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Oshkosh as Awesome as Always

EAA's AirVenture 2001 is now in the history books. For those who could make it, the world's largest fly-in was as awesome as always. At least two of our chapter members were able to attend this year, Lester Bell and newsletter editor Bob Mullins. No doubt there were other EAA9 members, but finding them in a sea of over 100,000 people that day was next to impossible. Approximately 2,300 show planes were on Wittman Regional Airport for viewing, including some 600 home builds, 100 antiques, nearly 500 classics, 270 or so "contemporaries", close to 400 warbirds, and hundreds more, according to EAA's public relations department. On the day your newsletter editor visited AirVenture (July 26), 878 international visitors from 44 nations had registered. Last year, by the end of the event, 2,300 visitors from 61 nations had been to Wittman.



We found EAA9 member Lester Bell near Bob Hoover's booth in Hanger D at Oshkosh.

For the uninitiated, the first EAA's gathering of its type was in September 1953 as part of the Milwaukee Air Pageant. In 1959, the event moved to Rockford, Illinois. When that field became too small, in 1969 it moved to Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Today, we find more than 4,000 EAA members alone volunteer to help during the seven-day gathering. Basler Aviation estimates

that about 500,000 gallons of aviation fuel are pumped during AirVenture! That comes close to the 330,000 beverages, 72,000 hamburgers, 130,000 hot dogs, 21,000 bratwursts, 46,000 fries, and 55,000 ice cream cones dispensed during the event. EAA President Tom

Poberezny mingled with the crowds as he traveled to and from the flight line in one of the 1960's VW bugs it uses for "dignitaries."

Poberezny will be in

Columbus at OSU's Don Scott Airport in September. [See accompanying story.] As usual, a huge agenda of forums and workshops were available for the thousands who visit AirVenture. Among some of the prominent speakers were Scott Scosfield (X-15 test pilot), Dick Rutan (Voyager



This 1919 Vickers Vimy replica repeated the England to Australia trip sponsored by National Geographic. It made it to Oshkosh after a year's delay. Read more at www.vimy.org



For one week, Oshkosh becomes the "busiest" airport in the world. Its tower, shown above, is a mecca for EAA members.

Pilot), Jim Bede (aircraft designer), Charles McGee (Tuskegee airman), Hoot Gibson (astronaut), Bob Hoover (granddad of airshows) and Chuck Yeager (test pilot), among others. EAA announced it was over 3/4th toward it's goal of having 1,000,000 Young Eagle flights (770,000 completed).



EAA9 Newsletter Editor Bob Mullins and his son, Darrel, and friend Tom Volz, flew to Oshkosh from Des Moines, IA, in a fully restored and upgraded 1964 Piper Cherokee 235, thus qualifying to park in the "Classic/Contemporary" area. As usual, GA parking was full that day.



This early version of the legendary P-51 fighter was one of nearly 400 warbirds on display during AirVenture 2001.

GlasStar Takes Off...

EAA9 Chapter Member Don Russell says he did two high speed taxi runs June 24 in his GlasStar. He says N640DJ has a Jan Eggenfeller Subaru engine. Don says the plane climbs out at 1,500 FPM. He was worried about a "heavy left wing," but attributes it to crosswind conditions. "People on the ground commented about the 'neat' sound of the aircraft as it took off. Takeoff and climb out was so fast my co-builder and wife missed it! Congratulations on a successful flight!

Thompson's Lancair Subject of EAA9's Next Meeting

Members will want to mark Saturday, August 18 on their calendars for the next EAA9 meeting which will be in Hanger G-1, Bolton. There, member Bill Thompson will show his virtually completed Lancair 360 Turbo. He was scheduled for the first FAA evaluation for certification the week before our meeting. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. and expect to have coffee and donuts--so long as members agree to keep same away from Bill's plane! With any luck, we will also be able to see Dave Fox's project across the way from G-1.



Bill Thompson looks over the engine he installed in his nearly complete Lancair.



Bill has installed the latest avionics in his Lancair.

Part of OSU's Annual Report

We were pleased to receive a request from Don Scott Airport Director Doug Hammon for copies of pictures taken during the OSU Airport Open House in June for OSU's annual report!



EAA President Poberezny to Speak at OSU September 12

EAA President Tom Poberezny will talk about "Grassroots Aviation," September 12, 7:00 p.m. in OSU Don Scott Airport's Hanger 1. **This will**

be EAA9's September meeting time and site. We will want a good showing for our national president. No doubt EAA Chapters from across Ohio and surrounding states will attend to hear Tom's presentation. Tom is both president and CEO of our 170,000 member organization. He was first elected president in 1989 and membership has increased 40 percent under his leadership. Tom is 51 and a graduate of Northwestern University in industrial engineering. He lives in Brookfield, Wi, with wife Sharon and daughter Leslie.

Put In at Put-in-Bay



"Member Lester Bell and I flew to South Bass Island on Saturday, July 14 and ate at the Boardwalk Restaurant," says EAA9 President Al Harding. "It took about an hour in the Tri-Pacer to get to Put-in-Bay Airport. A \$9 landing/parking fee and a \$1.50 bus ride to the downtown harbor area were reasonable. I had a perch sandwich platter at \$10.95 plus drink--it was excellent. Lester and I watched the young ladies then took the South Bass Tour Train for \$8. It was very informative and took about an hour. I saw Bob and Wendy Simon and Wayne and Cherly Williams at the Boardwalk."

Meigs Field Open House Important for Preservation

The "Friends of Meigs Field" are sponsoring an open house September 30, 2001, to help promote preservation of the Chicago lake front airport. "Touch the Sky" is

the theme for the event which runs from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Admission is free and landing and parking fees have been waived. Antique aircraft, warbirds, home built, and Ford Tri-Motor rides will greet visitors. For more information, call toll free: 1-877-MEIGS-01. Call Walter Larkin at 312-951-0588 or E-mail aircraft@friendsofmeigs.org to volunteer or participate. Also, visit their Web site at: www.friendsofmeigs.org.

Post Advisor Sought



Bruce Butts says it is time to allow somebody else an opportunity to sponsor youth members of Aviation

Explorer Post 2009. Bruce has agreed to stay on until the end of the year, so consider helping! Contact Bruce at 791-8615 or bbutts@columbus.rr.com. Post Fall kickoff will be in late September.

Ready to Drag Your Tail?

EAA9 Safety Advisor Marty Sobol says he plans to check out a Citabria at Delaware Municipal "in case anyone wants to be qualified in a taildragger." Marty also has some videos that would be useful for members. Contact Marty at 740-548-5730. E-mail terratran@compuserv.com

Ohio+ Flying Opportunities

Aug. 17-19: Alliance-Barber (2D1). Ohio Aeronca Aviators Fly-in. Call 216-932-3475

Aug. 19: Cambridge Airport (CDI). Fly-in lunch. Call 740-432-4123.

Aug. 25-26: Cincinnati Lunken (LUK) Airfest 2001. Call 513-321-4291

Aug. 26: Phillipsburg Airport (3I7). Airplane and car show. Call 937-836-3811

Sep. 1: Marion (Indiana) Municipal Airport (MZZ). Fly-In, Cruise In. Call 765-664-2588. Web site: www.FlyInCruiseIn.com.

Reflector Reflection

Just a reminder that we have an e-mail reflector at CMH-NOTAM@yahoogroups.com and it is free. By now, we figure there are over 200 aviation enthusiasts on the service which is designed to provide aviation announcements. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: CMH-NOTAM-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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