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Oshkosh 2015 was certainly one for the record books. Attendance was up to 553,000. Camping was up 4.3% over last year and a total of 800+ vendors thought it worthwhile enough to participate in this years event. I am in awe of the entire week! I'll just state that the show planes out stripped my wildest imagination.

I was particularly taken by the Howard 500 and the AVRO Lancaster bomber. Where else in the world could someone see airplanes like these take to the sky! And how great is it that the USA hosts the greatest air show in the world! EAA provides the venue but the planes are the stuff of dreams. I marvel at the individual dedication that is involved in bringing an airplane like the Howard 500 or the Lancaster bomber to an airworthy condition. Sure we all think about the dollars but there is a great deal more involved than the financial output. Along with the financial resources there is the project management, restoration skills and knowledge, research and time, time, time!

It takes years for some of these dream projects to come to fruition and in rare cases, a lifetime. We see this commitment and determination in our friends and fellow members here in this organization. I am very proud to be a member of this Carolinas Virginia group whose roster is filled with extremely talented and knowledgeable cadre of builders, restorers and pilots. I never cease to be amazed.

News you can use and it involves one of our members! Out of print issues of Jack Cox's "*Sportsman Pilot*" are now available on line at no cost to you. Jim Cunningham, Digital Projects Manager at Illinois State University, and with cooperation from Golda received a grant from the Wolf Aviation Fund to digitize 20 out of print issues of "*Sportsman Pilot*". For access, go to "www.archive.org" and enter "*Sportsman Pilot*" in the search box. This is a priceless resource for restorers and enthusiasts. Accuracy and detail are trademarks of Jack's published materials. The remainder of the "*Sportsman Pilot*" magazines are still available through "SportsmanPilot.com". Thank you Golda and Jim for your part in keeping the dream alive!

My BIG FOOD DAY is scheduled for Saturday, October 24. Mark your calendars. I am working on the basics now- some grounds and hangar work. I am also diligently working to have my shop complete by then. I am sooooo ready to work on the Stinson!

I trust that all of you have made your reservations for Camden. It is always a fun time. I look forward to seeing you there. *Susan*



CAMDEN - 2015 1-4 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 Chapter 3 (group name) room rate is \$92.95 +tax. Room Block special is over on 14 Sept. Make reservations early!

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

Friday 2 Oct Sonny Huggins Memorial Fly Out

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 3 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) Cocktails at 6, Dinner at 7.

Transportation Provided - Dinner Speaker- *Camdens' own Dr. Bruce Brown!*

Sun 4 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!

Camden, New Guys, Out and About

I am generally organized except in the case of underwear storage and such. I also generally make an attempt to keep this newsletter organized. I'm not feeling it this time. This is my stream of consciousness offering. No likey...push the button... You can use your mouse...ha ha...

Hope you are gearing up for Triple Tree Fly-In in September and our Fall Fly-In at Camden. Hopefully the years events will be over before el ninja or whatever gets to us. The *Sonny Huggins Memorial Fly Out* will kick things off on Friday. Hopefully with good weather, **Bob Schneberger** will bring his giant Stinson SR-5 down. I hope the restorer, **Keith Swalheim**, screwed the hood ornament on real good...Susan will be in the area.

Our after dinner speaker Saturday night should be interesting. He is Camden's own **Dr. Bruce Brown**. Dr. Brown is a retired US Air Force Colonel,,as is his wife. He spent most of his career flying and as an instructor pilot in the B-52. He was the Commander of the 15th Air Base Wing Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. He was also a member of President GHW Bush's Strategic Arms Limitation (START 1) negotiation team.

He and his wife now run the Bloomsburg Inn on Lyttleton Street in Camden. It is a 5 or 6 star Bed and Breakfast. Perhaps some members could fly from Bedford Landing B & B to Bloomsburg B & B. If you see Dr. Brown on the wing...he looks like this photo.



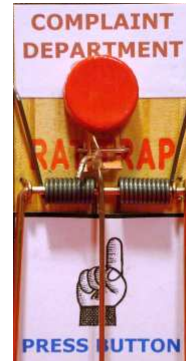
I like the B-52. It and the B-29 are on a very short list of airplanes that have *quickly* caused people to pause and think about the error of their ways. I understand a B-52 captured a bunch of vintage parking real estate in Oshkosh...right in the middle of the place too!



New members...we have signed several this year...Here is the latest (I hope) Intel on some of them...With the properly stenciled J-3 is **Al Tyler** of Wagener, SC. Al and his wife Rhonda are in command of Perry International Private.(SC95) Al's real deal is competitive soaring. He is a former chair of the Soaring Society of America, and is now a regional director. He regularly sponsors a regional competition at Perry. Al was a big supporter of our move to amend the States' Recreational Use law.

Sailplane folks tend to want to know all the places they could land their ship...

Over on the lower right is **Rod Danzler** from Orangeburg, SC shown here in **Kurt Von Graff's** BT-13. Rod has his multi and instrument instructor ratings, owns a homebuilt, an Archer, and is completing an RV-8. Rod is past president and current webmaster for Orangeburg's EAA Chapter 1367. He also does some sailplane towing. I think this was his maiden voyage in the BT ... to the Cross Cotillion. Welcome!



More...

These folks on the right...**Bernie Groceman** and **Bonnie Trulsen** of Summerton, SC joined up at Cross in hopes they would get a fresher hot dog. Nice try... Now that Boeing is assembling heavy jets in Charleston (the 787), we have collected some fresh preverts. Bernie's troops are the ones that roll the landing gear under the jet and put in a couple of big bolts to hold it on...so far so good!. He has been flying for 45 years, soloing at St. Louis's Lambert Field. He joined the Air Force in 1975 and did ten years combined active and Guard service as a jet engine mechanic. This set the stage for the past 36 years with McDonnell-Douglas and Boeing. He got his license through the Langley AFB Aero Club and has his CFI and A/P. Bonnie is an education consultant and will continue with the flying lessons as soon as Bernie gets all of his airplanes (PA-22, Mooney, C-170 and a Stearman) bedded down on their private airfield, Spirit (3SC2). It's a tiny place, only 4400 feet of grass with a hundred foot hangar; a door on each end, and a house decorated in vintage airplane... Nice place! Welcome Aboard.



Also...**David Davenport**, of Fayetteville, NC has voluntarily signed up. He is just about ready to fly his restored '46 PA-12. Camden maybe?

My Summer Vacation

This has been a busy one. In June, we flew about 40 miles south to Huspah Plantation in Sheldon, SC to an unexpected event...Howell C. (Nick) Jones's 88th birthday celebration. I never thought senior citizen and Nick would appear in the same sentence. Nick is an old friend from my days at the Summerville, SC airport of 40 some years ago. Nick would easily qualify "most interesting pilot I have known". The short list includes being a competitive Formula 1 racing pilot, designer of the White Lightning and organizer of The Lowers, Baker, Falck competition that was held at Oshkosh...plus an endless list of "eventful" flights. Just since I have known him, the story would be larger than *War and Peace*...maybe we'll call it *All's Well that Ends Well*.



Also in June, Eileen and I flew to The National Waco Club Fly-In at Mt. Vernon, OH with **Bob and Barb Perkins**. The weather was surprisingly good going across the hill both up and back, but absolutely horrid during the Fly-In. Each year, we go a day early to allow time for local tourist stuff. Last year, it was the Ohio State Penn., this year, a nice flight up to Keller Field, Port Clinton, OH. Port Clinton on Lake Erie was the place that operated Ford Tri-Motors for fifty years servicing Put-In Bay and Kelly Island each day



The islands are about 10 miles out in the lake. Put-In Bay was also the venue for the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie. We didn't stop on either island this time, but flew around them and close enough to the border, so that Bob could hear the tone of the Canadian missile batteries in his headset.

We did visit the *Liberty Aviation Museum* and eat in the *Tin Goose Diner* at Keller Field. They are both first class places to visit.



More.....

In spite of the lousy regional weather, the Waco fly-in was well attended...17 Wacos. It was a great success due in large part to the work done by the fly-in volunteers...like our man **Tom Woodburn**. He and Jane start early and finish late.



We also had a cameo appearance by **Bob Barrows** (below left, center) who passed through Wynkoop on his way to the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit. **Jack and Glinda Hill** made it their Cabin. Jack was recognized for having attended the fly-in in a Waco for 25 years! He was presented with the fly-in banner. **Bob Perkins** was also recognized by the club for owning a Waco for five years or more, flying 3000 miles and upholding the (High) standards of Waco airplanes. Lee Parsons (Rt) presents. He and Barb surely deserve that one!



We then flew back across the hills to Cross...good weather again!? Home two weeks, then back across the hill...good weather x3, on to our summer barnstorming trip to Ohio and Indiana. A big group went on to the Pietenpol Fly-In at Brodhead, then some to Oshkosh. We went home,,good weather again.

This was the second year attending the Barnstorming Carnival at the Springfield, OH Airport. This brings lots of local people to the airport and around old airplanes. They can fly in a Travel Air or a New Standard. It is a well organized event. Likewise with the Hagerstown, IN Tuesday afternoon fly-in. It was delayed a day due to weather...which meant everyone in the town and surrounding area got a message on their cell phones. As a result of this reminder, all of them showed up on Wednesday! Bottom photo is the ramp at Springfield. To the right,..don't stay at this Yellow Springs motel unless you want to join the 0700 airplane conversation of **Joe, Pete, and Paul Santana, Jim Augspurger, Rick Clarke, up at 3 AM Coolbaugh, Steve Roth, Lynn Dawson**, and half a dozen others.

One new stop was to the museum and birth house of Wilbur Wright in Millville, IN. It's off the beaten path, but a really nice place.



More...Awards and Decs.



This is the 75th year of the Ercoupe! Prior to Oshkosh, the Ercoupe Owners Club (EOC) had their national convention at Sheboygan, WI. This was the staging point for the massed flight of 75 Coupes and three spares to Oshkosh on Sunday morning. **Claude Burkhead, III** (left) was right in the middle of it all! (and above left at OSH...complete with American flag and ADF handhold)

Back to Sheboygan.. **Skip and Carolyn Cardin** (above rt) were formally recognized for founding the EOC, leading it, and doing the newsletter for the past 36 years. Congratulations!

In the history repeats itself division, we have **Bob Epting** of Chapel Hill. On the right is the photo I published in the Oct 2012 Newsletter after the Tim Farris and Jeff Rich restoration won the outstanding J-3 award. This year at Oshkosh, Bob and N92455



were awarded the *Gold Lindy for the Grand Champion Classic*. Wow! Congratulations! Here it is in 2015.

The lower left photo is our **Susan** at Oshkosh after a hard day of interviewing and vintage book mongering. With her (R - L) is **Harry Balance, Walt Weaver**, and new *Lifetime* member **Chip Fisher** from Senoia, Georgia. Chip is a retired Delta captain and a regular at Peach State events in his beautiful Black PT-17. He and Harry came up on Ron Alexander's DC-3 from Peach State. Chip is our newest member. Hope to see

you and Harry at Camden!

Breaking news from Oshkosh...

Glinda Hill shows (back cover) off her very own 85 HP '47 Aeronca L-16. She will now complete her flying lessons. She is already well into it, as she currently does everything the Captain doesn't want to do...which is almost everything. Happy for Glinda! Very Important...find the Isolate button on the intercom.



2015 Calendar of Events

9-13 Sep Triple Tree Aerodrome Fly-In (SC00)
! Read Fly-In Info on their Website!!
1-4 Oct Fall Fly-In at Camden, SC -KCDN
24 Oct (Sat) Susan's Big Food Day. Dusenbury Field (13NR)

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