



Carolinas Chapter Short Wing Piper News

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August 18, 2012 CSWPC Meeting. Gilliam – McConnell Airfield (5NC3) Carthage, NC. Meet at the PIC-n-PIG Restaurant at 11:30 AM. The airport info: 2500 ft. paved runway 13/31 with left hand patterns. CTAF is 122.9



Home away from Home, Camp Scholler



So many Cubs, over 100.

Airventure Oshkosh 2012

Well I did it!! I went to Aventure Oshkosh for the first time. I've been a pilot since 1960 and have never gone to the greatest air show in the U.S. or the world depending on who you ask. As you can see from the photo I went "cheap" on the sleeping accommodations. I actually spent 7 nights in the tent and survived! Yes I was there from Sunday July 22 to Sunday July 29. Since N7932B is still in the process of rebuilding I drove to Oshkosh. The trip took two days out and back, I left home on the 20th and stayed in hotels that night and the 21st. I arrived at Whitman Field on the morning of the 22nd so that I could chose a campsite in the daylight. Checkin was easy as I had pre-purchased both my admission and camping. After setting up the tent and moving in I set out to look around.

The official opening was not until Monday so the vendor area was not open but the airplane parking and camping areas were very full and more were arriving. I found out that I has missed the mass arrival of the Cubs, that happened on Saturday. They limited the number to 75, that must have been a sight to see, all those yellow Cubs landing one after the other. There were over 100 there when they all finally got in. Almost all were together in the Vintage parking area, it was like a sea of yellow. All to celebrate the 75th anniversary..

I was like a kid in a candy store, I didn't know where to go first. I finally settled down and decided to check out a different area each day, I started each day with breakfast on the site since I did not bring any cooking gear with me. Then I checked the daily paper to find out if there were any special events that day. I did attend several seminars, one on how to run Young Eagles events where Jeff Skiles stopped to talk to the gathering. I also found a presentation by Stewart Systems on covering using their system that was very interesting. I managed to cover all areas, Warbirds, Homebuilts, Ultralights, Vintage, EAA Museum and even went to the Seaplane base. The Vintage area was the most interesting because that was where the shortwings were. I met a number of shortwing owners and an old friend from Tenn. Gilbert Pierce was there with Red Lady, his Clipper. The SWPC had a table in the Type Club Barn and I checked in there several times.

The air shows happened every afternoon and Great! In keeping with the theme of saluting the "Greatest Generation" the Warbird shows followed the progress of WWII starting with the Tora Tora Tora show using the same aircraft that were used in filming the movie. Good pyrotechnics too, the wall of flame was really impressive. Next was the Doolittle raid with B25's and finally the dropping of the Atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The only flying B29 Fifi made an appearance for that show. Fifi was usually not on the field but was operating out of one of the nearby airports giving rides to those who paid for them. It would pass overhead several times a day.

I found the "fly in theater" that showed movies every night. It was actually walk in and bring your own chair. The movies were all aviation related and included 633 Squadron, 30 Seconds Over Tokyo, Red Tails, Rocketeer and Star Trek. Each evening's movie was announced by a personality. Red Tails was special, George Lucas and 8 Tuskegee Airmen did the introduction. The showing of Red Tails was interrupted by Thunderstorms and because it was so popular it was rerun later so everyone could see the entire picture.

I took so many pictures that I haven't had time to go through them yet. The two at the top were picked because of the anniversary of the Cub and to show where I stayed. I am looking forward to doing it again next year, only hopefully camping under the wing of my Tri-Pacer.

Rich



Marshall and Dave



P40 Replica memorial

July's meeting was at Gilliam McConnell. I drove out as usual and when I arrived found Roger Hawkins there. He had to leave early to attend a funeral that afternoon so he had already eaten lunch. Marshall Teaff and Dave MacDonald showed up in Marshall's plane, and after saying hello to Roger, they joined me for lunch. The airport has added another memorial next to the one already

there. This is a 90% non flying replica of a P40 constructed from junk! The name on the nose id “Junkyard Dog”. It is a Memorial to Lt Robert “Hoyle” Upchurch who was a Flying Tiger.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 18 2012 Gilliam McConnell airport Pik N Pig restaurant.

Nametags:



CSWPC nametags are still available. If you would like one please send \$6.50 to **Marshall Teaff, 9013 Salford Ct. Huntersville, NC 28078**. Please include “N” number and aircraft type. Available aircraft are Tri-pacer, Colt, Clipper, Pacer and Vagabond



CSWPC Shirts & Caps:

The Carolinas’ Chapter now has available Men’s & Ladies shirts & caps with an embroidered CSWPC logo.

Men’s shirts are 5.5 oz. 50/50 cotton/poly with pocket & welt collar and rib knit cuffs. Colors are White, Ash, Black, Cardinal, Deep Forest, Deep Navy, Deep Red & Deep Royal. Adult sizes-- S-4XL. **\$24**

Ladies shirts are 5 oz. 65/35 poly/cotton pique. Knit collar & cuffs Colors offered are White, Light

Blue, Light Pink, Navy, and Light Stone (Tan) ladies sizes XS—XXL **\$28**

Caps are 65/35 poly/cotton and available in White, Black, Khaki, Royal, Red, Hunter Green & Navy **\$17**. Prices include tax & shipping. Send cash or check to: **Marshall Teaff, 9013 Salford Ct. Huntersville, NC 28078**

DUES AND RENEWAL DATE REMINDER :

CSWPC dues are \$10/year. Please do not make out checks to the club since we do not have a club bank account, and the bank will not let individuals cash them. **Make checks out to “Richard Netherby”** or pay in cash at our next meeting. Thanks

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