



## Short Wing Piper Club

“Buckeye Chapter”

June 2, 2017



*The next fly-in is Saturday July 15, 2017, at Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport (KSGH). Details on p. 3.*

### Report of May 13<sup>th</sup> Fly-In to Andy Barnhart Memorial Apt, New Carlisle, OH

The combination of excellent weather, Leroy Lynn's hospitality and fried chicken, and the fascinating collection of general aviation aircraft at Barnhart Memorial Airport produced another great turnout.

Arriving by plane were, **Jim Beisner** (Troy) and **Tim Pinkerton** (Trotwood) in a PA-22 Tri-Pacer, **Dean & Amy Dayton** (PA-22/20 - Marysville) and **Ralph & Jan Widman** (Colt - Lynchburg). Driving to the meeting were **Tom & Denise Anderson** (Mason), **Leon and Carol Awalt** (Cint'i), **Russ & Sherry Mintkenbaugh** (West Chester), **Doug Smith** (New Carlisle), and, of course, **host Leroy Lynn** (New Carlisle).

Ralph Widman sent some of his “memory notes”: Leroy's fried chicken was super. It's locally made. 1. Russ and Sherry Mintkenbaugh drove in on a motorcycle. He's building a Wag-a-Bond vagabond knock-off using a Colt fuselage and wings. Using a 100 HP Corvair engine. 2. Leroy's son, John, joined us later. He's helping Leroy with his Tri-Pacer's annual. Leroy is a good story teller. Think he has a Clipper project, too? 3. Jim Beisner flew in with Tim Pinkerton whom we meet at Phillipsburg 15 years ago. Tim is at Moraine Airport. now and is a Waco nut. .4. Leroy had Doug Smith join us and he gave us an informative talk on Airtex fabric and on the Ryan ST from the start. He rolled the Mooney Mite outside and then the Ryan. Was super to see the Ryan in the daylight and on the ramp. 5. Airtex comments: the Mooney had been covered in Airtex 20 years ago and looked as

good as it did on the first day. He used Airtex on the Ryan and you could not even see the edges of the tapes. Doug is the man behind the Ryan restoration (it won the top Gold Lindy Grand Champion at Oshkosh last summer). A very intelligent 30-something year old. Airtex is a polyurathane operation mainly. He said spraying it is difficult and takes practice and skill. It likes to run or orange peel. It's lighter than PolyFiber and butyrate dope systems. First coat applies a combination mildew prevention and UV-blocker coat. This combination is white in color making it an ideal primer for the final color coat. Next step is one coat of color and you are done. It is easy to repair. Scuff sand and glue on patch. Oh it costs more than the other processes. On the Ryan ST he commented last year at Oshkosh the judges gave him a hard time on using Dzus fasteners as they thought they had been developed a few years AFTER the Ryan was made, therefore not original. But Doug was able to show them the Dzus's were developed in the early 1930's but the patent was issued years later in 1934. The Ryan was first flown in 1934, according to Wikipedia. So the judges had to eat crow and all this time they had been marking against the Dzus if it was used before its patent date. He had to explain what "Patent Pending" means. There were only five Ryans made with the in-line Menasco B4, 95 hp engine, and this is the only one flying or remaining. The rest of them had radial engines, I believe. The owner, Ted Teach, doesn't like to see reinforcing tapes so Doug spent hours filling and sanding the tapes

to bury them. He replaced many sheet metal skins and made most of all the fairings. He had two helpers - one was a WW2 veteran who died just after the first flight of this restoration. He had been very healthy until the last few days. There was a lever sticking out the right side of the nose cowl. It said OFF-OIL-ON. It's a dry sump engine, so in order to keep the bottoms of the cylinders from filling up with oil when parked they turn the valve off. Saves them

from having to drain all four rocker covers before each start. The judges gave him issue over this "modification". He reminded them that changes for safety are not held against a rebuilder. Oh, our landing at Barnhart went long and we hit the over-run grass fortunately on the east end of the airport. Those drum brakes were very ineffective and I'd like to have that landing back! Signed: *Ralph Widman*



Leon Awalt, Doug Smith, Jim Beisner, Tim Pinkerton, Leroy Lynn - Ralph Widman, Russ Mintkenbugh, Dean Dayton - Jan Widman, Carolyn Awalt, Denise Anderson, and Amy Dayton



The Gold Lindy Grand Champion Ryan ST. Wings and control surfaces are covered in Airtex.



Russ & Sherry Mintenbaugh – Mooney Mite - The pilot doesn't climb in, s/he "wears it."



## 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. More specific details will be forthcoming next month. See poster ad at bottom of this page.

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.

More info is on our [chapter web site](#) and at:

<https://www.barnstormingcarnival.com/>



### **ON OUR HORIZON**



[CI] = Carry-In meal

- June 11-15 - SWPC Convention Lancaster, PA Smoketown Airport (S37)
- June 20-24 - Sentimental Journey - Lock Haven, PA (KLHV)
- **July 15 - Barnstorming Carnival, Springfield-Beckley Apt (KSGH). J.J. Miller hosting. (see poster ad below)**
- 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]



## 2017 Club Officers

### **President:**

Tom Anderson  
5401 Crooked Tree Dr.  
Mason, OH 45040  
513-398-2656  
Email:  
[teanderson@cinci.rr.com](mailto:teanderson@cinci.rr.com)

### **Vice President:**

Bob Blue  
1650 St. Rt. 207  
Chillicothe, OH 45601  
740-775-6871  
Email:  
[rablue@roadrunner.com](mailto:rablue@roadrunner.com)

### **Secretary / Treasurers:**

Jan & Ralph Widman  
Box 573  
Lynchburg, Ohio 45142  
937-364-6050  
Email:  
[jamocadura@outlook.com](mailto:jamocadura@outlook.com)

### **Newsletter Editor**

Ralph Gutowski  
8 Iveswood Dr.  
Oxford, Ohio 45056  
513-523-2647  
Email:  
[tripacer24d@gmail.com](mailto:tripacer24d@gmail.com)

**Aero Carnival**

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Dayton Aviation Heritage  
National Historical Park

*The Great  
Wright Brothers  
Aero Carnival*

**Date:** Saturday, September 9, 2017  
**Time:** 10:30 am - 5:00 pm  
**Location:** Huffman Prairie Flying Field  
State Route 444, Gate 16A  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
**Admission:** Free to All!

*Family fun & activities all day long!*  
◦ Aircraft Displays ◦ Hay Rides ◦ Parachute  
Jumps ◦ Bounce Houses ◦ So Much More!

For more info, visit the park's website at  
[www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav) or call us @937-225-7705

#FINDYOURPARK

## **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.

**AIRPLANE FOR SALE**  
**PIPER VAGABOND PA-17**

**1948 PA-17.** TTAF 1900. SMOH 200 (C-65) - (these times are approximate). It has 2 doors (most Vagabonds only have one side door for access). 12 gallon nose tanks & one 9 gallon wing tank. Restoration 93-94 with Stits (PolyFiber) fabric. New Univair lift struts with heavy duty forks. No electrics. July annual. It qualifies as LSA. I'm asking \$26,900. Based in Ohio. Phone Shaun at: 614-284-9980



~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**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.

\*\*\*\*\*

