



Short Wing Piper Club
 “Buckeye Chapter”



February 26, 2017

The next fly-in is Saturday March 11, 2017 at the Sky Galley Restaurant, Lunken Field (KLUK), Cincinnati, OH. Details on p. 5.

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Report of February Fly-In to Grimes Field, Urbana

We broke the meeting attendance record for this year with 22 people showing up at the Airport Café on February 11th for some fellowship, fun, flying, and food. The weather could not have been more accommodating. Who would have thought we would have temps in the low 60's, with light and variable winds, and a high buttermilk sky overcast in mid-February in Ohio? If you remember that Hoagie Carmichael song, “Ole Buttermilk Sky”, it perfectly describes the weather we enjoyed. By the way, Carmichael's "Ole Buttermilk Sky" was an Academy Award-nominee in 1946. The epic weather surely encouraged the superb turnout.

Arriving in five airplanes this month were: **Terry Ault & Lynn Coriell** (PA-22/20, Delaware Muni.), **Dean Dayton & Bob Robillard** (PA-22/20, Marysville), **Dale & Andrew Kirby** and **Joe Smith** (PA-22/20, Greene Co.), **Leroy Lynn** (PA-22, Barnhart Mem'l), and **Kevin McDonald** (Colt, Springfield). There also happened to be another 1957 PA-22/20 parked on the ramp, but the owner, *Roger Trump* of Greenville, was not part of our group.

Also joining in the fun were: **Tom & Denise Anderson** (Mason), **Leon & Carolyn Awalt** (Cincinnati), **Dave Blank** (Bluffton/Lima), **Bob Blue** (Chillicothe), **Bill & Finn Colgan** (Columbus), **Ralph & Rosemarie Gutowski** (Oxford), **Carl Patterson** (Urbana), **Mark Renwick** (Springfield), and **Ralph Widman** (Lynchburg). Jan Widman had a knee replacement on January 26th and although she is home and doing pretty well, she was not up to flying or making the drive on this particular day. I had reserved a table for 12 people, so when almost twice as many people showed up, those who arrived after noon had to be seated elsewhere in the restaurant. It was great seeing some of the guys who have been too busy in recent months to attend the meetings and to get caught up on all the news. Who would have thought that we would all be so busy *AFTER* we have retired and embraced our roles as grandparents (which clearly pre-empts our other love – flying)?

After lunch, the ladies had fun sharing recipes, book-TV-movie reviews, and hobbies. Carolyn Awalt brought one of her latest quilt creations. Denise Anderson has recovered from knee surgery to the extent that she no longer needs a wheel chair, thankfully, and was walking about with the temporary support of a crutch. Rosemarie brought some needlework with her.

The guys headed for the ramp after lunch to look over all the airplanes and see how pilots are equipping with various technologies in their cockpits: tablets, GPS navigators, ADS-B, etc. There was a lot of looking under the cowlings, too. You can learn a lot from fellow pilots and their airplanes. (See some of the descriptions under the pictures below). I think we must have spent about 90 minutes enjoying each other's convivial comradery, aircraft, and our mutual love of Short Wing Pipers. No one seemed to be in a hurry to leave. Even so, it seems there never is enough time to really get to chat with everyone for any length of time.

While we were out on the ramp, for the second month in a row, an Ohio Highway Patrol pilot took a break from aerial surveillance and landed for a pit stop and some lunch. This was a different pilot and airplane from the one that landed during our meeting last month at Sporty's. I chatted with him a bit and he admitted that he had the "best job in law enforcement and in aviation!" After about 3 pm, some of the guys moseyed over to the aircraft museum on the field to check on the progress on rebuilding the B-17, "Champaign Lady." (See *Ralph Widman's story below*).

We were all especially glad to hear that Cliff Van Vleet is running for President of the SWPC International. He will make an excellent president (for the third time) and has all of our support. This year there will be an opportunity for SWPC members to vote electronically for the first time, without attending the convention in person, thanks to Tom Anderson's technical efforts. So we are hoping to see Cliff receive broad support and many votes to employ his leadership skills and past successful experience to lead our Club forward in a changing horizon for general aviation.

We are looking forward to the SWPC convention June 11-14 right next door in Lancaster, PA (Smoketown Airport - S37). From what we are hearing, this year it will start on Sunday evening and end on Wednesday night so we can make the short flight to Sentimental Journey in Lock Haven (KLHV) which runs from Thursday through Sunday. It's always been on my "bucket list" to take my Tri-Pacer back to her birthplace in Lock Haven. I am looking forward to the convention fly-out up and down the Hudson River flyway and past the Statue of Liberty, too. Don't miss this opportunity.

Ralph Widman gave a treasurer's report that 18 members had paid their annual dues of \$10 and the treasury has \$1,141.32 as of 2-10-17, not including those who paid their dues at this meeting. ***If you have not paid your dues of \$10 for 2017, please see page 6.***

Respectfully submitted, *Ralph Gutowski*

The following account was contributed by Ralph Widman: "I arrived early so I spent 1/2 hour at the museum. There I photographed 97 year old George Snook. He was in a wheel chair and commented he normally used his cane but the wheelchair made it easier for him to get around the museum. The crew there



loved him. He was a B-24 gunner/engineer. He survived 30 missions 1943 to 1944. He finished in July of 1944. After 30 missions they were relieved of flying missions. Then he managed the NCO Club. He had one picture of his B-24 with a big two foot hole in the fuselage. A German 88 anti-aircraft shell went thru the bomb bay, ricochet off the pilot's seat armor plate and exited. It never exploded! And it was after the bombing run. He said some poor slave laborer probably made the round a dud and saved their hides. Said after Paris was freed they sent an empty B-24 with him as engineer to Paris. They were given three days leave and told to come back. They found the plane stuffed with big barrels of beer and all the liquor

they could stuff on board. Then he knew why they flew from England to Paris empty. One dumb question I asked him was, "What did you drink in England?" I was curious. He instantly snapped back "Any given amount!" I'll attach his picture. Ralph Widman" Thanks, Ralph, for the human interest historical tale.



(left pic - clockwise from left): Lynn Coriell, Tom Anderson, Ralph Widman, Rosemarie Gutowski, Carolyn Awalt, Denise Anderson, Bob Blue, Leon Awalt, Dean Dayton, and Bob Robillard. (right photo): Bob Blue, Leon Awalt, Dean Dayton, Bob Robillard, Dave Blank, Kevin McDonald, Carl Patterson, Terry Ault, Lynn Coriell, Tom Anderson, and Ralph Widman. Arriving too late to be seated with this group were Dale and Andrew Kirby, Leroy Lynn, Mark Renwick, Joe Smith, and Bill Colgan & son Finn.



(Left pic - l-r) Dale Kirby, Joe Smith, and Andrew Kirby flew 43-Papa in from Green Co. Airport. The goal is for father & son duo Dale & Andrew to fly this pretty PA-22/20 to Alaska where Andrew lives and works 8-10 months a year. (Right pic - l-r): Dean Dayton, Bob Robillard, Ralph Widman, Mark Renwick, Dave Blank, Kevin McDonald, and Lynn Coriell stand in front of Kevin's rebel Colt.



(Left pic): Bill Colgan from Columbus arrived with son Finn - they have been regulars at our meetings recently. Bill is looking at a PA-22 for sale in Illinois. This clean blue and white Tri-Pacer belongs to smiling Leroy Lynn who flew it from Andy Barnhart Memorial Airport in New Carlisle. Leroy will host our May fly-in there. (right pic): Rear quarter picture of Kevin McDonald's Colt revealing a sporty patriotic paint scheme. Kevin bought this Colt from someone in Virginia. The guys are checking out the oil cooler with a door on it mounted behind Cylinder #4.



(left) Three SWP PA-22/20s parked side-by-side - Dale Kirby (N1643P), Terry Ault (middle), and Dean Dayton at far left. (right pic) That's Dean climbing like a homesick angel on his way back to Marysville.



(left) Checking out the constant speed prop on Terry Ault's Pacer. Notice the VGs and Stewart wing tips - the Stewart bothers covered this airplane themselves. (right) The Ohio Highway Patrol showed up for the second month in a row. This was not the same OHP aircraft or pilot as last month at Sporty's.



(left) While the guys were out on the ramp looking at airplanes Rosemarie Gutowski, Denise Anderson, and Carolyn Awalt were sharing their interests, hobbies, and craft projects inside. On the right is N7250D, a 1957 PA-22/20 owned by Roger Trump of Greenville, OH - (probably no relation, I'm guessing).

NEXT MEETING

MARCH FLY-IN

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Lunken Airport (KLUK), 3 miles SE of Cincinnati

We will **eat at noon** at the

[Sky Galley Restaurant \[menu\]](#) in the Terminal Bldg.

If driving, the Sky Galley is located at 262 Wilmer Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45226

(513) 871-7400 * Leon and Carolyn Awalt are hosting.



ON OUR HORIZON



[CI] = Carry-In meal

- March 11 - Lunken Field (KLUK), Cincinnati, OH. Awalts hosting
- April 8 - Union Co, Marysville (KMRT). Daytons hosting.
- May 13 Sat. – Andy Barnhart Mem'l Apt. (3OH0) – Leroy Lynn. [CI]
- June 11-15 - SWPC Convention Lancaster, PA Smoketown Apt. (S37)
- June 15-18 - Sentimental Journey - Lock Haven, PA (KLHV)
- July 15 - Barnstorming Carnival, Springfield-Beckley Apt (SGH). JJ Miller hosting.
- August 12 – Troy Skypark (37I) – DeJesus's hosting. [CI]
- September 9 - Highland Co. (KHOC). Widmans hosting.[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]

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.

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Dayton Area

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