

LONGHORN CHAPTER

Short Wing Piper Club

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting – January 28th, 2012

Where: Parker County (KWEA) – Boo-Ray's of New Orleans, (817) 559-6266
3039 Fort Worth Hwy, Hudson Oaks, TX 76087

When: Saturday, January 28th, 1200

Driving: <http://local.yahoo.com/info-29334149-booray-s-of-new-orleans-hudson-oaks>

Flying: <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KWEA>

Paul will have his cell phone, 817/491-9529, if you need a ride from the Airport. If you can let him know ahead of time, it would be great.

PLEASE RSVP no later than January 25th to Paul Watts.

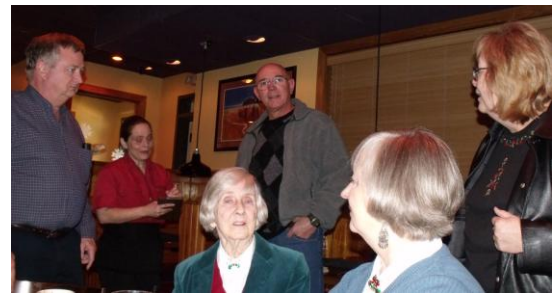
Last Meeting – December 10th:

The annual visitation to Outback Restaurant in Burleson was attended by 16 people: Paul & Gloria Watts, his mother Evelyn Watts, and sister Sue Sullins, Ed & Ellie Block, Art & Betty Mclemore, Robert & Linda Almes, Jim Kirkendall, Rich Wolf, Vicki & Bob Sims, Bill Scott, and Jack Brouse. Bill was the only one who flew in. The food was delicious and plentiful. Service was excellent. We planned the calendar for 2012 and will insert more details as we get close to events. If your event is coming in the next few months, please get information to Ellie as soon as you can.



We came.. We greeted.. We ate..
We enjoyed each other's company!
We missed the ones who didn't make it.





Safety Corner by Bill Scott

Recently we have had a chance at the meetings to try out the latest IPAD programs and GPS units. I was very curious about the differences between Ed's Dual GPS unit and my GNS GPS unit. Both units are designed to work with the IPAD and their respective programs. Both units sell for \$99 at Sporty's. I decided to do an in depth comparison on long flights and do an honest comparison.

Frankly, I was surprised there was a significant difference between the two units, at least with my units that I tested.

- 1.) The GNS unit is smaller and sleeker looking; however I had to return one unit three weeks after purchase for constantly turning off in flight. The replacement unit had the same problem. After shutdown, the unit had to be rebooted, taking time. Also the on/off switch is hi tech; simply wipe your finger across the indicator lights. No physical on/off switch. Nice in theory but I found reaching in my flight bag, the unit was drained and had to be recharged after it was bumped "on" inadvertently.
- 2.) The Dual unit did not suffer the same fate. Flying for 6 hours without incident on several flights. Also the physical on/off switch, meant the unit is not on, until I want it on. Perfect for carrying in my flight bag. Accuracy and battery life were excellent. In my opinion, a definite winner!
- 3.) The good news..... If you purchased a GNS unit from Sporty's, they will exchange it without a problem if it is within a year. I switched mine out and never looked back!!!

Another thought, recently at a SWPC meeting there was a lot of interest in discussing what to do if you accidentally encountered IFR conditions and were trapped above an overcast. If there is an interest I would be willing to put on a one day class using AOPA's & FAA materials, and include rental time on an FAA approved simulator. This would give everyone a chance to learn the latest information and the chance to physically fly the simulator and experience and practice for emergencies. Not a replacement for an instrument rating, but a chance to learn, experience and improve your chances and knowledge base. The cost would run about \$50 per person to cover the costs of the simulator. If this holds any interest, just let me know and see what we can put together.

Fly Safe and have Fun

Future Activities and Other News:

From Ed & Ellie Block:

We have filled in most of the 2012 Longhorn SWPC events. There are still a few places for activities. Please look at the Upcoming Events and give suggestions.

FUTURE 2013 EVENT THAT IS A MUST: AOPA SUMMIT - October 10-12, 2013 in Ft. Worth, TEXAS!

This will be the first one in TEXAS. Ask us why you should go.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Short Wing Piper Club - VIOLET, Others - BLACK.

Neat place to check air events (You can go to the individual web sites from here.):

http://www.milavia.net/airshows/calendar/showdates-2012-north_america.html

January 2012:

28th - 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC - Parker County (KWEA) - Boo-Ray's Restaurant, Paul Watts will coordinate.

February 2012:

18th - 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC - Northwest Regional (W42F) - Blue Hangar Café, Jim Kirkendall will coordinate.

March 2012:

24th - 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC - Flying Oaks Airport (2TE2) - Turkey Mountain Café - Art McLemore will coordinate.

27th - Apr 1st - Sun 'N Fun - Lakeland, FL (KBOW)

31st - 5th Saturday - Cleburne Regional Airport (KCPT) - pancake breakfast

April 2012:

21st - 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC (KCPT) - Suzanna's Restaurant in Cleburne

May 2012:

26th - 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC (F23) - Ranger Airport

25th-27th - Ranger Fly In/Air Show (KF23)

June 2012:

25th - 28th - SWPC Convention - Ogdon, UT (KOGD)

30th - 5th Saturday - Cleburne Regional Airport (KCPT) - pancake breakfast

July 2012:

23rd - 29th - Oshkosh (KOSH)

August 2012:

11th - 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC - Robert & Linda Almes will plan.

September 2012:

Ed & Ellie Block will plan an event.

29th - 5th Saturday - Cleburne Regional Airport (KCPT) - pancake breakfast

October 2012:

6th - 7th - Ft. Worth Alliance Air Show (KAFW)

11th - 13th - AOPA Convention - Palm Springs, CA (KPSP)

13th - 14th - CAF Air Show - Midland, TX (KMAF)

20th - 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC - Driftwood (KXA86)

UPCOMING EVENTS – CONT.

November 2012:

?? - 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC – TBD

December 2012:

15th – 1200 - Longhorn Chapter SWPC – Spinks (KFWS) - Outback in Burleson

PLEASE send news stories, pictures, and items for the newsletter. It is YOUR newsletter; be part of it. Items for sale related to SWPC are also wanted and will be listed free of charge. If you need a shirt, contact Paul Watts. We still have t-shirts available which we sold during the SWPC convention at Lake Texoma. E-mail Paul Watts to let him know you want one. Shirts available; (1) medium, 3) large, (8) x-large, & (1) xx-large. These are high quality shirts with a collar and pocket. Prices are \$13 each except xx-large which is \$16.

SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER TO ED & ELLIE BLOCK

PO Box 1481, Aransas Pass, TX 78335 or comtrend2@waymark.net.

We need information for articles and activities for the coming year! Please e-mail or send to us.

Membership Application for Longhorn Chapter

Dues are \$10 per year, due in July. Partial year will be pro-rated. Please make check payable to “Short Wing Piper Club – Longhorn Chapter”

Mail to Paul Watts, 111 Silver Sage Ct, Weatherford, TX 76087.

Name _____ Spouse/Assoc Member _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ National SWPC # _____ Date _____

E-Mail Address _____

Aircraft Make/Model/N# _____

Ratings, skills, interests, etc. _____