

SKYWRITINGS

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Home of the Yoopers!



Oshkosh AirVenture 2015



That is me (or my arm), in front of the two people standing, taking a picture of the big screen

We have met the people we are sitting with at airshow center for the past 15 years.

Not bad looking for a 54 year old plane. B-52H



Up-Coming Events

August 14th & 15th - The Fly-in/Camp Out at Iron County (50D) Details on page 5.

Sept 18th - Setup for FAD and special events for veterans at airport

Sept 19th - Ford Airport Day

The Prez Sez!

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Well I flew up to Sawyer for their airport day, but was the only pilot that showed from outside Sawyer. The suggestion was thrown out this spring to host more "flying events" for our meetings, but two months running now I've been the only one flying. Not sure what the formula is to get more interest in our monthly meetings, but it's obviously something we need to work on.

I drafted several documents for soliciting support for Ford Airport Day, especially for the B-17 appearance fee. So far the support has been very good. It would be nice to pick up a few more sponsors, and fill up the "Honor a Vet" board too. I think the next couple meetings will be critical in organizing for a smooth event. We had Carrie from Kubick Aviation last year as our volunteer chair, and she did a fantastic job with it. This one job makes the event go so much smoother. If you know a candidate that can handle that position, and is willing to take it, let me know.

We are doing a veteran's tribute on Friday, hosting a lunch and viewing of the B-17 before the show. We will need to be a bit more organized on Friday, as we will need to start cooking by 11:30 AM and have serving tables as well as seating and tables for those eating in place by then. It's not too early to start emailing or calling me with your availability for Friday and Saturday. This is the 70th anniversary of the ending of WWII, so we are putting on a "once in a lifetime" event commemorating those that have served our country. It may be a bit more work this year, but the vets alive today, that saw a B-17 in action, are a pretty short list. Let's give them something to really remember what they have done for our country.

Beth and I made the two day visit to Oshkosh. She seemed to enjoy most of it, other than all the walking and hot sun (that's Oshkosh, isn't it?). We missed the chapter pig roast again, as it always falls on the Lancair Banquette night. We did stop by and said hi to a few of the members just before the dinner on Thursday afternoon. It looked like you had a great crew and had everything under control. Hopefully, one of these years, my life will get less crazy and I can take a week or two off for Oshkosh. It would be nice to work with "the crew", if you will have me.

The Lancair project is moving right along. Most of the engine related work is done, except for wiring and prop install (and of course final cowling fit). The instrument panel arrived last week and Steve and I have started with that install. It came with a completely full 3-ring binder of wiring diagrams, instructions, and product information sheets. It didn't come with the Garmin G3X manual, which I found on line. I decided to download it to a flash drive and install it on my laptop. I really didn't want to print all 761 pages. It's beginning to look like Steve and I underestimated the amount of work we had left once the panel arrived.

See those who can make it at the Crystal Falls Airport next weekend.

Keep the shiny side up.

Tom Sullivan

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Another Oshkosh

My trip to Oshkosh was cut short this year due to unforeseen medical issues. However, we did manage to cram in a lot of stuff in the two days we were there. I love going to Oshkosh every year. I love looking at all the aircraft, the airshow, seeing new products, and visiting with friends. So, what do you like best about EAA AirVenture? According to the responses to this question posed by AOPA in Aviation eBrief, the answer is: Educational seminars - 3.12%; New pilot tools and aircraft announcements - 3.57%; Airshow - 3.62%; Pilot camaraderie - 5.36%; Aircraft on display - 15.18%; and More than one of the above - 69.15%.

This year I did manage to do something that has been on my bucket list for many years—ride around in a John Deere UTV on the grounds of EAA AirVenture. We want to say Thanks to Mike Youngs for picking us up and giving us a tour of the camp grounds. Now, if I could arrange to be one of the airshow performers...

I came to the worlds biggest aviation event and found



Doggie earmuffs



Big fan



Elephant Hair Bracelets

But I also found



C-47



Sonex Jet



Sun 'n Fun 1990 Grand Champion Glasair III
(Yours for only \$130,000)



The Rutan Boomerang

Hope your Oshkosh AirVenture was everything you wanted it to be!

One last look at AirVenture 2015

(This was taken by EAA Staff - note the Short followed by the Otters. All loaded with sky divers.)



Do you have a favorite Oshkosh story? Why not share it with the chapter?
Send it to the editor for inclusion in the next newsletter!!!

Fuel Update - Avgas Replacement on Track

Although the FAA and industry have been quiet about it, the effort to find and certify a replacement for leaded avgas appears to be on track toward a 2018 approval, according to Lycoming's Michael Kraft. In a podcast recorded with AVweb's Paul Bertorelli at AirVenture on Wednesday, Kraft said the group overseeing the testing effort, the Piston Aviation Fuels Initiative, will seek congressional authorization to make sure the selected and certified fuels will be legally applicable to the entire GA fleet with no hiccups. (From 7/25/15 AVwebFlash)

New Rotax Engine (from 7/24/15 ePilot)

On July 21 Rotax introduced its most powerful engine yet—the 135-horsepower 915 iS. The maximum continuous power rating is 127 hp. Rotax said the 915 iS has the best power-to-weight ratio in its class, and could maintain full takeoff power to at least 15,000 feet. Service ceiling is posted as 23,000 feet.

The engine was developed at the specific request of Rotax customers, according to Thomas Uhr, vice president and general manager of BRP-Powertrain. There is market demand for a more powerful engine that will allow higher payloads and shorter takeoffs, and the new four-stroke, four-cylinder, turbocharged, intercooled and fuel-injected engine is being designed to fill that niche.

The 185.2-pound engine produces maximum power at 5,800 rpm, and comes with a propeller reduction gearbox, electric starter, dual generators, and a dry sump lubrication system with a separate oil tank. Exhaust gas temperature sensors are integrated into the turbochargers. The crankcase is of the same design used in Rotax's 912 iS, but the 915 iS' crankshaft is heavier. A dual-channel engine control unit (ECU) manufactured by Rockwell Collins provides fault detection and diagnostic functions, as well as knock sensing and overboost protection. TBO is projected at 2,000 hours.

Production of the 915 iS is scheduled to begin in the second of half of 2017.

Flying Events (within 200nm): (B) Breakfast (L) lunch (D) Dinner

Every Friday Fly-in (L)	Iola, WI (68C)	Noon, but get there early
Varying dates	Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social	www.wiflysocial.com
Aug 15	Fly-in (L) Fish Fry	Mackinac County (83D) St Ignace, MI 11:00am - 3:00pm
	Fry-in (D)	Houghton Lake, MI (HTL) 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Aug 22	AOPA Fly-in	Anoka County-Blaine (ANE) Minneapolis, MN 8:30am - 4:00pm
Aug 23	Fly-in (B) pancakes	Boyceville, WI (3T3) 7:00am - 11:00am
	Fly-in (B)(L)	Burlington, WI (BUU) 8:00am - 1:00pm
Aug 29	Death's Door BBQ	Washington Island, WI (2P2) 10:00am - 5:00pm
Aug 30	Fly-in (B) pancakes	Dodge County (UNU), Juneau, WI 8:00am - 12:00pm
Sept 5	Fly-in (B) pancakes	Shell Lake, WI (SSQ) 7:30am - 11:00am
	Fly-in (B)(L)	Mauston-New Lisbon, WI (82C) 7:00am - 2:30pm
Sept 6	Fly-in (L)	Log Cabin (WS69), Mondovi, WI 9:30am - lunch at noon
Sept 12	Annual Fly-in	Cable, WI (3CU) 8:00am - 12:00pm
	C-195 Convention	Harbor Springs, MI (MGN) 8:00am - 6:00pm
	Airport Days (L)	Merrill, WI (RRL) 8:00am - 4:00pm
	Fly-in (B) Airport Expo	Wittman (OSH), Oshkosh, WI 7:30am - 11:00am \$7 Homebuilts free
	Spot Landing/BBQ (L)	Timmerman (MWC), Milwaukee, WI
Sept 19	FORD AIRPORT DAYS - note the weekend change to the 3rd Saturday.	
Sept 20	Wings 7 Wheels (B)(L)	New Holstein, WI (8D1) 8:00am - 2:00pm

August Meeting - Fly-in, Camp-out at the Iron County Airport (50D) South of Crystal Falls

We will be continuing this event which started years ago as a fall color flight. It is August this year as the past several years have encountered bad weather in October. We will start with a fire and socializing at dusk on Friday August 14th at the airport. **A Chapter meeting will be held around 10:00am** on Saturday August 15th followed by a Chili Dump. Fun will continue with another camp fire and socializing at dusk on Saturday. Sunday we'll clean up and head for home.

Even though we encourage people to fly in and/or camp, you do not have to do either in order to come and enjoy fellowship with Chapter members. We want this event to be about the fun and social side of the EAA and not the work. However, we will need to discuss Ford Airport Day and all the activity that is surrounding it this year. Hopefully we will have good weather for flying and a larger turnout than last year.

Please contact Jim LeFevre (Assistant Manager at 50D) or Mike Youngs if you need more info or have questions.

This photo of the B-52H at Oshkosh is from the EAA website. The crew looked so young, but the smells in the wheel well and bomb bay were as I remembered them. I enjoyed listening to the many people who were trying to figure out all the stuff they were seeing in and on the BUFF.



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