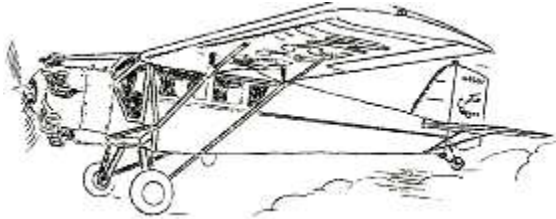


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Jim Wilson—Editor & Publisher

A couple of weeks ago I flew the 180 out to Gaston's Resort, Arkansas where I met with fellow VAA3 member, **Kathy Hegenberger** who flew out in her L-19 "Birdog". We were there to attend the Ladies Love Taildraggers annual fly-in. It was my first fly-in with this very young organization. Ladies Love Taildraggers was formed just 5 years ago. One of the neatest aspects of this fledgling group is that they love to fly and flying is what they do at their fly-in. Thanks to founder/organizer Judy Birchler for a really fun flying event!



On another front, we now offer a toast to the Tulsa Regional Fly-in as the curtain gently closes after 58 years of unbridled success. Fellow VAA3 member, **Charlie Harris**, played the pivotal role in the success of the fly-in. Thank you, Charlie for 58 years of wonderful memories. It was your commitment, sound judgment, expert leadership skills and love of aviation that made it all happen! The 58th and final Tulsa Regional Fly-in will be held at Frank Phillips Field in Bartlesville on September 20, 2014.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article on the accomplishments of the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF). I strongly feel that the goals of this organization are at the very foundation of preserving our lifestyle as recreational pilots and in particular, the lifestyle (culture) of the Carolinas Virginia Antique Airplane Foundation (VAA3). One of the goals of the RAF is to expand every states Recreational Use Statute(RUS) to limit landowner liability (A states RUS already includes activities like fishing, hunting and four-wheeling, for example.) by including non-commercial "aviation activities" for private airports. Think Triple Tree or any other private airport where liability for the landowner(s) is a major concern and as a result use of the airport is restricted by the landowner.

Thanks to RAF South Carolina State Liaison **Kathy Hegenberger**, husband, **Rick** (also, a VAA3 member) and **Jim Wilson** for their tireless work and determination on getting "aviation activities" added to the current RUS law for the State of South Carolina. I followed their progress throughout the ordeal. It was not an easy task but they were obviously up to the challenge!

And lastly, it is with great sadness that we bid adieu to fellow member, **Joe Stillwell**. Joe was a fine gentleman and a cherished member of our group. He will be missed. *Susan*

Have You Paid Your Dues to Society?

A *good way* to start is by making sure you have paid your Dues to us! The dues that were due in May. We need and appreciate your support and membership. Thank you to all who took a chance on us one more time, and for our several new life members. Keep your expectations low and this outfit will grow on you.

A Practical Lesson in Government - Making a Heading Change

Yes, this is another thinly disguised piece about how we got the South Carolina Recreational Use Statute amended to include “aviation activities.” The Governor signed it into law on D-Day. Everything went pretty smoothly with the process until the eleventh hour when a minority party senator threw an almost fatal cross body block on the bill. The legislative session was within days of being over, and we had zero chance of recovery...until...until... piles of landowners, pilots, and other supporters sent a deluge of emails and phone calls to aforementioned Senator. He quickly found reverse gear, added some amended wording that only a litigator would love, and the bill proceeded through approval. We ended up with 80% of what we wanted...pretty good for anything political! Many members of CVAAF joined the fray and sent those emails and made those calls. To all of you...Thank you. And...a big Thank you to **Kathy Hegenberger**, our State Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) Liaison. She led the effort and worked tirelessly on our behalf.



The moment of conception...

Susan Dusenbury is going to lead the effort to make the change in North Carolina. She will need piles of help in the way of emails, phone calls, and personal legislative contacts. *All* of you have a dog in this show. Yes, the purpose of this change is to give *landowners* with private runways some degree of liability protection. It will hopefully encourage more of us to allow recreational use of our property by others. Those of you who like the events that happen at **Miller, Cox, Lake Ridge, Dusenbury, Essey**, et al... it's time to run to the front of the bus and ask what you can do for your hobby.

Oh...back to the lesson...legislators at all levels will do *anything* to get their phone to stop ringing and not have a clogged up email. We were clearly told that if a legislator gets six communications, they think it's a movement. The bottom line is that it doesn't take much to get laws amended if you make a coordinated attack. One more hunk of free advice. It is very easy to send emails via statehouse web sites. It is however, imperative that any email be followed up by a phone call to sweetly (hard for me) ask those staff assistants to print it out and put in the hand of the recipient. Face time is even better. You must understand that non-aviation people can misconstrue the meaning of a three word sentence. They also start off with the idea that aviation is somehow “different.” from safer activities like hunting, ATVs, and boating.

Many of you have probably received **Mac Forbes'** emails about pressuring congress to dump the Third Class physicals. What does it take? Read one paragraph up.



Gone West

One of the nicest people to ever grace our fly-in circuit, **James S. "Joe" Stilwell** of Fayetteville, NC died at age 93 on Sunday 8 June. Not easy to forget someone who would hang a bag of cookies and coke on your airplane so you wouldn't get hungry on the trip home from a fly-in. Joe was a retired

Air Force Chief Master Sergeant...the first one at Pope AFB. He started his military service as an 8th AF aircraft mechanic and retired 22 years later. He then worked civil service at Pope followed by selling life insurance. Joe started flying a Taylorcraft in 1938 and flew for 54 years. After his stint as a pilot, Joe decided to fly in as many airplanes as he could...well over 200 types. It was an honor to get on his "list."

Joe was one of the founders of the Cape Fear Aviation Association and wrote their newsletter for many years. Thank you for your service to our country, and we send our condolences to his wife Katherine, his family, and many friends.



Preddy Memorial Foundation

It's important that all aviation groups mutually support each other. The Greensboro based Preddy Foundation honors the memory of brothers George and Bill Preddy, both WWII P-51 pilots in the Eastern Theater (ETO). George was the leading ace in the ETO when he was killed on Christmas Day, 1944. His brother was killed a year later. Their cousin and one of our long time members, **Joe Noah**, set up the Foundation to honor these men. Over the years, our organizations have shared several members and officers. Two of the fine signed prints that we auctioned off at Roxboro were donated by the Preddy Foundation. We very much appreciate that as do the happy recipients! The last issues KR-21 photo prompted Joe to send in this photo of a Waco 10 that George Preddy used for barnstorming in 1939-40 along with Bill Teague in a similar Waco. Thank you, Joe!



Don't Miss, Dear Starving Pilots...

The **CVAAF** Lunch Fly-Out to the Pik-N-Pig at Gilliam-McConnell (5NC3) airport in Carthage, on Sat 28 June! **Roland Gilliam** has some cool stuff going on there, so you better go check it out. Also, *did you know?* The *Pik-N-Pig* is in the top 20 fly-in restaurants in the *Country!!!*

You can't fly good if you don't eat good! (per Mama)

Finally... Back on the Sunny Side! Roxboro Fly-In

Fair warning...If you show up late for the Thursday Fly-in gathering...even if you did battle a bad crosswind all the way from Maryland, your landing will be graded. Judges two and three say five? **Rick Clarke** successfully found his way to parking and we were able to start a very successful weekend. Almost no one died from our standard meal at the local Mexican cantina.



Friday morning yielded more nice weather...what will it be this year an earthquake or locust cloud? It was none of the above, so we all flew over to Lake Ridge Aero where we were



joined by another horde of fly-inners. **Randy Smith**, fellow residents, and their wives put on an absolutely great meal and day for us. Thank you!

Ever seen a Republic Sea Bee that had been given a bolt hole up (Zero time) restoration! Bill Bardin flew this beautiful airplane in with **Roland Gilliam** from Carthage.



Also at Lake Ridge, I met **Ross Davenport** of Raleigh...photo above. He was arms deep inside a Lycoming radial which will eventually end up on his 43 Stearman N2S-3 project. **Joe Hunt** is mentoring him through the process. Yes, we signed him! Welcome to the group! Just so you know...there is a bunch of Stearman people in this crowd... The good news is that he is not older than the airplane!

The view at Lake Ridge:



Three Santanas in a Clipwing Cub?

The two that are visible are **Katie and Peter...Joe's** and **Dawn's** son and daughter in law. They are new members from Waynesboro, VA in their well known Clip Wing. Peter bravely suggested that they camp...and appears to have gotten away with that...wow! All the best with your great expectations! Welcome aboard.





...Returning to Roxboro...the airfield filled up...

Dinner the Heartland Friday evening, and back to the field on Saturday for what?? Another nice day! Lots of great people with great airplanes. Saturday night we recognized a few of them: **Andre Robert** from Summerfield, NC is out sportin' about in his newly completed RV12. Andre received the **Harold**



Armstrong Award for his fine work on N512 RV. Tweety Bird watches over him. **Jack Pettigrew** from Richmond, VA came down in his beautiful 1946 Cessna 140, N77169... and Jack is a new member! Welcome! Here he is with the **Johnny Crowell Award**.



When **Jeff Anderson** awoke, he was surprised to learn he had been awarded the **Jack and Golda Cox Award** for his 1950 Piper Pacer, N74031C.

...and for our Best of Show, **Dolph Overton Award**, making its first appearance at a CVAAF fly-in is **Steve Roth's** 1935 Fairchild F-22, NC14768. This airplane has a "history" ...for another day, and is flown quite a bit...a few American Barnstorming Tours and many long cross country trips. He maintains the aircraft in immaculate condition. One of the real attention getters was the Menasco engine installation and maintenance thereof.



This Al Ball O/H is...well...really dry! The whole airplane is on the back cover. Congratulations to all!

In addition to these presentations, we had our yearly auction at the Saturday evening dinner. It was a great success for CVAAF financially! Hot sellers were flying boots worn by the famous aviatrix **Pat Barber**, signed books and prints, and a really nice pair of some kind of magnetos. Folks anxious

to bid on stuff that in some cases neither the donator nor unqualified auctioneers could describe. Maybe they just wanted to get the whole thing over with. At any rate, thanks to some very generous members and friends, it was a great success. If you remember what you gave, try to remember to write it off.

Thanks also to all the volunteers who performed the myriad of tasks that make a fly-in like this possible. I would like to formally apologize for all those that had a headwind both coming and going home...fortunately, I had the tailwind both ways. Plan for Camden!

More from Roxboro & other places

Late Saturday, we had a surprise! **Tom Inman** arrived in PT-19, N54869. **Robert Brackenhoff** took this shot of the airplane at Camden in 1968. It belonged to **Dolph Overton's** Wings and Wheels at the time. **Ray Bottom** acquired the airplane in the early eighties.



It subsequently appeared at many of our fly-ins. Restoration took a rather circuitous route between the years of 1996 and 2011. The airframe and engine were eventually completed by **Joe Denest**. As Tom's son **Matt** had soloed the airplane on his 16th birthday in 1994, Tom finally prevailed on purchasing the airplane from

Ray. 165 was after all, part of the family. ...and the airplane was the Best in Class Warbird at the 2014 Virginia Festival of Flight! Great history, congratulations, Tom!

....and **Mike Roe's** Stinson 108 was the Best Classic at the VFOF!



New Flying Machines

Bob Coolbaugh's Pietenpol is well into its 25 hour fly around in circles and don't go far time. It will be on the road soon heading west and for sure appearing at the Brodhead, Wisconsin Piet Fly-In. Everything about the airplane fits the 1930's heyday of the Pietenpol. Informed sources also indicate that it flies as good as it looks! Bravo Zulu, Bob. (That's Navy talk for you done real good!)



Pretty & pretty new... Below from



Greensboro, is **David Brown's** 0320 powered Long-Eze. Here he stands justifiably proud of the result of a lot of hard work. At a 185 MPH cruise, it flies about twice as fast as I can think.

Joining the Ranks

Welcome **Peter, Ross, Tripp Smith, Pick Freeman** and a few old members that missed a year or so. More about y'all and a lot of stuff that didn't get covered this time around. Seems like folks are eager to fly after that long hard winter.

2014 Calendar of Events

28 Jun (Sat) Fly-Out for Lunch Gilliam-McConnell Airport (5NC3) Carthage, NC
3-7 Sep Fly-Out to Triple Tree Fly-In Woodruff, SC (SC00)
2-5 Oct Camden Fall Fly-In
18 Oct (Sat) Susan Big Food Day -Covered Dish-Walnut Cove, NC (13NR)
1 Nov (Sat) Fly-Out to Star, NC for lunch at Martha's -Montgomery County (43A)

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