



Carolinas Chapter Short Wing Piper News

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MAY 5, 2012 CSWPC Meeting. Person County Airport (KTDF) VAA # 3 Spring fly in. <http://vaa3.org/Events.html>



Left to right Dave MacDonald, Roger Hawkins, Marshall Teaff, Charlotte Netherby, Lewis Brown, and Steve Culler.

Sugar Valley Fly-in

The day started with weather that was not ideal for Shortwings but promising. There was morning fog but it was forecast to dissipate early and I wanted to be on the ground at 5NC2 before the 8:30 seminar started. The sun was shining at INT and clouds were high at 8500 feet. There was a light mist and visibility was reported at 4 miles but that should be no problem with Sugar Valley only 19 miles to the southwest. It was a 15 minute ride so how bad

could it be. The take-off and first 10 minutes of the flight could not have been better but then as I crossed the river the clouds thickened below me. Four miles from the airport and 500 feet below me was a solid blanket of white puffy clouds; it was time to make the 180 and head back to INT. I contacted the tower and reported 9 miles out, "inbound for landing with Uniform". With a "cleared to land; report a 4 mile final" I was heading back to wait for the mist to burn away. I was over downtown with buildings in sight about to report the "4 mile" when I realized that I could not see the airport. I continued toward the airport maintaining the 800 feet agl but no airport in sight. I contacted the tower and reported "no field in sight" as I flew directly over the runway. I advised the tower of my intentions to continue flying northeast since I could see a clearing ahead. Sure enough about 3 miles north of INT it was all clear and I had my choice of a couple nearby airports. I chose to land at Meadow Brook Field and wait. I expected to be the only plane on the field but was surprised to find a couple of guys with RC models preparing to enjoy some morning flying. We exchanged greetings and then they explained their planes to me, one was electric and the other a jet. I stayed long enough for a "small" airshow that was impressive.

With an improved forecast from ATIS, I again took flight and headed toward 5NC2, this time without the cloud cover. The radio was full of

reports of inbound traffic and no visibility problems. I landed about 10:15 without any additional delays and made the second seminar at 10:30.

After the seminar I met up with other CSWPC members **Marshall Teaff, Dave MacDonald, Roger Hawkins and Rich and Charlotte Netherby** for a delicious catered lunch provided by the airport. There was even ice cream for dessert if you had room for it. During our meal there was entertainment provided by a local college acappella group and a live video from the producers of a documentary film titled the "The Millionaires Unit". These were Yale students that became "America's Pioneer Pilots of the Great War". The original 12 formed the first air militia and coastal patrol before America's entry into WWI. This was very interesting and something that you can learn more about on the website, www.millionairesunit.org.

After lunch I met new member **Lewis Brown** and also spoke with member **Jack Neubacher**, we all will be heading Jack's way for our June meeting. There were demonstrations of local RC flying, my second for the day, and then some parachutists making their jumps. Those of us flying made our departures around 2:30 and headed to our home bases. Once back at INT, there was still enough daylight to give N2311P a well deserved cleaning. Back into the hangar shining like a new dime and ready for our next flight together.

See you in May at our next meeting at the Person County airport for the VAA Chapter 3 annual spring fly-in.

Fly safe till then!

Steve

Chapter notes:

I want to welcome new members Dave MacDonald from the Huntersville area and Lewis Brown from Davidson County. Dave is a friend of Marshall's and has attended several past CSWPC meeting as a guest. He said that he already feels like a member so he thought he would just make it official. Lewis is another new member that flies his PA-17 out of his private grass field near the Yadkin River. Hope to see

both of you soon at future Shortwing meetings. Everyone be sure to welcome these new guys the next time you see them.

I recently attended a WINGS aviation seminar hosted by the Sugar Valley airport near Mocksville NC. The topic was "Traits of Superior Pilots and Top 10 Aviation Insurance Myths". This was presented by AVEMCO Insurance and former CEO Mr. Jim Lauerman. Jim, I don't he would mind me referring to him this way, is a 4000 hour pilot and a regular guy that loves general aviation like most of us do. He held a 90 minute conversation with 200 of us and reminded us of the things we do that can get us in trouble. Most all of the accidents that he referenced had to do with poor decision making by the PIC; running out of fuel, failure to check weather conditions, continuing into poor weather, bad or no maintenance choices, etc. You all know the things I am speaking of and some of us have even gotten away with bad decisions. Jim asked the audience if we knew of pilots that had died, almost everyone raised a hand. Then he asked if we had flown with that pilot and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the hands were raised. Did we notice **or** fail to notice something about that pilot? Did he earned a nickname like "Gotta go Joe" and end up on the evening news? Or was he always complaining about the price of fuel and maintenance and his airplane reflected that.

The consequences are high and we read about them every week. So enjoy this wonderful thing we do, but do it well and make the wise decisions.

Steve

Upcoming Events:

May 5 - Person County (KTDF) VAA # 3 spring fly in

Jun 4 - Rowan County (KRUQ)

Jun 20 - 23 Sentimental Journey Lock Haven Pa

July 14 - Pick N Pig Gilliam McConnell (5NC3)

July 23 - 29 Airventure, Oshkosh WI

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**

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Suction Mount for same.....
\$50.00

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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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