



## Short Wing Piper Club

“Buckeye Chapter”

July 1, 2017



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### Confessions of a Non-Convicted Felon by Jim Beisner

My friend, Nick Engler, CEO of the Wright Brothers Aeroplane Company, had invited me to observe his flying of the 1902 Wright Glider at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on the 100th Anniversary of Wilbur and Orville's flights. With camping gear and provisions packed in my Piper airplane, I immediately departed Troy, Ohio, on a heading of East-South-East. The in route stop was made at Beckley, WV, which is a true oasis in the heart of the Appalachian hills. The cordial hospitality was topped off by pure down-home bluegrass music. It was an unforgettable experience. The late afternoon trip continued on to a small runway that is located at the west edge of Kill Devil Hills (the sand dune that the Wrights used for their first flights.)



After the enjoyable, but tiring flight, the plane was tied down not too far from a No Overnight Parking sign. (It was my first violation.) The sunsets quickly behind the hills and not being current for night flying, this was

to be home for the night. With no lights in sight and camping gear under arm, the search for a tent-site was made. It was so dark that the final tent stake was installed by braille.

With brief thoughts about the most recent people to sleep in this area ... Orv and Will, and now Jim ... I enjoyed a very restful night. (It was my second violation.)

At first signs of daybreak, the pup tent was struck and carried back to the plane. The sign that I tripped over the night before was now visible, *NO WALKING ON THE GRASS*. (That was violation number three or more.) A brief walk to the top of Kill Devil Hills (on the sidewalk) puts one at the base of the Wright's beautiful and inspiring monument.



After some directions from a most kind Park Ranger, I was off to find the next sand dune that is now used for gliding aircraft. A gentleman that was getting into his car

proceeded to inform me where Jockey's Ridge was located (the next sand dune south), and offered a free ride because he was going that way. He introduced himself as Darrel Collins. He answered many of my questions. I found out later that he was the Director of Kitty Hawk Park District. If he only knew of what had happened the night before, he might have taken me to jail!

To observe the 1902 Replica Glider fly gracefully down a sand dune, just as Will and Orv did 100 years before, was an incredible experience.!



## NEXT MEETING

### July FLY-IN

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Our next fly-in is at **Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport (KSGH)**, 5 miles South of Springfield, Ohio (just north-east of Wright-Patt AFB). J.J. Miller is hosting the get-together and will have his hangar open by 1100 am. **Jim's hangar is F415** - it faces west on the front row of hangars facing the tower; it is the southern-most box hangar and probably will be the only one open.

Jim writes: "I have permission to park the Short Wings along the ramp in front of the box hangars. There will be food vendors on the airport and I will provide drinks – please bring snacks to share. Bringing chairs would be a good idea, too.

The dance will be across from my hangar so anyone wanting to stay for that will be able to leave their planes on the ramp."

The annual Barnstorming Carnival is a free community event that allows you to experience the Golden Age of Aviation. This **\*FREE ADMISSION\*** event brings aviation enthusiasts and the community together. This is a unique opportunity to experience some of the rarest 1920's, 1930's, and 1940's aircraft gathered together in our local area.

See poster ad on the next page.

More info at: <https://www.barnstormingcarnival.com/>

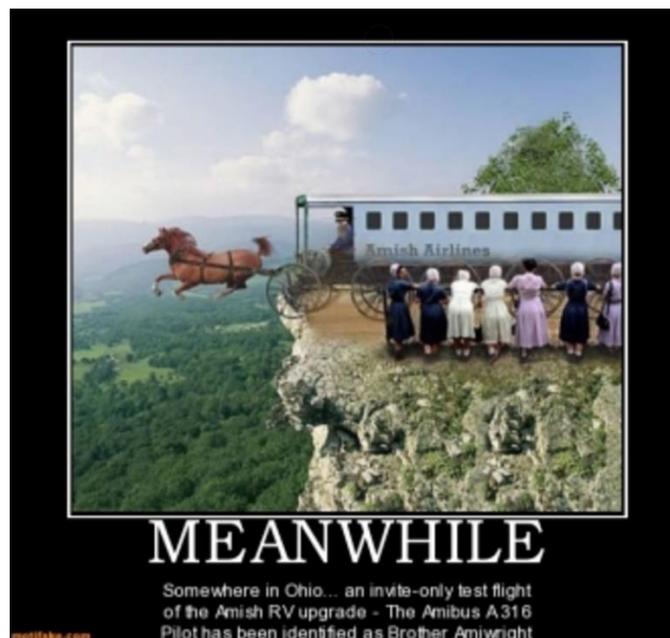


### ON OUR HORIZON



[CI] = Carry-In meal

- **July 15 - Barnstorming Carnival, Springfield-Beckley Apt (KSGH). J.J. Miller hosting.**
- August 12 – Troy Skypark (37I) – DeJesus’s hosting. [CI]
- **September 9 – The Great Wright Brothers Aero Carnival. (see next page)**
- 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]



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**The Great Wright Brothers Aero Carnival 2017**

The US Park Service (USPS) is looking for aviation community support for their Great Wright Brothers Aero Carnival, set for Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field. Since 2017 is the centennial anniversary of McCook Field and Wilbur Wright Field, within which Huffman Prairie is located, this year's Aero Carnival will be larger than prior events - with projected attendance in the 3,000+ range. Events now planned include Wright Patterson AFB (WPAFB) exhibits, rocketry demonstrations, hot air balloons, parachute jumps, World War 1 encampment, aircraft static displays/fly-overs and much more. We are looking for 7-10 static display aircraft, manning an EAA Young Eagles booth, fly-over aircraft, and ground crew volunteers. Static display aircraft will fly into Wright-Patterson AFB around 8:30AM the day of the event and depart around 5PM. The aircraft overflights are currently targeted for noon, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM and 4PM. All aircraft must have operable 2-way aircraft radios and static display aircraft must also meet USAF liability insurance requirements to operate from WPAFB. Prior Aero Carnival aircraft included Luscombe, Travelaire, T-6, J-3 Cub, Pietenpol Aircamper, Ercoupe, Cherokee 235, Vans RV-8 and a Zenith 701P. If you are interested in participating in Aero Carnival 2017, please contact the static display and fly-over aircraft liaison, Mike Bednarek, EAA Chapter 610/Flying Angels, (937) 438-5338; [mbednarek@woh.rr.com](mailto:mbednarek@woh.rr.com).

We need a Short Wing Piper in this show, folks.

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4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

