

The Tennessee Short Wing Gazette

March 2011

Celebrating 13+ years of "them 4-Fs"!

Volume XIV, Issue 3

Notes From The Steno Pad

Deb Geiger, Secretary/Editor



This will be a short and sweet Gazette, due to our last meeting being cancelled because of weather issues. BUT...don't be sad that you didn't get to fly in to Camden for catfish and a tour of some spectacular war birds, because it's all back on the schedule for May! Lawrence Atkins and Bobby Irby have agreed to host a gathering on May 21st, so put that on your calendars!

This month we will make our way to Lewisburg, TN, to the home of Jim & Beth Hudgin, and that will definitely be a grand time. Jim & Beth hosted a fly-in last year, (where there was some very interesting golf cart mechanics being undertaken...) and it was a terrific day that none of us wanted to end. We've all got our fingers crossed about weather (don't we ALWAYS!) and ask that you let Jim & Beth or your trusty Secretary know if you'll be attending, so that they can plan accordingly.

Speaking of weather, we hope all our Short Wing and other friends at Sun 'N Fun survived the extreme weather without injury to person or plane. As of this writing, we haven't heard of any of our TN members having had bad luck in that storm, but we feel for those who did. The pictures are mind-blowing! Since David and I have been in this flying game, I've come to really appreciate weather in a context different from pre-flying days. I have to chuckle when I think that stormy weather *used* to be about a "bad hair" day...now it's a "bad *air*" day! When Mother Nature is taking her meds (hormonal therapy?) ☺ and behaving, there's nothing like taking to the skies...but when she's in less than good humor, it's the ground I want to touch, with *Mystery Girl* tucked away in the hangar. That's not always an option, though, so when folks are caught out in a storm, all we can do is hope that things turn out well for all...and we certainly do, in this case. So...check the weather on April 16 and let's fly to Lewisburg for a day of the 4-Fs. Don't worry about your hair...just put on a hat! That's always my bailout!

TN SWPC MEETING SCHEDULE

April – Hudgins Air, Lewisburg, TN

May - Camden, TN (0M4)

June – Spearfish, SD – SWPC Convention

July - Undecided

August – Hotter 'N Hell BBQ – Lawrenceburg, TN

September – Undecided

October 1 – T-top Airfield (TN14) Eagleville, TN

November – Undecided

A Big Warm Welcome!



We are pleased to welcome more new members to our Gaggle! Clyde and Sukey Allen and Joe Carter have joined our Tennessee Short Wing family! The Allens reside in Clarksville and Joe is from Cookeville, TN. We'll look forward to a personal welcome and a handshake when we meet up with everyone, hopefully in the near future.

Notes From The Bean Counter

David Geiger, Treasurer

As of this date, the following members have paid their dues for 2011!

Clyde & Sukey Allen, Curt & Rolls Ammons, Tom & Alva Brent, Kenny & Patti Brown, Joe Carter, Frank Civera, Ron & Jackie Collier, David & Deborah Geiger, John Hayden, Gary & Sharon Hillis, Mark & Rebecca Hruz, Larry & Jenny Jenkins, Ray & Charlotte Lynn, Jim & Martha Passalacqua, Barbara & Gilbert Pierce, and Keith & Mary Beth Sargent.

April 15 is Accountant Insanity Day...on the 16th, Rehab begins!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Hudgin’s Air



We had such a great time last year when we all visited Jim & Beth! Please plan to fly in and spend an afternoon with your TN SWPC family! We’ll miss you if you’re not there...and we’ll nominate you for some office! 😊 (I think that’s how I got to be Secretary!) 😊

A Friendly Reminder – Worth Repeating!

Last month Tom reminded us of the need for all airplane owners to re-register their birds with the FAA sometime during the next few years. He says 3-monthly time frames depend on the month when the original registration was issued. Being in first window, Tom has already done Niner-4-Charlie, so he’s good until 2014! For more information or to register, you can go to:

http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/aircraft_certification/aircraft_registry/reregistration/

Get Well Wishes For A Very Special Friend!

I was saddened to hear that Keith Sargent is in the ICU at a Nashville hospital. Keith and Mary Beth are lifetime members of our TN family and are much loved, not only by us, but throughout the aviation community. With so many people pulling for Keith and wishing him and his family well, that’s sure to add great strength to his recovery. Get well soon, Keith...we’re all sending prayer and good thoughts to a dear friend.

The Tennessee Short Wing Gazette

How to contact your TN SWPC “Ossifers”

President:	Tom Brent	president@tnswpc.org	662-223-6257
Vice President:	Kenny Brown	vicepresident@tnswpc.org	931-766-1794
Secretary/Editor:	Deb Geiger	secretary@tnswpc.org	618-684-3151
Treasurer/Webmaster:	Dave Geiger	treasurer@tnswpc.org	618-684-3151



Call your “ossifers” with any questions about the Tennessee SWPC or to purchase patches or decals! We’ll be happy to help!

Parting Shots – Just For The Fun Of It!



Here’s evidence, recorded last year, of the mysterious golf cart mechanics that I alluded to earlier...☺ I believe, in the end, they fixed the problem, which doesn’t surprise me. These guys build, rebuild, and fly airplanes...and a golf cart doesn’t have as many moving parts...or dials...or gauges...still, it did appear to captivate *at least* three mechanical minds!

Here’s a photo I took on a flight to Cape Girardeau, Missouri. There’s a fabulous restaurant on the airfield and Fridays are “all you can eat” catfish – David says it’s some of the best he’s ever had! They also have homemade ice cream and cobbler – and that suits me to a tee! If you’re in the area, allow time for lunch or dinner. Sundays are “all you can eat” fried chicken, also very tasty, per David. The folks who run the place bend over backward to make you welcome. We’ve gone a few times and can’t wait for the next time! It’s called *Sandy’s* – worth the trip. It’s about 15 minutes further north than Dexter, for all you southerners!



Happy Flying, Friends! See you in Lewisburg!