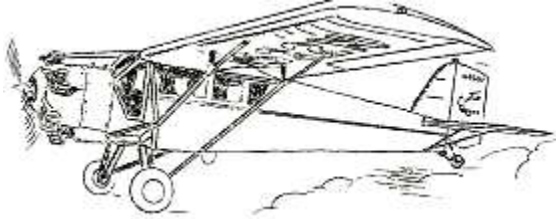


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Jim Wilson—*Editor & Publisher*



Camden, our last event of this year, is now behind us leaving us with both great and not so great memories. I'll just focus on the great memories. Camden 2019 witnessed a surprisingly unusual array of vintage airplanes in attendance—mostly for the day on Saturday. I kept wondering where these planes have been hiding themselves! We had quite a number of the “fun and affordable” airplanes like Champs, Chiefs, Cubs and Luscombes, but also there were some other interesting newcomers to our event. In the mix of 70-80 planes, I spotted two BT-13s, a Grumman Widgeon, a Culver “Cadet”, a Stinson L-5, a Cessna L-19, a Meyers OTW and a Wittman Tailwind along with some other first timers for our fly-in. The Stearman was well represented with five of those beauties on the ramp.

Also, parked on the ramp were two major award winners from the Vintage area at AirVenture 2019. Jeff Smith from Asheboro, NC was at Camden in his beautiful Oshkosh award winning 1948 Temco GC-1B Swift. This is truly an affirmation to the quality of the workmanship on Jeff's Swift. Congratulations, Jeff. Well done! Along with Jeff was Harry Ballance who flew his Oshkosh award winning 1934 Stinson SR-5 from his home field, Ron Alexander Memorial (formerly Peach State Aerodrome), located in Williamson, Georgia which is just south of Atlanta. Harry and his team, by the way, completed the total 13-year restoration on his SR-5 just hours before departing for AirVenture 2019. Harry's beautiful wife and #1 teammate, Carol, named the SR-5 “Miss Scarlett” as all of Harry's planes are named after movie characters or lines taken from a movie. Hence, in Harry's hangar there's a “Judy, Judy, Judy”, a “Stella”, a “Rhett” and now a “Miss Scarlett” to be with Rhett. Harry said that the SR-5 is a wonderful flying plane—a pilot's dream come true with regard to the handling characteristics. Back in July Harry sent me a video of the first flight of his Stinson after the rebuild. I was impressed by the perfect landing that Harry made on this first flight. I commented to Harry that the plane was either really easy to fly and land or that he (Harry) is a really good pilot. In typical Harry style, he chose the second option! Congratulations to Harry and his entire team (Harold Spivey, Leo Roberson and Barry Hutton) on this truly stunning restoration.

Congratulations are also in order for our very own newsletter editor, Jim Wilson, who won the equivalent of the Gold Lindy at our Camden 2019 fly-in. Standing back to take a look at this magnificent restoration you cannot help but admire the beauty of the Travel Air. Over the past 10 years, I watched Jim as he meticulously restored this plane paying attention to the most minute details. The details were not only in the work and superior craftsmanship itself but also in his unwavering quest to discover the true and complete history of this particular Travel Air. There was also a “mountain” of paperwork involving DARs, DERs and an AI. Congratulations to Jim for bringing this Travel Air (at one time, a forgotten airplane that was relegated to a distant corner of a hangar) back to a life and in the air where it belongs.

Happy fall and winter flying to everyone! *Susan*

Gone West



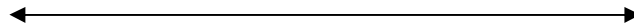
Richard J. Murdoch, Winston-Salem, NC unexpectedly died 9 Oct, 2019. He was 78. He is shown here with his Piper J-4 at Roxboro.



Richard was a retired archivist for Reynolda House in Winston. Prior to that he was a special collections librarian for Wake Forest University. While at Reynolda House, he orchestrated the purchase of the Reynolds family Savoia- Marchetti S-56 that is now in the Charlotte Aviation Museum. During negotiations for this aircraft, Richard invited our board to Reynolda for a meeting and tour of the house and its extensive art collection. Richard was a long time member of both this organization and EAA Chapter 8. He served as Secretary of our Foundation. Our condolences to his wife, **Susan**, relatives, and many friends. A celebration of Richards life will be held at **Mike Steele's** airfield on 9 Nov. Bring a covered dish and a good memory of Richard!



Charles G. (Joe) Fitzgerald, Jr., Cameron, NC died in the crash of his Van's RV-4 on 14 Oct. 2019. He was 66. Joe was a retired Army Special Forces soldier and lived on his private airfield, Rooster Field. Joe is shown here in a Hatz he previously owned. I best remember Joe for his "open" camping style at Triple Tree...a small tarp and a sleeping bag. Condolences to his family and Friends.



That Big Red Stinson- NC14572

Harry and Carol Ballance, from Atlanta, brought their '35 Stinson SR-5 Reliant to Camden. On Saturday Night, Harry gave us the background of the extensive and detailed restoration. It is beautiful! Photos below and CCW: Harry, Sr. bought the airplane new...here it is at Candler Field! Next is Harry and part of the team of craftsmen that did the work. Upper Rt is the fuselage frame... the tip of the iceberg. Thank you for bringing the airplane and a great presentation!



Camden Cameraderie

That pretty much covers it. To expand a little, it was one of the best in many years. Yes, but...an oncoming front Saturday night sent the northwesterners home late that afternoon. From now on we will put frontal passage on the schedule as an official activity. During the fly-in, we had one of our most diverse collections of vintage airplanes. Several were on their maiden voyage! We also roped in a church choir sized group of new members; and had perfect weather the whole time.

Campers started arriving Wednesday, so they could be in place for the ramp gathering that got underway Thursday at high noon. By the end of the day, 30 members were fully-in fly-in mode. *Thursday Below.. Friday...further down*



Friday arrived with more perfect weather for our annual trip to Huggins Field, Timmonsville. **Bette Huggins, Billy Price**...the AG Pilot!, **Sonny Brown**, and their families and friends put on another great meal of low-country boil with all the fixins'. This is unquestionably the best part of the weekend and we really appreciate it! Returning to Camden that afternoon, we went all out and feasted on pizza fresh from the box!

New arrivals back at Camden started early Saturday, no doubt salivating in anticipation of the vaunted \$5.00 hot dog deluxe. Saturday evening dinner demonstrated that all of us that have a shop could sub-let them as banquet facilities when we aren't working. Whodathought?



Being Seen at Camden

This is **Tim Brown** from Woodruff, SC standing next to the most immaculate 1954 Grumman G-44A Widgeon, N350GW. It had a 12 restoration that included installing NOS wings, new engines, and total reskinning of the fuselage...and it is gorgeous! Yes, it has been north in the cold fresh waters!



To the left on the left is **Todd Givens** and two of his tailwheel conversions: **Kim Hunter**, (c), and **Tom Paxton** both of Aiken, SC. Kim flew down in his Stearman, and Tom in his Stinson 108.

Some more new ones...

Dale Thompson, Heath Springs, SC. Dale has been taking care of us for years running the FBO at Camden. He is now an employee of Kershaw County now that they solely operate KCDN. I captured his image at 0700 as he helped put up our tables and Chairs.

The *Blues Brothers*.. No it's **John Paul** -not the Pope either- from Camden, SC (l) After careful analysis, I determined that John is **Noah Johnson's** (r), girlfriend, Megan's father. Duh! Don't know whether the chicken or the egg came first, but John learned to fly in Kim Bevier's Champ as did Noah. John has been flying for two years, is now working on his instrument rating, then on to his commercial. He owns the nice PA28 Cherokee hangered at CDN. During the day, John is the car loan czar at local credit union.



Since we last talked, Noah successfully graduated from Camden Academy and is now attending commercial diving school in Charleston....and is looking for nice tailwheel airplane.

As promised, I have run out of room before covering the remainder of folks that signed up at Camden. In future issues you will get the straight sticky on **Todd Halver**, Advance, NC; **Stephen Murphey**, Lynchburg, SC; **Pat Tafta**, Donalds, SC; **Richard Whidby**, Holden Beach, NC; **Jordan Robinson**, Lexington, NC; **Lewis Hardison**, Hampton, SC; **Matt King**, Wilmington, NC; **Wade & Allison Dunn**, Columbia, SC, plus returning members **Sonny Brown**, Timmonsville; and **Doug Reid**, Thomasville, NC. Welcome everyone!!

...and the Foundation Recognizes:

Barbara and Bob Perkins— Catawba, NC Barb needed an airplane in order to get her li-

cence. None being immediately available, Bob whipped one out for her in a year and a half. During this same period, I

bought a can opener at Walmart for my wife. Barb quickly got her ticket and has been flying quite a bit. This was her first trip to one of our fly-ins so we could see their beautiful JUST Super STOL, N118BP. A great accomplishment and aren't they purty?!!



Jeff Smith, Asheboro, NC Jeff wins another award for his polished 1948 Globe Swift, N3849K every time he crosses a state line. This year was no exception. He continues to make improve-

ments on the perfect. Note the new swirl finished center instrument cluster! We can again talk in front of

Jeff. He has left the FAA and is now flying for Southwest. Apparently, Donna is raising the black Angus herd, while Jeff flies and works on airplanes. Such a deal!



Jim Wilson, Cross, SC ...yeah it's me... 23 years calendar time & 12 years work time yielded this 1928 Travel Air 4000, NC6479, converted to the configuration of a model D-4-D (speed wings and a Wright R-760). Starting with a shadow of a bolt hole, the wrong registration number, unreadable drawings, a team of one, and not a hint of how it all went together, I am happy to report a great flying airplane. I did send the prop, instruments, and fuel pump out for overhaul and I didn't do the hand painted lettering. ...need to work on those skills. Congratulations to All!!



New Members get Short Sheeted



Not bein' real good on English, I guess I mean I am gonna' run out of paper before I cover all of our new members... Photo at the left shows L-R **Kellie Brown, Brandon Moore, Cyd Moore, Eileen Wilson, Charles Siler, and Tim Brown.** Keep these names straight. Eileen and Tim happened into the photo.

Kellie Brown, Summerville, SC, a down the road neighbor. After some life changing events, Kellie decided it was time to learn to fly. She fortunately found her way to **Todd Givens' Ace Basin Aviation** where tailwheel instruction happens. Turns out, growing up, she had been around a lot of aviation, but the seed lay dormant. Her father, Jack McGee was a crew chief for Nick Jones' Formula 1 racing endeavors. I knew Jack from his association with Nick and as a civilian supervisor of the Non Destructive Inspection shop at Charleston AFB. Kellie mentioned having 16 airplanes in the yard and shop and being around people like Steve Wittman and Jack Lowers. Jack and partner Kenny Sparks had the task of rebuilding Nick's C-210 after each of his several "accidents." Kellie will be flying when not riding the Harleys that Tim Brown now sells.

Cyd Moore and Charles Siler, Johns Island, SC.- photo above (R&L of Eileen). Cyd started the ball rolling. She has been around aviation and aviators all her life. There are 14 known pilots in the family; father, two brothers, military, Ag, you name it. Around her homestead in Georgia, the family has old planes, new planes, jets, airfields...all that stuff. She grew up flying with her dad in a T-Card. He never asked, she never asked...fast forward. She is now taking flying lessons with Todd in a '55 Cessna 170B that Cyd and Charles purchased this spring. Professionally, Cyd is an illustrator and writer. You see her work when you eat your McD Happy Meal...the art, not the burger. You can see more of her books and work at cydmoore.com

Charles is a retired real estate developer from Stone Mountain. He built the malls and such where the Happy Meals are sold. He is the proud owner of 3 horses, and that 170B. ...and is also learning to fly it with Todd. ...and then **Brandon**, one of the 14 fliers and Cyd's son (between Kellie and Cyd). He just received his CFI Saturday past. He lives in Seattle but will be back to join us as soon as he gets tired of clouds and rain. He already has our hat.

Chris Redhouse, Marvin, NC Chris arranges financing for the malls that sell the Happy meals. He has owned this Pete Jones Stearman since June. In descending order, he has also owned a Cessna 180, a Citabria, and a T-Craft. Chris started flying in 1988, but had a 25 year delay of game until he moved underneath the Air Harbor traffic pattern. (That always works!) He is now in an era of great happiness out and about flying this Stearman. Welcome Aboard everyone!!



2020 Calendar of Events

Feb 9 (Sat) Chilly Chili Fly-In at Triple Tree (see website for arrival proc and Tickets)
Apr 30- May 3 Spring Fly-In Roxboro, NC (KTDF)
May 23 (Sat) Cross Cotillion Cross, SC (SC37)
Jun 19 -21 Young Aviators Fly-In Triple Tree See TT Website)
Sep 7-13 Triple Tree Fly-In See TT Website
Oct 8-11 Fall Fly-In Camden, SC (KCDN)
Oct 24 (Sat) Big Food Day. Dusenbury Field Walnut Cove, NC

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