



Short Wing Piper Club

“Buckeye Chapter”

September 30, 2019



*The next fly-in is Saturday, Oct. 12 at Grimes Field. (I74), Urbana, OH.
See page 3 for information.*

It had been several years since we had a fly-in at Highland County Airport and this return to KHOC was really a lot of fun. Jan and Ralph Widman hosted 16 of us in the main hanger. Jan grilled metts, hot dogs and burgers while everyone else brought excellent side dishes and desserts to compliment a picnic buffet.

Flying in were **Dean Dayton (N2519P)**, **Dale Kirby** and his grandson **Carson Koppe (N1643P)**, **Chuck Lawrence & Dave Nieberding (N8571S)**, **Jan & Garry Parsell (N6904D)**, and **Tom & Linda Schulze (N919A)**. Also present were **Tom & Denise Anderson**, **Leroy & Carolyn Awalt**, **Mark Axemacher**, **Ralph Gutowski**, and **David Schmaus**.



Buckeye ladies spread out the buffet tables: L-R: Linda Schulze, Janis Parsell, Carolyn Awalt, Denise Anderson, and Jan Widman



Our gracious hostess Jan Widman in her *Pampered Chef* apron grilling metts, burgers and dogs.



Some of the guys. L-R: Chuck Lawrence, Dave Nieberding, Tom Schulze, host Ralph Widman, Leon Awalt, Dean Dayton, and Tom Anderson.



L-R: David Schmaus, Mark Axemacher. (a local friend of the Widmans), Garry Parsell, Dale Kirby and his grandson Carson Koppe.



Dale Kirby with his Young Eagle co-pilot, grandson Carson Koppe.



Schulze's original Pacer in foreground, Parsell's 1957 red and white Tri-Pacer, Dean Dayton's PA-22/20, and Kirby's PA-22/20. Three of these four short wing Pipers made the flight to Alaska for the 2001 convention.



While the guys were doing their airplane "show & tell," the ladies had good fellowship. L-R: Janis Parsell, Linda Schulze, hostess Jan Widman, Carolyn Awalt, and Denise Anderson.



"Open wide and say, 'Ahhhh.'" Dean Dayton opens the cowling for Chuck Lawrence and Dave Nieberding to see "how it's done" as Chuck is about to hang the engine on his rebuilt PA-22/20. At the fly-in Chuck scored a deal for an Airwolf remote oil filter adaptor kit, getting it from Ralph Gutowski for less than half the cost of a new one.



Tom Schulze hands the gas nozzle to Chuck Lawrence who is filling the tanks on his Skylane II. Chuck is finishing a total rebuild of a PA22/20. He is "90% done with 90% to go."



David Schmaus is all smiles as Garry Parsell prepares to take Dave on a demonstration flight.

We had met David Schmaus and his wife Tawana last month at DeJesus's fly-in at Troy SkyPark. David, a student pilot looking to purchase an airplane, came to the fly-in to check out the Parsell's 1957 Tri-Pacer, below.



David must have liked the ride. After a pre-purchase inspection, he bought the airplane from Garry and now hangs it at Middletown Regional Airport (KMWO). Dave is scheduled to take his Private Pilot check ride in a few weeks. Best wishes!

NEXT MEETING

🛩️ *October FLY-IN* 🛩️

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Grimes Field Airport (I74), 1 mile north of Urbana, OH. **It is a carry-in meal.** We will eat at 12:00 noon **at the the Mid-America Flight Museum hanger** which is the largest hanger on the south end of the row of hangers. It has signs on both the north and east sides of the building. Fly-ins can park anywhere around the hanger. Drive-ins can park on the east side of the hanger and enter through the small door on that side. (State route 68 side). Leroy Lynn is our host and he is planning to cook several roasts and serve up roast beef. Please bring a side dish to share - i.e., salad, vegetable, dessert. Leroy will provide beverages, too. There are bathrooms, microwaves, small refrigerators, and a gas grill in the hanger. We will see the restoration of a 1929 Travel Air 6000, being led by Doug Smith, the same guy that showed us the Grand Champion Ryan ST at New Carlisle. The Travel Air 6000 was a 7-passenger "airliner" in its day, although hauling the mail had priority. Leroy says restoration progress has been amazing because they intend to fly it to Oshkosh this year and see what the judges think of it. Looks like another fun fly-in.



ON OUR HORIZON



[CI] = Carry-In meal

- **October 12 – Grimes Field, Urbana - Leroy Lynn hosting. [CI]**
- **November 2 – Schulze Airport (690i), Tom & Linda Schulze hosting – [CI]**

☞ Another Ohio Buckeye chapter member, Bill Colgan, bought his Tri-Piper before earning his private pilot license. On September 5th he soloed in his beautiful green and white short wing. Bill sent this picture holding the traditional severed shirt tail. Congratulations, Bill, we fully understand your ear-to-ear grin! Bill is based at Bolton Field Airport near Columbus.



A Worthwhile Opportunity

The Buckeye Chapter has received an invitation from Jim Beisner to participate in a very special and successful project he has initiated. Jim has six or seven 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-graders meeting after school in the big red barn at Waco Field (1WF) north of Dayton to restore an aircraft. You may not realize that Jim is a retired high school teacher (Chemistry) and is using his pedagogical skills along with his expertise as an FAA Charles Taylor Mechanic-of-the Year to get these young people interested in aviation and in practical mechanics. So it is not surprising that these kids are enthusiastic about the project and are eagerly participating in the weekly sessions.



Currently they are nearing completion of a very rare, one-of-a-kind Waco. As their next project they have decided to restore a Short Wing Piper to flying condition. Jim is seeking support from our chapter in the form of ideas and materials. If you have any SWP parts or materials or other useful bits and pieces, tools, or ideas, etc. to donate, please contact Jim at (937) 554-6599 or james.beisner@bright.net. This is a wonderful opportunity for our chapter (and the SWPC at large) to support Jim. He has demonstrated a good track record working with these kids on the Waco project – it would be neat to see them restore a Short Wing Piper to flying condition.

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From Iris Morris

“To all of our friends, Short Wing Piper club and Sun-n-Fun members, George Klitsch is having his second lung cancer operation on Oct. 5th. This past year, he and Tyke (Florence) have had serious problems. He had knee rebuild, pneumonia, both in the hospital from being 'beat up' by airbags in an auto accident and then lung operation, and now another lung operation. We ask that you have good thoughts and prayers for them.”

“To you who don't know him, he is Chapter President and til this year Chairman of Aircraft camping at Sun-n-Fun.

“If you care to contact him, you can at:

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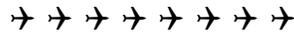
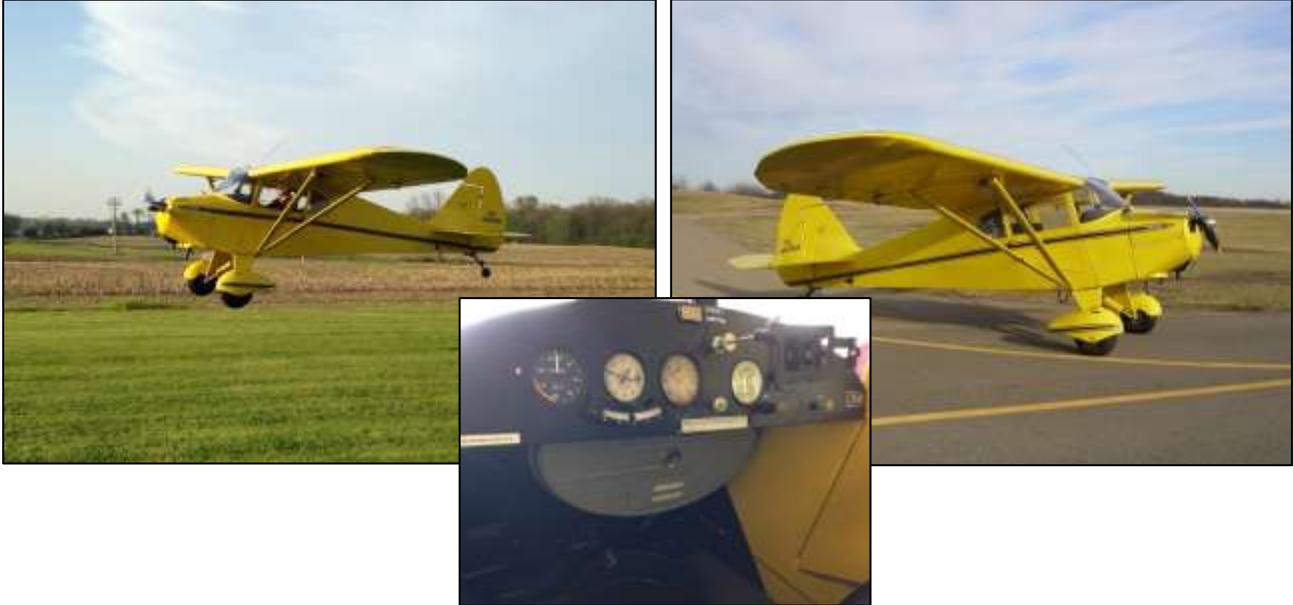
*Thank you,
Iris Morris”*

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 (Poly-Fiber) fabric. New Univair lift struts with heavy duty forks. No electrics. July annual. It qualifies as LSA. I'm asking \$26,900. Ohio. Phone Shaun at: 614-284-9980



For Sale

David Clark H10-40 and H10-80 headsets for \$175 each and a PCA passive headset for \$60. All in excellent working condition. Contact Ralph Gutowski, tripacer24d@gmail.com.

