



USAF Thunderbirds



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Aviation Education, Homebuilt Aircraft, and Private Aviation
and
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OSHKOSH!!

For a guy that stayed on the fence for so long about going to Oshkosh, I'm REALLY glad I went! It was enormous, as always, packed with more things to see than time and energy could accommodate, educational, entertaining, relaxing, exhausting and a host of other things—all good.

Some favorites:

People!! Without even trying, I saw a bunch of people from here. I'd been inside the gate about 5 minutes when I ran into Mike Wonder, and it seemed like every time I turned around I found someone else I knew. In a crowd of 500,000--how amazing is that! I reconnected with people I only see at OSH, and became friends with more that I'm sure will become fixtures in the future. OSH is just FULL of nice people, and they'll all talk airplanes at the drop of a hat!

Good info: Vendors large and small were on hand to talk directly (and expertly) to customers. For me, the Continental engines tent was a wealth of good insight on mixture, maintenance and operation, even for my little O-200a. The Sigtronics folks listened to what I wanted to improve on the Chief, and sent me a schematic for a com selector that doesn't take up a panel slot. (Which is good, of course, because the Chief doesn't HAVE any panel avionics slots.) I got in a couple of Wings courses, attended a session on how to boost attendance for a Tri-Motor visit, and saw an "I-gotta-make-myself-one-of-those" electric bicycle.

Entertainment: Good musicians every night, Jerry's One Man Band back for another year, the EAA band (maybe I'll play with them next year) and THE NIGHT AIR SHOW AND FIREWORKS!!!!

Excitement: JP and I heard about the Zenith build project when we visited OSH for the chapter leader conference this spring. So seeing "The One Week Wonder" underway when I got there on Monday was pretty exciting! I didn't get to see it fly in person, but a volunteer-built airplane from a pile of sheet metal and pop rivets through an inspected and flightworthy aircraft in just one week was just incredible. (And here's a link to its first flight video: http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure/aaa-airventure-news-and-multimedia/aaa-airventure-news/aaa-airventure-oshkosh/2014-08-5-one_week_wonder_makes_first_flight) New designs, concepts, craftsmanship, historic aircraft, Warbirds in Review—it's just an exciting place to be for airplane people.

Only at OSH: On Thursday I was pedaling like mad back to the campsite when the first of several thunderstorms rolled through. A handy roadside WiFi hut kept me dry for the 10 minutes it took to pass. Afterward, I rode the last mile, hooked up the trailer and bugged out, leaving my bag of notes, handouts, just-purchased parts and tools in the WiFi hut. On Sunday, Curt was back up to fetch his trailer and looked in the hut for me—it was still there, with everything still in it!!!!

Now—how to get the Chief up there and still sleep comfortably next year.

See you at Casey Saturday!

Fly often, be safe!

Alan



VEEP'S PEEPS

Check out the Valley Viewer page of Sunday's TribStar. It should feature Chapter 83 in words and pictures.

Secretary's Minutes

EAA Chapter 83
July 12, 2014

Hoosier Hanger

Meeting called to order by Vice President Jim Fisher

Attendance: Jim Fisher, John Watler, Jeff Wellum, Bill Foraker, Larry Wheelock, Ian Harvey, Larry Richter, Ellen Richter, George Bakken, Tom Mulligan, Jerry Badger, Bob Brickley, Wayne Sanders, Lawrence Cross, Chris Bowen, Nick Mahurin, Dale Barkley, Eric Hettlinger, Cindy Hettlinger

19 in attendance

Member News:

Bill Foraker has passed the 100 Young eagles flown mark. He also participated in the 3 ship fly-over at the Terre Haute Rex game With Jordan and Matt. Bill gave us an update on some of the projects at the airport. He will have a more detailed meeting for the GA group next Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Larry Wheelock brought his Australian friend, Ian Harvey, to the meeting. They both own a Stinson.

Nick Mahurin is preparing for a trip to Mackinac in his Twin Cessna 340 and a one day trip to Oshkosh.

George Bakken recently flew to Michigan.

Tom Milligan went to the UAV for Agriculture expo in Decatur.

Jerry Badger is still waiting on repairs to his Mooney. He reports that there will be a Mooney maintenance class at HUF on August 9 for the "K" model and August 10 for the "J" model.

Bob and Lisa Brickley have been flying their newly purchased Cherokee 180.

John Watler recently had battery failure in the Cessna. Fortunately it was after he had return from a trip.

The Fly-out scheduled after today's meeting (7/12/14) to Kephart field was cancelled due to weather. It was also cancelled the following Saturday.

Chapter News: Young Eagle dates:

09/20/2014 - Honey Creek and Edgar/Clark County home school groups.

10/04/2014 - at Sullivan airport.

Happy group at Hoosier Hangar until finding out the flyout to Kephart Airport was scrubbed due to weather.



Upcoming Events / Places to Fly / Things to Do

**SULLIVAN COUNTY AIRPORT
BREAKFAST**

Saturday - 08/09/14 - Sullivan County airport will be have serve breakfast starting 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM EDT. You can fly to KSIV for breakfast and hangar flying then depart for the Chapter 83 meeting at Casey, IL 1H8.
