

April - May – 2014

In April we were invited to join the members of EAA Chapter 8 at their meeting in Winston-Salem (INT). Lunch was “potluck” so everyone brought a favorite dish. Hot dogs were provided with all the fixin’s and there was plenty to go around.

Our spring weather has continued to be unusual for the Carolinas but April has finally arrived and hopefully so will spring weather. Last month's scheduled meeting at Stanton's BBQ was weathered out due to the very wet and cold weather. Our February fly out to Triple Tree saw a very limited number of members attend as that Saturday's weather was slow to clear. I know the weather in the central part of NC was low overcast in the morning and did not clear until late afternoon.

Our April meeting was held jointly with EAA Chapter 8 at the Winston-Salem (KINT) airport on Saturday, the 12th. Several months ago I was contacted by Larry Oppegaard asking if the CSWPC would be interested in a joint meeting. After discussing with some of our members, I told Larry that we would be there in force. Lunch was pot luck and everyone was encouraged to bring a favorite dish bring to share. Hotdogs with all the fixings were provided.

After lunch Bob Sutherlin, N.C. FAAS Team Program manager presented a slide program on the LSA/Experimental aircraft that are a new part of general aviation. As expected this was a program about safety and how can the safety record of LSA/E be improved. I am sure that everyone learned something that can improve their safety. Thanks to **Marshall** and **Lenora Teaff, Roger Hawkins** and **Jeff Anderson** for coming.

This was great opportunity to meet and visit with other pilots in our state and proudly display the Shortwings that we fly.

Our May meeting was held at Person County on the first Saturday in conjunction with the annual spring fly-in hosted by VAA Chapter 3. Our Shortwings have attended this fly-in many times over the years and this year the weather was near perfect and many of your dusted off your flying machines. Jeff Anderson with his original "Pacer" was an early arrival; know this because of his prime parking space. When I arrived in N2311P the radio was silent which surprised me a little since it was almost time for lunch and I had expected a busy pattern. After landing and being directed to parking I noted that there were several planes on the ramp and suddenly a couple in the pattern. I just caught things a slow moment. As I taxied to parking I spotted Al Burk's beautiful Tri-Pacer and then Joe Mancusi's Cessna 140. After shutting down the engine and turning off the switches, we were greeted by Chapter 3 welcoming committee with cold drinks. Very soon afterwards a past CSWP member came over to say hello. I have to admit that I did not recognize **Jim Link** for a second but only a second. I have know Jim for many years but not flown to Raleigh East recently to visit. That will have to change. Also in attendance from Raleigh East was **Greg Hopkins**, Greg has sold his PA-22 and now flies a 172. That's ok Greg, we are still happy to see you. As we talked and watched planes land a familiar Colt made its approach; it was **Bill Houston** from Asheboro or Emerald Isle, or somewhere in the state of North Carolina. Good to see you Bill.

Before making the trek to the lunch line we lined up for pictures in front of my Tri-Pacer, not everyone made the photo shoot but I will try to recognize everyone in attendance. At the hangar there was a line for the standard hotdogs and hamburgers that pilots have come to expect at fly-ins. During lunch I saw **Hassel Handy** from Critz, VA, sorry that we did not spend more time visiting. We need to catch up to find out what is happening at Martinsville. Is the restaurant open or closed?

After lunch we spent time looking at airplanes and visiting with **Joe Mancusi, Bill Houston, Al Burk** and friend **Brian Boehlecke**.

Before long it was time to say farewell and make the flight back to INT. There were a few more clouds and bumps but it had been a wonderful day for flying especially since our spring flying weather has not been the greatest. There are many fly-ins scheduled for the month of May so check the website. I try to list every event in the region. If you hear of one please send me an email. Fly when you can and be safe.

Hope to see many of you at one of our upcoming meetings.

Fly safe!

Steve