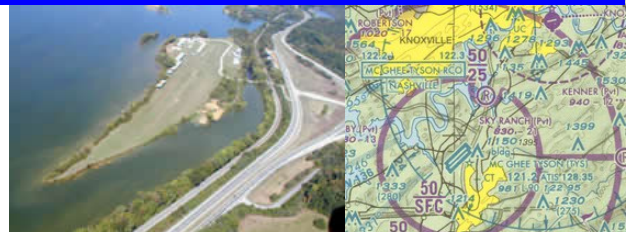
Paid Members as of 31 July 2007		
C. Ammons	E. Bale *	P. Bale
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\* - TNSWPC New Members

**NOTE:** These are the only paid up members in the books. If you're unsure whether your dues are paid, please contact the TNSWPC Treasurer (618-684-3151).

**FLIGHT PLANNING**

**Knoxville, TN – (TN98) Fire on the Water Chili Fly-In**  
**Dates:** 15 September 2007  
**Location:** 35-53-08.2970N / 083-57-27.6610W  
**Elevation:** 830 ft  
**Communications:** CTAF/UNICOM: none  
 (Bale's will monitor 122.8)  
**WX AWOS-3:** @ DKK: 125.375 (865-579-6151)



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FLY MARKET

TNSWPC Patches



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 *Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club*  
**Send to:** Curt Ammons

TNSWPC Decals



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 *Tennessee Short Wing Piper Club*  
**Send to:** Curt Ammons

MORE FROM *HOTTER 'n H... BBQ @ 2M2*



Inspecting Joe Fleeman's hangar at 2M2 during the *Hotter 'n H... BBQ* fly-in is always a treat... checking out the latest masterpiece.



The next Fleeman work of art in the works...



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