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PREZ SEZ

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First and foremost I must thank all of you who worked to make Boshears Skyfest 2009 a success! OK, so Saturday was pretty much a washout (no control over the weather have we!). However, the sun shone brightly on Sunday albeit the brisk air remained a bit chilly (great hot chocolate sales). Hopefully overall ticket sales were such that met expenses to reinforce continuance of this annual event! Chapter member volunteers included: Pam & Tom Collins, Ed & Chris Donner, Dennis & Fay Allen, Dan & Kathy Scukanec, Al & Joyce Newman, Bob & Maureen Rhodes, Steve Thompson, Gary & Shirley Harden, Frances Weiss, John Magnan, Wooten York, Mick Youmans, Allen Nordorf, Richard Fender, Jon Dunn, Joe Britt, Ray Trenter, Mary & Stuart Hembree, Freeman Newman, Sid & Benjamin Brown, Al Patton, Joe Miles, Bruce Cameron, Phil Colman, Phil Turner, Edward Christian, Ed Booth, Charlie Connell, Rick & Blythe Dant, Phil Turner, Greg Connell, Gene Criswell. Again, we couldn't have done it without you ALL - thanks a big bunch!

Our chapter hosted a fly-in in conjunction with the Boshears Skyfest and some of our members carried away awesome awards for various categories of aircraft. Thanks to Freeman Newman & Sid Brown for coordinating required actions for the event. October was a busy month for VP Newman, as he was also responsible for our breakfast meeting. As usual, along with a few helpers, he outdid himself! Many thanks go to member Ralph Sandeford for donation of a grill used to prepare the breakfast fare. What a blessing for those involved not to worry about hauling a borrowed one back and forth for each breakfast we have!

Guest speaker at October's breakfast was the renowned Joe Grimaud, decorated Air Force fighter pilot in Vietnam. Joe flew in from Chapin/Columbia, SC in his Lake amphibian and gave us an interesting spill on his background - from aviation experiences to career and personal issues. He even contacted wife Gladys by phone to share greetings with us. Gladys shares a radio commercial with Joe advertising their furniture store while relaying some of his aviation exploits. They're interesting folks and son Keith has authored a book regarding Joe's rise from Georgia farm boy to president of Precision Tune, Inc.

Congratulations to Don & Langga Gay on their first grandson's baptism. I understand the ceremony (including a wonderful bounty of good food) was very nice. Unfortunately most of us were tied up with airshow activities during that time. Don & Virginia Bush and Blair Kendall, however, were there to witness the event!

As I pen this article for "press", Marlyn Couch is in an Athens hospital undergoing surgery for brain cancer. This was quite unexpected, and hopefully by the time you read this she will be well on the road to recovery! Our prayers are with her, her family and the physicians. Members George Odom, Rich Gabor, and George Weiss have also recently undergone health issues and, hopefully, are back to normal by now.

The Keith Brock Memorial annual fly-in, normally held the second Saturday in November in Millen, will be held at our Pea Patch location this year, November 14th. The Broken Shackle Ranch boys will be catering BBQ, and members are asked to bring appropriate side dishes. We will vote on next year's officers, so PLEASE plan to be present. As usual, work day will be the Thursday prior to that - November 12th at 10:00. All help is appreciated.

Please remember our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th.



Call me if you have any questions.

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