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Finally, a break in the weather - no rain - no wind! Jeff Anderson and I took advantage of the turn in the weather, climbed in my 180 and flew down to Ron Alexander's Peach State Aerodrome for their annual Vintage Day. There we met Jim and Eileen in their WACO and apparently, according to Harry Balance, they were the first to arrive by air. Jim actually had a pretty good start on the rest of us. He left home Friday afternoon and flew into Peachtree City to pick up a couple of batteries- one for his WACO and another for my 180.

The Saturday morning flight was a short 15-20 minute hop over to Peach State for Jim and Eileen. Over fifteen hundred people attended Vintage Day with all of the credit going to Ron Alexander and his talented crew of volunteers. Ron's longtime and steady commitment to preserving our aviation heritage is invaluable to the vintage aircraft movement and to sport aviation. Thanks to all at Peach State. It was a great day!



Kudos to Barbara Kitchens who along with husband Bob (deceased) received the FAA's prestigious Master Pilot Award. When you see Barbara be sure to congratulate her for this well deserved award. Also, you should take some time to talk to Barbara about her fifty years of flying adventures. Among other things, Barbara is a former airshow pilot as well as the founder, owner and operator of two very successful aviation related businesses. It's some really interesting "stuff"! It is very heartwarming to realize that both Bob and Barbara achieved their dreams of flight. As for Barbara, she is still living that dream regularly flying her T-34, Super Cub and Aerobatic Bonanza.

On a personal note, I took this past week off to do some flying. Last Wednesday, Walt in his 170 and me in my 180 flew into Asheboro, borrowed the airport loaner car and drove over to the Motorcycle Museum for lunch. Tomorrow I start on the hangar floor. I am ready to get this hangar project finished and am "chomping at the bit" to work on the Stinson project.

And, finally, I look forward to seeing all of you at Camden this fall. It is shaping up to be a really nice event.

Happy Landings!

Susan

News that was News to Us...

Tim Brown of Spartanburg, SC won the *Grand Champion Warbird Trophy* at Lakeland this year! Bet you're glad they stopped burning the grass! Congratulations!



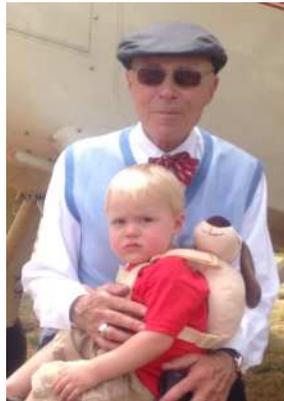
Fly-Ins & New Members!

The *Sport Aviation Association* put on a really nice fly-in at Bamberg, SC. Most of the area members attended along with some



people on the way to LAL. **Kurt Von Graff's** *Dry Swamp Escadrille* arrived and delivered two new members: **John Subbe**, Orangeburg, SC from shown here with his new Luscombe and **BE Stevenson** (Rt) from Allendale, SC. with his 7AC Champ...and our favorite recruiter, Kurt. The *DSE* makes all the local fly-ins, Camden, etc. Two great additions! Welcome!

On June 1, several member attended Vintage Day at Ron Alexander's Peach State Aerodrome (GA2). This is always a great day of neat people and old airplanes. We got to witness **Barbara** and her late husband, **Bob Kitchens** receive *The Wright Brothers Award* from the FAA. Congratulations! To celebrate, Barb flew her T-34 in the Parade of Flight...*on the back cover*...while **Harry Ballance** and his grandson flattened my tire.



On June 2, another bunch attended the SC Fly-In Breakfast Club meeting at **Joe and Jean Witt's** Palmetto Air Plantation (SC41). Here is Jean and Joe with their grass cutter, **Bobby Jonte**. ..Also...Thank you Joe for making a run of CVAAF stickers...Ya'll register at Camden and get one!

(Photo of Barbara courtesy of Candler Field Museum)

Go West...but stop in Colorado...

This March, I was invited to go to Ft. Lupton, CO, and work with **Bob Coolbaugh, Andrew King** and other volunteers at the Vintage Aero Flying Museum. I had no clue about any of this



with the exception of having seen the video *Mission: Dawn Patrol*... all about flying the museum's Fokker DR1, DVII, and DVIII to a Dayton WWI fly-in. *Our* mission was to work on a reproduction SPAD XIII being built in the colors of James Norman Hall, a well known member of the Lafayette Escadrille, and even better known author who collaborated with Charles Nordoff in writing the story of the Escadrille and the *Mutiny on the Bounty* books. *Here is Bob in action on the SPAD Cockpit sheet*

metal trying to get me to get back to work on *my job*...doing a Top OH on the right side up Ranger engine in the museum's Fokker DVII.



As some of you know, getting to any cylinder on a Ranger engine is a career choice....at least here it didn't need to be done upside down. After waiting for the return of freshly carbided cylinders, Eileen and I returned in late April to put it all back together. After all that work, I was also forced to fly the airplane. Forward visibility consists of seeing the butts of two Spandau machine guns and a fuel gauge.



The airplane flies really well...about like most thirties' open biplanes. It was a great experience and not as attention getting as Bob's first flight...his was the first leg of a cross country from Ft.. Lupton to Ohio. I could at least dig a hole at home base..



The *Vintage Aero Flying Museum* is a rare historical gem. It is probably the world's leading collection of WWI aviator records, uniforms, and personal WWI memorabilia in existence. It was collected by Dr. James Parks and is now curated by his son, Andy. They have several replica WWI airplanes to interest the general public...but the display of individual aviators effects of all countries and services plus the back room collection is beyond belief.

Date and Hour	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height in Meters	Course	Remarks
7/10/10		Neuport Type 80	Tester				
5:30 P.M.	None	575	Weatherly	60 min	150	Field #2	Instruction on 2 Meter Doubles.
4/16/10	East	Neuport Type 80					
4/100 A.M.	Mid	Neuport Type 80	Solo	30 min	200	Field #3	3 Landings.
4/22/10	West	Neuport					
10:00 A.M.	Brisk	Type 80	"	15 min	"	Field #4	3 Landings.
4/23/10	West						
3:00 P.M.	Mid						10 Landings.

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VAFM is located at Platt Valley Airpark (18V) a short distance (for the West) from DIA and metro Denver. *VAFM.org* has the details. Airfield Commander is Marilyn Taylor, who also owns the *Eagle's Nest* assisted living home *on the airfield*. If you want to go somewhere and be around us type people, and take the chance of dying from good food and kindness... it's for you. We know, it's where we stayed while working for the museum.. This is not the end of the story...more next time.

Roxboro—Our Best 66% Fly-In!

Getting there early was the name of the game this year. Folks that normally arrive on Friday had all arrived by late Thursday. First of all, we had a great time getting together on the ramp and then going to eat at Burritos Be Us. Secondly, I think we were all keeping an eye on a high pressure area that was keeping its finger in the dike of a big blob of bad stuff.



The next morning was fine, albeit a little windy,...more than adequate for the trip over to a day at Lake Ridge Aero. This is just a great grass airfield with lots of activity ...both flying and

building. The residents put on a an absolutely great cookout for us. We just can't thank y'all enough for a great time!



Photos: **Randy Smith**—one of our hosts at Lake Ridge; **Andre Robert, Tom Callender, Bob Barrows, and Linda Terpin** working up an appetite; **Sara Parmenter** gets me back to Roxboro in the Waco; **Winn Baker** being interrogated by the Gang of Seven & Friday Night Dinner at the Homestead. A great day!



...and then there was Saturday...

It was a little cold, a little more windy and cloudy, even worse in Virginia, and the finger had come out of the dike south of us... and it showed not a sign of improvement. By noon, we saw the handwriting on the wall and Susan quickly decided it was time to pull the plug. We simultaneously ate, cancelled the evening dinner and held auction. It all went like we had practiced it! The auction made a pile of money for the Chapter. One of the big profit items was **John Barksdale's** jacket that he left at the fly-in last year. The **Sweikars** looked really cold even before that flew into the face of uncertain ceilings and a strong headwind! The Givens and Wilsons arrived back home with minutes to spare before getting marooned for a week. All things considered, it was a very successful fly-in.



A big thank you to the fly-in volunteers, the folks at Lake Ridge, the members that contributed to the auction, and to all those that turned out in less than spring-like conditions. The weather remained somewhat stable in NC for the remainder of



Saturday and a few people were arriving when a bunch of us were evacuating. We certainly apologize if you arrived at a disappearing act or if you paid for transportation or incidentals at registration. IF so...let us know at Camden and we will make it right.



Richard Murdock's Piper J-4 Cub Coupe, with its very original looking cockpit. Yes, he is happy about it!



Jack and Glinda Hill sans airplane. Jack had just gotten a haircut...they took a little off all six sides. To prove he really does have holes in his head, he just bought another Cabin Waco biplane to go with his UPF-7. ...which we will see at Camden.

Camden this year will be same general plan as last year..Thursday Early Bird dinner, Fly-Out to Timmonsville on Friday, dinner Saturday night. ...but with better weather...

Sunshine in Cross...for a change

The weather in Cross was just about opposite that of Roxboro. Sunshine and cooler May weather are blamed for the large crowd of airplanes and people at this year's Cross Cotillion. Grand Marshall and Greater Supreme was **Claude Burkhead, II**.



The Swift(s) arrived; nineteen people marshaled **Chuck Fogle** into a parking spot...



then we got to eat.

The thirty sixth airplane arrived on Monday... so we ate more...then planned next year's Cotillion on the Saturday before Memorial Day. Be here...



Bobby Cox & BE Stevenson made it!

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-8 Sep Triple Tree Fly-In (Check their Web site)
3-6 Oct Fall Fly-In at Camden
26 Oct (Sat) Susan's Big Food Day (13NR)

(Chapter Event Dates are fixed - No rain dates scheduled)

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