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Jim Wilson—Editor & Publisher

Dear Friends,

Fall is coming at us fast and you guessed it. It's raining! The regular Wednesday fly-outs with Walt and friends have been rained out since June! I did manage to fly the 180 to Oshkosh despite the weather. On the way up I celebrated my birthday in Logansport, Indiana due to (You guessed it!) weather. An interesting note: The State of Indiana suspended aviation fuel taxes after it was brought to the state lawmakers attention that private flying was at an all time low due, in part, to the high cost of aviation fuel. One can only hope that other states will follow their lead.



Anyway, it was a great week in Oshkosh where 500,000 (or so) happy aviation aficionados gathered for aviation's "greatest show on earth". Thanks to EAA and thanks to all of those incredibly talented and selfless volunteers. They make it happen and with great style, I might add.

At your clubs last board of directors meeting in June the board elected Barb Perkins (Treasurer), Bob Perkins, Don Goodman, Jeff Anderson, Leon Cox, Randy Smith, Walt Weaver, and Wanda Goodman to serve as board members of the Carolinas Virginia Antique Airplane Foundation. We are very fortunate to have these very talented individuals on our board. Each will bring their vast aviation experience, solid value system and some new insight to our club. Thanks to each of you for "standing up" for VAA3 and for your willingness to serve aviation in general. Their leadership is invaluable to the sport aviation movement. On a somewhat related subject, I personally feel that now is a critical time for all of us to stand firm in support of personal flying.

Newly elected board member and parking volunteer, Leon Cox, will soon be sporting around in his newly constructed RV-7A. Congratulations to Leon! Constructing a homebuilt to completion is truly remarkable. Next on his list is the Luscombe 8F that he purchased from Butch Joyce's estate. We look forward to seeing that Luscombe in the air once again.

Camden 2013 is only two months away. We have made some great arrangements for you guys for the entire fly-in. Our Saturday evening speaker and fellow member, Bobby Jonte, will recount the exciting life and times of M.B. "Dusty" Huggins-the subject of Bobby's latest and soon to be published book. M.B.'s life is the stuff of local legend in the South Carolina lowcountry. M.B. was also a very dedicated member of this club. For those of us who knew M.B. it will be an evening filled with great memories. For those who did not know M.B. it will be an evening of M.B. lore recounted by the talented raconteur, Bobby Jonte.

I look forward to blue skies, Camden, and to seeing each of you this fall. *Susan*

CAMDEN - 2013 3-6 Oct KCDN

HQ Hotel: *Comfort Inn & Suites* Call: 803-425-1010
220 Wall St, Camden, SC

or

Holiday Inn Express Call 803-424-5000
419 Sumter Hwy, Camden, SC

VAA group room rate
is \$89.99 +tax. Room
Block special is over
on 17 Sept. Make

Camping: Camping with a wife, plane, or motor home provided at no cost.
Some hookups (for camper) available.

Agenda: *When you arrive, Please come up and Register!*

Thursday 3 Oct Early Birds: Dinner at FATZ Café next to Comfort Inn

Friday 4 Oct No Workie on Friday Birds

Fly out for Lunch To Timmonsville, SC 58J is 33 nm ESE of Camden. Suggested
departure time is 11:15. They have 3090 ft of grass!

Transportation from Airfield to Local Camden food will be available- all days

BBQ on the field Friday Eve.

Saturday 5 Oct

Breakfast for Campers on the field courtesy of Camden EAA Chapter 1132

Food on the field Sat.

Aircraft Judging 12-3 Sat

Evening Dinner At Robert Mills Courthouse (607 S. Broad, Camden)

Transportation Provided - Dinner Speaker- Our own ***Bobby Jonte!***

Sun 6 Oct

SC Breakfast Club will meet on the field Sunday Morning!

Airfield Notes:

Woodward Traffic pattern altitude is 1300' msl. For noise abatement, use standard
AIM procedures for arrival and departures.

Tie Downs required for fly-in aircraft. Make sure you have both tie downs *and* ropes.

Pa Leeze follow the marshallers and taxi slowly!

Pride of Greeleyville Speaks— Bobby Jonte

Bobby speaks a lot...he flies a lot...he writes a lot...he does a lot...the good news is that he will be speaking to us at our Fall Fly-In! I gare-own-tee he is as good an entertainer as he is a pilot. What's the real story?

Bobby's interest in aviation started with a *Popular Mechanics* article. He was told that if he wanted to learn to fly, he needed to go see M.B. Huggins at Timmonsville...really good advice. He soloed in 1970 and quickly got his license. He was soon offered a job as a loader (\$50 a week and an hours flying time- a job he loved) by Carl Coker of Manning. By the next year, he started spraying in Coker's Super Cub and subsequently an Ag Wagon. After thirteen years of aerial application in the summers and flying fire patrol in the winters, a dry year convinced Bobby to join his father and brother in banking. He is now the President of the Bank of Greeleyville and Chairman of a bank holding company. He an A&P, CFII, ATP, type rated in the DC-3, and holds glider and seaplane ratings. He has flown 160 types and taught over a hundred people to fly. In South Carolina, he is just everywhere!



I first met Bobby back in the late seventies when he was just starting to do airshow work in a borrowed Great Lakes and a Decathlon for Air Show South. He now frequently smokes the mosquitos on my airfield, and Eileen would not have her garage without his persistent advocacy. He now flies the T-6 in shows all over the Southeast.

His life took a big turn in the late seventies when he attended the Confederate Air Force Show in Harlingen, TX. This started his quest to learn and do air show work in the T-6. This story is captured in Bobbie's book titled The Wild Cajun T-6. It is an excellent story of his perseverance to achieve his goal and the importance of a good mentor and role model...in his case, Merle Gustafson from Tallulah, AL.

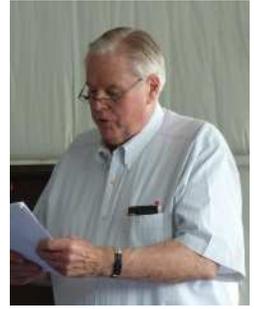
He bought his first T-6 in 1980 and then in 1985, bought a project T-6 with a partner, Brad Gibbs. After 22 years work, Ms. Vickie is on the field at Camden along with an SNJ-6 owned by Frank Schumpert. Bobby's solely owned airplane is painted in Marine livery in honor of his father who was a Marine aircraft maintainer. Bobby, Brad, and Frank have a lot of fun flying together.

In his spare time, Bobby is a writer. I am eager to see his fourth book about MB Huggins! His first book, It's the Same Old Lie was done in collaboration with his son Robert. In 2012, he published The Best of the Mt. Hope Scrolls. He does newspaper columns for two local papers, has written for national aviation magazines and certainly should be doing this newsletter. He is also an award winning speaker, juggler, magician, auctioneer....and father. Bobby and his wife Beth have two sons, Robert and Thomas. He is a *real* community activist and one of those people you want to be around just to see what he is going to do next!

We are eagerly awaiting Bobbie's presentation in Camden!

Susan is Famous

The first Board of Directors meeting at Susan's home airfield came complete with a little mud and a big surprise. Morton Lester read a letter to the assembled group that Susan has been selected to join the Vintage Aircraft Association Hall of Fame. She will be inducted at the EAA BOD meeting in October. Susan will join 28 other VAA HOF members one quarter of whom are or were members of this organization. What Susan hasn't done in aviation would not fill up a small sentence. She spends the vast majority of every day doing something related to flying, restoring, managing our organization, or supporting many aviation related organizations. When she isn't doing, she is thinking about doing. She has been involved with our Foundation for forty plus years. It is a privilege to know and work with her and this is a well deserved honor. Congratulations, Susan!!



Swamp Fox Wins

Robert Dickson, Jr. from Concord, NC won the Best Fighter Award at AirVenture13. His 1944 P-51 N5420V is named the Swamp Fox. Congratulations, Robert!

Perkins Now at Treasury

After a hard fought campaign, Barbara Perkins, of Catawba, NC will assume command of the Foundation's treasury. Barbara is generally seen with her husband Bob, and is known to travel about with him in a *giant* Waco biplane painted to look like Jim Wilson's efficient Standard Cabin.

Barbara was born and lived thirty years in California, then spent 30 years in what she envisioned was going to be a little house on the prairie. This almost came true, but she met Bob...who was just finishing the construction of a Glasair. To seal the deal, she helped him wet sand the bottom of the wings, and even became a pilot herself, soloing and spending 30 hours in a Cessna 152. She was initially afraid of flying but came to enjoy it much more than sanding. The Glasair yielded to ten years of a Starduster, When Bob declared he wanted a round engine airplane, she called in her chips and demanded one with "a lid and storage." (been down that road) Larry Harmacinski helped him find the present airplane. It came complete with a cat named Chumbley...named after the top Waco Salesman of the thirties, not the nitwit on TV.



Barbara is equally adept at both farming and finance. She spent her whole career doing everything from being a bank teller, to a branch manager in Oklahoma....thereby qualifying her to manage our intricate financial process. Her real passions are gardening and Sean D. Tucker. Their Long Island Airpark home is beautifully landscaped and dotted with beautiful gardens; Bob is trying to learn to poof up his hair like he just took off a helmet. She has also done time helping raise the four girl Brady Bunch, five grands, and a couple of GG's. She is shown in the photo above with Bob at Oshkosh. They have both spent many years as Vintage volunteers. Thanks for your great service to VAA and for taking on this important task.

Trip Midwest

Our summer fly-about was in two parts, the first being a trip to the National Waco Club Fly-in in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. We arrived in fine fashion but spent most of week watching the Perkins decide whether or not to put the cockpit cover on the airplane. It rained every 3 hours every day. 18 Cabins and a couple of open WACOs made it in and we had a great time. It is worth having a WACO just to go to this fly-in.



After a couple of weeks to dry out, we headed back across the hill to spend a week hopping around grass strips in Ohio and Indiana. The string of airplanes had grown to 15 by the end of the week...good practice for 1/2 mile in trail. A Model A Pietenpol was in front, and as the fastest, Bob, Joe and I were on the end. CVAAF members (planes all shown in the photo taken at Yellow Springs by Terri Hull) in the string included Steve Roth in Lynn's Taylorcraft, Joe Santana and his son, Peter switching places

in their Travel Air and Clip Wing Cub, and Bob Coolbaugh in his Monocoupe. The Santanas are getting their nickel out of the Clip Wing...it is the one formerly owned by Bert Bahnsen and restored by Zeke Saunders.



From there, some of the group went to Brodhead and we flew on to Oshkosh. Getting there early is definitely a good thing...we were parked by 0730 Friday morning in a perfect camping spot. We ran into lots of members over the course of the week. One of my parking neighbors was John Shaffer and Eia in their Stinson V-77 that has been and hopefully will remain a fixture at our fly-ins. Here they are getting an "Official" welcome.



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getting an "Official" welcome. As always Oshkosh has something for everyone with many interesting people to meet. I could have spent a week without leaving vintage camping. I did get a few chances to go look around...one aircraft of interest is the ICON. The head honcho and idea man, Kirk Hawkins, went to high school and started flying here in Berkeley County. Eric Harris, one of our friends, mentored him in all things technical. They done good...!

Trip West –Minden, NE

In the last issue, I described my visits and work with the Vintage Aero Flying Museum in Ft. Lupton, CO. The second trip to work at the museum was by car, as the Midwest spring weather is something I just didn't want to deal with in the Waco...a good decision. Part of the planned trip was to stop in Minden, NE to see Pioneer Village. I had no clue. Minden, NE is about 12 miles south of I-80 in the vast middle of Nebraska. Minden is an airport, a grain elevator, and Pioneer Village. After a days drive from St. Louis, we spent the night in Minden and woke up to 25 degrees, winds 20-30 gusting to 40 and...snow. A great day to visit



the 28 unheated buildings of a huge museum complex...OK, two were heated.

Pioneer village was built by Minden industrialist, Harold Warp who wanted to use some of his fortune to tell the story of America and how it grew. What a place! Catching a high side view of everything took all of an eight hour day. The cold does not stand out nearly as much as the vast array of fascinating historical ...stuff.

There are twelve historical buildings that include a sod house, the homestead management office, pony express station, train station, and the school Warp attended. The remaining sixteen buildings are full of farm equipment, airplanes, technology items, household and business items from our whole history, every model of Ford, Chevy, Dodge car, farm equipment, on and on. There is a bedroom and kitchen from every decade of our existence. Get the picture?? Back to the airplanes...there are seventeen that include a Curtiss headless Pusher purportedly built from parts used on the Curtiss Rheims racer, a true barnstormers unrestored Jenney, an autogyro, P-59, J-2 Cub, and a pre-war Ercoupe. Most of the airplanes are as they were when taken out of service. The fabric patches on the Jenney wings look like they were done with ripped sheets of cloth and an old can of dope.



Few people east of the Mississippi have heard of the place; and yes, it is kinda' off the beaten path. It does easily rival Ford's Greenfield Village, and any museum complex I have been to. If you are in the area...fly or drive in...you'll be glad you did!

2013 Calendar of Events

- 4-8 Sept Fly In at Triple Tree (SC00) (see tripletreeflyin.com)
- 3-6 Oct Fall Fly-In At Camden
- 26 Oct (Sat) Susan's Big Food Day (13NR- Dusenbury Field- 1/2 Mi. W of Meadowbrook- N63) Bring a plate to pass. Coffee at 09:30, eat at 12:27+ -

Chapter Event Dates are fixed-No rain dates scheduled. Event information:
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