



Carolinas Chapter Short Wing Piper News

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December 12, 2015 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



The Crew at Pic N pig on Halloween Marshall and Lenora Teaff, Al Burke, Michael Quinn, Lila and Grover Ellis.

October - November – 2015

Our October meeting was scheduled, postponed, rescheduled and finally held on Halloween. Maybe that was appropriate as it seemed as if the gremlins had haunted this month's meeting. Weather was the primary reason for delaying our monthly gathering with rain the first three Saturdays in October. Typically if weather cancels our plans I will not reschedule, but October is normally such a good time to fly I hated not to provide an excuse for all to fly. Little did I know that rescheduling would prove to be so difficult. With Halloween being the last chance for October and the forecast finally giving way to a clear sunny day I set off for the airport. All looked good as I rolled my PA-22 from the hangar, Oil and fuel levels were checked, tires inflated, control surfaces looked good and moved freely, going to be a good flight. That was until I climbed into the cockpit and flipped on the master switch. Nothing, not even a slight movement in the fuel gauge. Flipped the master to the "down" position hoping that a fuse or bad connection was the problem; **nothing**. After a few colorful words I sat there for a few minutes and then reviewed in my mind the sequence of start-up and I *think* that when I flipped on the master I detected that it was already in the "up" position. Had I accidentally left it on from my last flight? That was over three weeks ago with all the rain we had experienced. What a stupid and ultimately expensive thing to do. Back into the hangar and I volunteered the next person to walk by to assist with removing the front seat. I then removed the battery and took it home for what I hoped would be an overnight charge and then a re-install. Meanwhile I was missing the CSWPC meeting that I had waited so long to attend. I sent a quick text to a couple of members explaining my dilemma and hoped they enjoyed the fellowship and fun of flying on such a beautiful day. From our news editor, **Rich Netherby**, I understand that he drove over from Wake Forest and joined **Marshall** and **Lenora Teaff** who flew in from Huntersville.

Al Burk flew his PA-22 from Chapel Hill and new members **Grover** and **Lila Ellis** came in their Tri-Pacer. **Michael Quinn**, a new guest from Goose Creek near Charlotte, also flew his Tri-Pacer to the meeting. Marshall and I met the week before at a small field near Lake Norman for a local event and it was during that time that we met with Michael and invited him to join us at a future meeting. Welcome Michael and to all the others that attended. I am sorry that I missed the fun.

November arrived quickly and with our meeting scheduled for the 21st it was crucial that I locate and purchase a new battery for N2311P. Yes, it was DEAD! I wanted a new Concorde as that is what I had purchased the last time but prices had doubled since 2007. So I shopped the internet and found that Chief Aircraft had the best price and availability. Battery arrived in few days and when the next Saturday arrived I did the installation and log book paperwork. Biggest problem was finding an extra set of hands to help with the seat install. Now the prop spins like a top, did not realize how weak the old battery was getting. Hope that I am good for another 8 years. I am double checking that Master switch believe me.

The morning of the 21st arrived and weather was cool and just a few morning clouds that quickly gave way to a beautiful blue sky. Blue Ridge Airport located in Martinsville is a short flight for me and I was hoping that blue skies would entice others to take flight.

Al Burk from Chapel Hill was the first to arrive and I was just a few miles behind him when he call final for runway 02. We made our way into the terminal restaurant which is again under new management. Suzanne's Airport Café is the new name and I menu has a nice variety of sandwiches and sides. We waited a short time before ordering as we hoped more members would arrive, but soon gave up and placed our order. The food was very good and the sandwiches were enormous. This place really gives you your money's worth. Even though there were only the two of us it was nice to visit with Al and we had a good discussion about a subject that will affect us all - ADS-B. He has assembled a "system" that can send via "Bluetooth" to his tablet or phone aircraft traffic and weather. All that for less than \$200, that's at least \$300 cheaper than some of the brand name products on the markets. Al sent me some information and the next time we get together I hope to share this with you. This is a hot topic for pilots and savings is something we all are looking for.

Our December meeting will be at Pik N Pig on the 12th so I hope for a clear day and big crowd of Shortwings. If you miss us remember to have a safe and happy holiday season.

Hope to see you in December and Fly safe!

Steve

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

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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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