



## Short Wing Piper Club

“Buckeye Chapter”

March 27, 2017



**The next fly-in is Saturday April 8, 2017 at Benny's Restaurant, Union Co. Apt (KMRT), Marysville, OH. Details on p. 4.**

### Report of March 11<sup>th</sup> Fly-In to Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, OH

**Leon & Carolyn Awalt** hosted a convivial fly-in meeting at the Sky Galley Restaurant in Lunken's historic art deco terminal building. Joining Ohio Chapter regulars **Tom & Denise Anderson** (Mason), **Dean Dayton & Bob Robillard** (PA-22/20, Marysville), **George & Jeanie Elbel** (Hamersville), **Jan & Ralph Widman** (Lynchburg), and **Ralph Gutowski** (PA-22, Oxford), were first-timers **Stephen Brightwell**, **Martha Lunken**, and **Dennis Freeman** with his daughter **Emily**.

**Steve Brightwell** purchased the Elbel's 1954 PA-20-135 original Pacer and was there at the invitation of George & Jeanie to meet other Short Wing Piper enthusiasts. We were happy to welcome Steve into the clan and look forward to seeing him at our monthly fly-ins around Ohio. George (a retired Delta captain) and Jeanie are building a new home, this time without an adjoining grass runway, so they decided to sell their green Pacer (pictured below at Highland Co in 2014). We're glad it is remaining here in Ohio with Steve.



We were honored to have **Martha Lunken** join us. Martha is well known internationally for her humorous, insightful, and common-sense column “Unusual Attitudes” in *Flying Magazine* every month. Many of us remember Martha from her days with the FAA as an Accident Investigator and Safety Officer in the Cincinnati FSDO. She still flies her Cub and her C-180 (she secretly envies the 4-hour range on 8-9 gph of our PA-22's). Martha continues to give flight instruction, but is no longer a Designated Examiner, so she's probably not giving DC-3 type ratings any more, either. Witty and fun to be around, Martha always wins 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the chili contest at the Ohio Aviation Technicians Society cook-off every November. By the way, Martha's book: *“Unusual Attitudes: Obsessions and confessions of a lady pilot.”* is available from Sportys Pilot Shop. I recommend it highly.



Only **Dean Dayton** (PA-22/20 - N2518P) and **Ralph Gutowski** (PA-22-150 - N7424D) flew to "Sunken Lunken", pictured below parked on the ramp. Notice the perfect weather?



A few "observations" about the weather that day... Before leaving the house I checked METARS, TAFs, and called Flight Service for a briefing. The air temp was in the high 20's, a few scattered clouds above 5,000, and winds were described as "light and variable, all day." What an inviting day for flying. Could not wish for a more hospitable forecast for March in Ohio. Right!

Well, I'll tell you what - NOAA & FSS must have a new definition for "Winds Light & Variable." The ASOS at Richmond and ATIS at Lunken both reported winds from the northwest at less than 10 kts, as did Butler Co. Regional en route. A piece of cake. But 200 ft above the ground it quickly became a different story.

In my 37 years of flying everything from fabric covered taildraggers to a T-33/F-80, from a Lockheed Super-Connie to a Bellanca "Cardboard Connie", I have developed my own characterizations of turbulence. In order of increasing severity: 1). bumpy, 2). chop, 3). banging brain on bulkhead, and 4). teeth rattling. I experienced all but #4 during this fun 30-minute flight to Lunken. After landing, my arms kept shaking as I tried to steady the camera for a few group photos in the Sky Galley Restaurant. There was more of the same head-banging-on-the-bulkhead "light & variable" aloft on the return flight, although it did smooth out to only #1 and #2 north of Butler Co. Glad for shoulder harnesses. Mr. Piper sure did design and build one sturdy airplane.

Also dropping by was **Dennis Freeman** with his 4-year old daughter **Emily**. Dennis, who flies for a living as a professional pilot, is in the market for a good Tri-Pacer for personal flying with his family. He came to the chapter meeting expressly to look over Ralph's Tri-Pacer and see how Emily would fit in the rear seat. It was a good opportunity for Dennis to pick the collective brains of three of the SWPC's Technical Advisors. We are only too happy to assist Dennis in finding a good Short Wing Piper that meets his requirements.



Dennis Freeman holding his daughter Emily (center) spent time after lunch checking out Ralph Gutowski's PA-22-150. SWPC Tech Advisors Tom Anderson (left) and Ralph Widman (right) were glad to assist and answer Dennis's questions.

I heard from **Dale Kirby** the day after the meeting that he and **Andrew** intended to fly their PA-22/20 to the meeting, but the previous day he had the carburetor removed and sent out for overhaul. It's a shame they missed out on some excellent experience for flying their Pacer to Alaska up through the turbulent Shakwak Trench in the Yukon. Actually, the day we flew down Kluane Lake and up the Shakwak Trench in 2001 it was far calmer than on the flight to Lunken this particular day.

Looking ahead to the SWPC convention June 11-14 in Lancaster, PA (Smoketown Airport - S37), Denise Anderson reports you can request a newly renovated hotel room (guaranteed) when you make your reservation. See details in the SWPC News and web site, [www.shortwingpiperclub.org](http://www.shortwingpiperclub.org).

Treasurer's report: 23 members have paid their annual dues of \$10 and the treasury has \$1,191.32 as of 3-18-17. **If you have not paid your dues of \$10 for 2017, please see page 6.**

Respectfully submitted, *Ralph Gutowski*



←(Clockwise from left): Leon Awalt, Steve Brightwell, Bob Robillard (hidden), Dean Dayton, Carolyn Awalt and Denise Anderson. In the foreground on the right is Martha Lunken, popular columnist for Flying Magazine, George Elbel, Ralph Widman, Tom Anderson (hidden), Jan Widman (looking away), and Jeanie Elbel hidden behind Jan.

(Clockwise from left): Carolyn → Awalt Denise Anderson, Jeanie Elbel, and Jan Widman share book and movie reviews, recipes, decorating ideas and craft activities.



If you intend to get your next flying physical via the FAA's new BasicMed process after May 1<sup>st</sup>, you might want to visit the new web site the FAA has established. It will have a link to the required Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist and a page for on-line course providers. [Here is a link:](https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/basic_med/) [https://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/airmen\\_certification/basic\\_med/](https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/basic_med/). You should also download [Advisory Circular 68-1](#). AOPA has a web site about BasicMed as well. It's called "Fit-to-Fly". You can check your BasicMed eligibility using their

interactive tool, access pilot resources, medical conditions, physician guide, and FAQs. The AOPA "Fit-to-Fly" web site is at: <https://www.aopa.org/advocacy/pilots/medical/fit-to-fly-pilots>

## NEXT MEETING

### APRIL FLY-IN

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Union Co. Airport (KMRT), 1 mile SE of Marysville, OH

We will **eat at noon** at [Benny's Pizza Pub & Patio \[menu\]](#). Arrive by 11:45 and cars will shuttle pilots & passengers to Benny's across the road from the Airport. If driving, Benny's restaurant is located at: 968 Columbus Avenue, Marysville, Ohio, 43040.  
Phone: (937) 644-8383. Dean & Amy Dayton are hosting.

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#### ON OUR HORIZON



[CI] = Carry-In meal

- April 8 - Union Co, Marysville (KMRT). Dean & Amy Dayton hosting.
- May 13 – Andy Barnhart Mem'l Apt. (3OH0) – Leroy Lynn. [CI]
- June 11-15 - SWPC Convention Lancaster, PA Smoketown Airport (S37)
- June 15-18 - Sentimental Journey - Lock Haven, PA (KLHV)
- July 15 - Barnstorming Carnival, Springfield-Beckley Apt (KSGH). J.J. Miller hosting.
- August 12 – Troy Skypark (37I) – DeJesus's hosting. [CI]
- September 9 – Open date. [CI]
- October 7 – Hinde Field (88D). Joint Oktoberfest fly-in with EAA 50. Tracy Hille.
- October 14 - Middletown Hook Field (KMWO). Andersons hosting. [CI]
- November 5 – (Sun) – Schulze Int'l (69OI), Annual chili carry-in. [CI]



## ➡ Alternator Announcement ⤵

When I rebuilt my 1957 Tri-Pacer I replaced the 25 amp generator with a 40 amp alternator. After shopping carefully, then buying and returning an InterAv alternator, I finally chose the B&C Specialties L-40 alternator for my airplane. Plane Power was not on the market at the time; even so, the P-P STC requires the oil cooler be relocate behind the #4 cylinder. Everything about the B&C alternator product was and is, in my opinion, superior – e.g., this same B&C alternator flew on the Voyager’s earth-rounder flight. So both Tom Anderson and I purchased and installed B&C L-40 alternators with the solid-state voltage regulators on our Tri-Pacers, even though it meant obtaining Field Approvals. It’s a decision neither of us has regretted in the least.

So I was happy to see that B&C has announced “**Flight test complete. Approval forthcoming. BC400 Alternator for your Piper.**” This alternator is STC-PMA’d for the PA-18/19, will have the Approved Model List expanded to include: PA-11, PA-12, PA-14, **PA-16, PA-20, PA-22**, J-5C, and others. “**Fits Lycoming Wide- and Narrow-deck engines...with NO change of oil cooler location.**” A great upgrade option!



## **New Fabric Covering Option Approved in USA**

We are all familiar with fabric covering processes like Ceconite and Randolph dopes, PolyFiber, Stewarts Eko-friendly system, Air-Tech, and Superflite. There has been a unique three-step process system from Germany by Lanitz-Prena, located in Leipzig; the sole distributor for North America is BetterAircraftFabric. It is called Oratex, and it represents a major breakthrough in aircraft fabric covering systems. No solvents, no paint, no stench, no exposure to toxic chemicals of any kind. Oratex comes ready to use with all necessary coatings already applied. It requires no sealer, no UV coating, no primer, no paint — no coatings whatsoever. Just glue it, shrink it, and fly! It’s available in White, Cub Yellow, Fokker Red, Corsair Blue, Olive Drab and Silver. An Oratex advertisement in this month’s EAA “*Sport Aviation*” magazine (p.51) states the Oratex process is “**NOW FAA STC’d in the USA** (and certified in Canada) **for Pipers**, Maules and others.” It is fast, but pricy.

## **AIRPLANE 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.**

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