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## AirVenture at OSHKOSH !!

The siren song of Oshkosh enticed more than 560,000 adult truants to AirVenture. 10,000 planes of all shapes and sizes, 40,000 campers, 784 exhibitors, 2617 show planes all came together last month for one of the greatest gatherings of flying enthusiasts known to man.

Several Chapter 9 members joined in the fun. **Don Austin** showed his GP4; **Bruce Butts** took advantage of several aircraft building opportunities as did **Mike Cencula**. **Bob Leffler** and pilot son **Brad** traveled by Cherokee 180 and also focused on the building seminars. **Clare Lutton** became the co-chair of the *Awards Committee* where he got a special hat, the parking pass, and the obligation to work long hard hours. **President Dick Wetherald** assisted as the two of them photographed 1017 antique, classic, and contemporary, and 985 homebuilt aircraft. That is nearly 2000 planes just in these categories. and they were able to find most of them!

Past president, **Alan Harding** camped in the classic section on the flight line. He says he didn't do much except take in the wonderful atmosphere; however, he did say there was an awful lot of airplane noise so



North 40 parking/camping area



Alan's son , Ken, with 41AH

He called OSU to complain.

**Danny Lee** had a different OSH experience. With his wife, **Katja**, away on business, his son, 4 year old **Noah**, who charmed everyone he met, was his charge. Noah gave his father a real **KidVenture** experience. They both traveled with **Robert Simon** in his pressurized Lancair. Robert's Lancair drew considerable attention. Dick's Skyhawk didn't.

Dick arrived early and stayed late to avoid all the AirVenture NOTAMs altogether and just enjoyed watching all the planes come and go.

**Ted Kellogg**, son **Bret** and past member **Martin Sobol** came by *Tiger*.

**Greg Schroeder** and **Brent Owens** drove up with three friends and relatives. Greg helped dismantle a Lycoming engine but had to put it back together again when the owner needed it to leave!!

**Paul McLennan** made it a one day visit out of a Baron ride.

Soon-to-be-member, **Chuck Confer**, came for his first OSH with his instructor, **John Wilson**, in his newly acquired, late model *Warrior*. What did he note about the North 40 camping?

"The slamming sound of the portable "gray office" doors. *Wham!* Next time", he says "I'll locate farther away from those noise makers!"

Some of the old Barnstormer crowd was there too and hopefully we haven't missed anyone.

If you have never been to AirVenture, ask someone who has and reserve July 28—August 3, 2008. Arrive early to enjoy the pre-show socializing and just relax with a half million or so, fellow lovers of aviation.

Contributed by Dick Wetherald



Homebuilts...



Greg Schroeder.family and friends-

"Attendance at this year's AirVenture was up about 3 percent, with an estimated total of 560,000 visitors." EAA President Tom Poberezny said on Monday. Reporting on all this activity were 887 media representatives from six continents (none apparently made the trip from Antarctica). "The number of aviation innovations and introductions we saw at Oshkosh were unprecedented." Poberezny said. "In addition, exhibitors noted strong interest and, in some cases, record sales. The increase in attendance was thanks partly to good weather, plus a strong lineup of features and attractions.



Old and New



Some are familiar



...some aren't

# Beautiful Planes and Good People...

What could be a better way to spend a week?!!



"The future of aviation is bright, and EAA will be an integral part of that future."

\_\_\_ Tom Poberezny, President EAA



# **HANGAR TALK !!**

## **MERFI is August 25-26**

The EAA **Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-In** (MERFI) has moved to the more spacious, Mansfield Lahm Airport (KMFD) and it will take place August 25-26. To find out more, contact Jim Albertson at jalbertson@danis.com or log onto [www.merfi.info/](http://www.merfi.info/) for more information. I'm sure Jim will welcome any and all volunteers for the event.



Just a fun picture!

### **IMPRESSIONS OF A PILOT**

Flight is freedom in its purest form,  
To dance with the clouds which follow  
a storm.  
To roll and glide, to wheel and spin,  
To feel the joy that swells within.  
To leave the earth with its troubles  
and fly  
And know the warmth of a clear spring  
sky.  
Then back to earth at the end of a  
day,  
Released from the tensions which  
melted away.  
Should my end come while I am in  
flight,  
Whether brightest day or darkest  
night.  
Spare me your pity and shrug off the  
pain,  
Secure in the knowledge that I'd do it  
again.  
For each of us is created to die,  
And within me I know  
I was born to fly.  
\_\_\_Gary Claud Stokor

## **✓ Ramp Check**

**Young Eagles**  
August 18—KOSU

**MERFI**  
August 25-26

**“Gathering of Mustangs and Legends”**  
September 27-30

***Have Fun! Fly Safe!***

The September Newsletter will feature the Young Eagles program; how it started and who was responsible for its uncertain early days.

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