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Oshkosh Another Great Experience

EAA9 members who attended this year's Airventure ("Oshkosh") report it was another great experience. While there was some rain during the event, EAA estimates another year of record attendance. "The final figures won't be in for a while yet, but by virtually every indication – attendance of people and planes, participation in activities, workshops, and forums, exhibitors, and vendors – EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2003 has been one of the best ever," says EAA President Tom Poberezny. Over 2,100 international visitors from Albania to Zimbabwe attended AirVenture Oshkosh 2003, coming to a total of 65 nations. Among EAA9ers who



Al Harding (left) Kenny Harding, Bret Kellogg and Ted Kellogg prepare for their trips to Oshkosh.



Not exactly something to fly around the pattern, but the jumbo Super Transport was just one of a huge number of planes on display at Oshkosh. If you look closely, you will see Al Harding is the plane's major cargo.

attended were Harding, Kellogg, Bob Simon, Dick Wetherald and others yet to be identified!



Bob Simon (second from left) camped next to his Glastar at Oshkosh. We'll get a chance to "hanger fly" Oshkosh when we meet at Bob's hanger in Delaware on August 21.



Dick Wetherald and Mike Hayhurst camped out in the "North Forty." Ah, the advantages of a high wing.



The Hardings were among the large collection of "classics" - airplanes, too.

Next Meeting – Bob Simon's Hanger 56, Delaware Airport, 7–9 p.m., August 21. The hanger is located at the southwest corner of the hangars.

Oshkosh AirVenture goes heard from Michael Schloss who told a crowd at the Warbirds in Review Aug. 4 that the Douglas AD (later 1-A) Skyraider (one of which he owns) holds the distinction of being the last aircraft in U.S. service to destroy a target with aerial torpedoes, which Navy Skyraiders used against a North Korean dam. It's a single engine warbird capable of hauling as much as a B-17 heavy bomber.

EAA B-17 Tour Resumes

Along with EAA's Ford Trimotor and "Spirit of St. Louis" replica, EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" flew riders during AirVenture. It resumes its tour with EAA member Bob Mullins as assistant tour coordinator. The plane goes from Oshkosh to Cincinnati, North Philadelphia, Farmingdale, NY (New York City) and Danbury, CT where it will receive a required 30 hour inspection. Bob was with the tour just prior to Oshkosh that included stops in Indianapolis, Peoria and Aurora. "It's quite an adventure," he says. "Actually, there's little time to see the plane fly. We're constantly busy with booking flights, watching the merchandise trailer and about a hundred other little things needed to make the tour a success."



A record turnout at Aurora Municipal Airport brought about over 26 paying flights in Aluminum Overcast. Excellent weather, incredible media coverage and two Navy Air Guard F-18's on cross country, made for a perfect weekend, according to tour coordinator Geoff Robison.



The heart of operations for the B17's tour is the huge trailer which looks made for horses.



Each stop on Aluminum Overcast's tour is unique. The 5:30 a.m. "wake up" call in Peoria, IL, was a fire in the kitchen.



EAA's new marketing specialist Scott Mahar staff's Aluminum Overcast's office. He took over in Aurora for Bob who had to leave the tour to attend his brother-in-law's funeral.



Check Our Website

Be sure to check our Website at www.eaa9.org. We would like to hear your comments which you can send to President Harding at al@thentshop.com. Thanks to Craig Schneider for his work on this site.



Two Navy F-18's added to "Aluminum Overcast's" Aurora adventure. They were on a long cross country and, at one point, flew escort for the World War II bomber.

Meigs' Demise Approaches...

Despite heroic efforts on the part of the "Friends of Meigs," EAA and AOPA, it appears Mayor Daly's efforts to destroy the country's "greatest little airport" may succeed. Monitor EAA's Web page for details: www.eaa.org.

Don't Forget to Renew Your EAA and EAA9 Membership! EAA9 dues are \$20 Send to Ted Kellogg: 487 Longfellow Ave, Worthington, OH 43085



Ramp Check

Young Eagle Flight Rally schedule. We fly the second Saturday every other month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at OSU Airport (weather permitting, of course). The next date for 2003 is August 9 – **National Young Eagles Day!** As of August 5, 946,932 Young Eagles have been flown nationwide.

August 21, 2003 – Next Chapter Meeting, Bob Simon's Hanger #56, Delaware Airport. 7-9 p.m.

August 23-24, 2003 – Mid-East Regional Fly In (MERFI). Marion Municipal Airport, Marion, OH (MNN). Volunteers sought. Call Ian Templeton, 440-352-1781 or e-mail piper821@aol.com. The Glassair Reunion along with Pietenpol and Tailwind Reunions will take place during the Fly In.

August 30, 2003 – Fly-In Cruise In Pancake Breakfast, Marion (Indiana) Municipal Airport. Sponsored by Marion High School Band Boosters. Planes and cars! All you can eat 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check www.FlyInCruiseIn.com.

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