



Short Wing Piper Club

“Buckeye Chapter”

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***The next meeting is: Sunday, November 6 at Schulze's (690I),
Details are on p. 5.***

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Report of October Fly-In

Tom & Denise Anderson hosted the October 8th fly-in/meeting in one of their hangers at Middletown (KMWO). As always, the food and fellowship were very enjoyable. The buffet was a veritable cornucopia of delicious vittles. Thank you, Denise.

As fearless as our Short Wing Piper members are when it comes to flying, the winds were strong enough to make it problematic for spouses to enjoy the ride. So the only airplane to arrive was a C-182 Skylane II with Chuck Lawrence and Dave Nieberding aboard. They flew 118 nautical miles from Huffman Farm Airport (4OH8) near Archbold, OH, armed with questions about Chuck's Tri-Pacer restoration. Everybody else (see the pictures) drove, bringing side dishes, pies, and other treats to add to the buffet.

Tom Anderson has an abandoned Tri-Pacer in his adjacent "maintenance hanger" that he is making airworthy for its owner. We all had an opportunity to see Tom's craftsmanship, and discuss the rudder rigging problems this airplane has presented. Having a monthly meeting like this at the airport gives us a great opportunity for some hands-on, show-n-tell learning from each other. It's interesting, too, to see how many different opinions any subject can generate. There was no formal business meeting. We all hung around till late in the afternoon. Details about the next fly-in to Schulze's Airport on Nov. 6th are on page 5. *Ralph G.*

*The ladies
enjoying
lunch and
friendship
(l-r)
Rosemarie
Gutowski,*



At the guys' table were (l-r): Chuck Lawrence, Ralph Widman, Dave Nieberding, Leon Awalt, and host Tom Anderson.



Bill Colgan from Columbus, OH, showed up with his 15-month old son, Finn, after seeing our chapter web site. He's curious about Short Wing Pipers so we were able to answer his questions, show him the ins-and-outs, and give him a close-up introduction. Finn really enjoyed playing co-pilot in Tom Anderson's Tri-Pacer.



The food is always great at these fly-ins. Here (left) is the dessert table with several pies and cookies. Denise thoughtfully brought the fall flowers for each of the ladies to take home. On the right is the C-182 Skylane II Chuck Lawrence and Dave Nieberding flew down from Archbold, OH. Chuck is restoring a Tri-Pacer using the Stewart System of fabric covering. That's Tom Anderson's Tri-Pacer in the background.



In his adjacent "maintenance hanger", Tom Anderson is finishing up making airworthy a Tri-Pacer that was found sitting abandoned for a decade or so. That's his original Pacer (red & white) against the back wall awaiting restoration. On the right, Tom shows us one of the nifty clips he made for fastening plastic sheeting to PVC pipe for his spray booth. The clip is a piece of thin walled PVC with about a 75 deg segment cut out. It snaps over the plastic sheet and sandwiches it to the PVC spray booth frame.



Chuck Lawrence shared a picture of the wing he is covering using the Stewart System. Good looking job, Chuck! This fabric covering system, which is environmentally safe, is now sold by an Ohio company located in Johnstown, OH, northeast of Columbus. I met the new owner of Stewart Systems, Andy Humphrey, at Oshkosh this summer, and he is on our chapter email list. By the way, SWPC members can borrow that wing rotator from the Club library just for the cost of shipping.



AROUND THE BUCKEYE STATE

I was saddened to learn from **Jim Beisner** that chapter member **Janet Barnard** (at right) has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer that is affecting her spine. We enjoyed Janet's cheerful friendship at DeJesus's fly-in at Troy Skypark, where we also learned about the Vagabond she is restoring. Our prayers are with you, Janet.

Leroy Lynn writes: "I'm sorry you didn't make the parade of planes this month. Planes were a little thin this year (weather). I wish you and I could get a group of Short Wing Pipers together for next year. I'd also like to host another meeting next year, depending on circumstances. Shirley is back in the hospital and the prognosis is not very good. She appears to be slowly losing ground. God isn't giving me much of a preview of His plan, but it is HIS plan!" Amen, Leroy, we'll be praying for both of you. At our meeting at Andy Barnhart Mem'l Airport last April Leroy arranged for us to see some spectacular classic airplanes, included Ted Teach's unique Ryan ST that won the Grand Prize Gold Lindy trophy at AirVenture this year.

In the March 2016 newsletter I reported about **Dale Kirby** bringing to the meeting some pieces of tailwheel hardware off his newly acquired **Pacer, N1643P**, for some “show-n-tell.” You may remember that the full story was that his son **Andrew** had been getting some dual instruction in the Pacer to master the idiosyncrasies a short-coupled tailwheel on asphalt runways. Andrew took off from Greene County (I19) and flew to Dayton Wright-Brothers (KMGY). Unbeknownst to Andrew (the PIC) and the instructor, a bolt that holds the tailwheel assembly to the aircraft sheared, dropping the entire gear assembly, tailwheel and all, on the runway at I19. This made for a rather exciting landing at KMGY, in literal tail dragger configuration.

Well, I received this email on October 9th: *Hello Ralph: I noticed this article [from our March 2016 newsletter] recently and found it very interesting. I would not have had this tailwheel problem when I soloed in 1643P on May 30, 1965! ☺*

Perhaps the nosewheel fell off somewhere along the way!

Frank Schoepf, Hampstead, MD”



N1643P with a nose wheel in 1965



The same aircraft today



- **November 6 (Sun) – Schulze Int'l (69OI), Annual chili kettle and carry-in.**
- **January 14, 2017 (Sat) - NOON – Sporty's at Clermont Co. Airport (I69).**
- **February 11, 2017 (Sat) – Grimes Field (I74), Urbana. Airport Cafe.**

Hosting a meeting requires: 1). Arranging for a place to eat and meet at an airport or restaurant; 2). Either making arrangements with the restaurant, if that is the venue; or 3). If it is a “carry-in” event, to provide the main dish, beverages, and table service.

NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER FLY-IN

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Schulze's Airport (69OI)

It will be Schulze's annual chili fest at their grass strip near Chatfield, OH. Vintage airplanes, classic cars, bush planes, and antique pilots on display. CTAF is 122.9, runways 36/18 have left traffic. Arrive early, we will eat around noon. Please bring a covered dish or dessert; chili soup and drinks provided. If you are driving to the Schulze's, take Rt.4 south from Chatfield or north from Bucyrus, turn east on Orr Rd. Turn north at the first intersection on Schwemly Rd. The Schulze's address is 6558 Schwemly Rd., Bloomville, OH 44818.

Schulze's phone number is 419-988-3343.

AIRPLANES FOR SALE

FLYING CLUB TRI-PACER FOR SALE

Dayton Area

1958 Tri-Pacer SN# 22-6416, 160HP, 4981TT, 928 SMOH, MK12D, KT76 transponder, Pilot III GPS, Sigtronics 4-place Intercom, EGT, ELT, 1995 restoration. SkyPark Aero Club, asking \$24,000. Current Annual. Contact Joe LaMantia (937) 493-9923.



1957 PA-22-150 Tri-Pacer, S/N 22-4762 has 1800 hours on the airframe and original engine. The annual is current. Owner Marvin Stohler of Hagerstown, IN, is asking \$14,900, or best offer. It is located at Flightmaster Aviation, Richmond Muni Airport (KRID); speak to Hank Morrissey, 765-309-3238, or flightmaster.aviation@gmail.com.