

# The Tennessee Short Wing Gazette

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Celebrating 10+ years of "them 4-Fs"!

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**From The Lead Position**

**Tom Brent, Chapter President**



I left CRX late and got to M93 at about noon. Plain sailing at 1500 MSL VFR clear of the overcast that was over 2000'. This was a first in that when I got there, I was all alone. I was going to tell y'all that I ate catfish for everyone but cannot tell a lie...I had a Reuben sandwich.....and I was going to tell you that I recruited 3 new members at M93 so as to have a quorum for a meeting...but that too is just fantasy! I

did walk the runway and check out the grass at the west end for future parking close to the Southernaire.

Flight back was smooth with ceilings a bit higher...~3000'. I diverted to Savannah TN (SNH) and talked with the folks at the FBO there. It might be a good place to have one of our meetings. The lady who runs things (a CAP Lt.Col....)

said she might even cook for us...and there are eateries within 2 miles and transport is available. When I left SNH in the later afternoon the sky was blue.



The bridge to catfish heaven!

Attached are pics of the line-up on the ramp at M93....and the wooden footbridge to the grassy parking area close to the restaurant.

See y'all at next month's fly-in. Cheers, Tom



94 Charlie – the lone Short Wing at M93!

**From The Secretary's Desk**

**Deb Geiger, Secretary / Editor**



Our President, Tom Brent, deserves a big, hearty round of applause for making it to every fly-in that is declared a "go"! That's not only dedication to our Chapter, it's a commitment to general aviation! Here's to you, President Tom!

It's hard to put together a newsletter when our monthly fly-in gets cancelled due to weather...and that has happened so much recently. That doesn't mean, however, that our members aren't flying. For example, this month our weather on both our fly-in and rain dates made it impossible to fly, but the following Saturday,

at least in Southern Illinois, was perfect! David and I, along with my dear friend, Kathy Surprenant, took off for a short flight to Mt. Vernon (KMVN) for their monthly pancake breakfast. There must have been lots of pent-up demand for flying, as the turnout was terrific! We happened to meet up with fellow TN member Ray Lynn and his son and grandson, plus several of our local EAA friends from Carbondale. Our friend Bill Schmitz and his nephew, Bob, couldn't pass up a great flying opportunity or a hearty breakfast, so we were happy to see them on the ramp when we parked. As we gathered around the table, Ray, David and I took the opportunity to share all the wonderful attributes and benefits of belonging to the Short Wing Piper Club, especially the TN Chapter...and we must have been very convincing, because we're thrilled to report that we now have a new St. Louis, Missouri member! Welcome, Bill! We're so glad to have you with us!

Bill really is an aviation enthusiast...in fact, he did his best to talk us into leaving MVN and flying to Lake Barkley for lunch! After all, the weather is usually not so cooperative. It was really tempting, but we had some obligations later in the day. We talked Bill and Bob into flying back to our home base and having lunch at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bar and Grill – famous BBQ world champs with their own spot on the Food Network! Bill and Bob got to do a bit more flying, and we all need to do a bit more dieting after our “\$200 breakfast *and* lunch”! (With the current price of fuel, that \$100 hamburger isn't what it used to be!) It was a super 65-degree Saturday. By Tuesday, we were covered in ice! Ah, Mother Nature, thy name is fickle!

My point in sharing this story is that this newsletter is not just for covering our meetings...and it's not just about what Deb had for lunch! The point is that any trip that you take, any flying event you would like to promote, any neat sighting you experience in the air (or on the ground, at the hangar, etc.) can be included in this newsletter. All you need to do is write about it and send it to me – we want to know what's happening throughout our Chapter...even if you fly the pattern to warm the engine for an oil change, there might be a story there, if you think about it. Have you discovered a friendly FBO that needs some traffic? Let us know...maybe someone in our Chapter will pay a visit. Great places to fly and eat are always welcome news! Please help...send in your stories and reports...they don't have to be long (unless you have lots to say), and you don't have to worry about spelling and punctuation (the computer normally takes care of that!) I'd love to hear from you! Stories and pictures are much appreciated!



MVN has a great FBO and the restaurant on the field is called “Apple Dumplings”! Don't leave without trying one!

### ***Notes from the Bean Counter!***

***David Geiger, Treasurer***

Since our TN finances do not change greatly from month to month, I will include a complete financial report quarterly! However, if you have a question about anything pertaining to the the treasury, please feel free to call or email, and I will be happy to provide an answer! The accounting, as well as monthly membership report, will always be up-to-date and available to you.



***Flight Planning!***

***Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!***

Since this is the catch-up issue, by the time you read it, the March meeting at Lamberts will have already taken place! (Read all about it in the next newsletter.) There's plenty of time to plan ahead for the April meeting – "Fire On The Water" Chili, sponsored by Paul and Vickey Bale! Please be aware of a date change for this fly-in, which will be held on the SECOND Saturday, April 12, 2008 at Sky Ranch (TN98)! Plan to attend and enjoy a great day with great friends!

**TN MEMBERSHIP!**

The following is a list of paid members as of 2-29-08:

Curt Ammons, Bill Schmitz, Tom Brent, Kenny Brown, Frank Civera, David Geiger, Bobby Irby, Larry Jenkins, Keith Sargent, Gary Scheve, Ron Spence, Gilbert Pierce.

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