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Oshkosh

I believe that Oshkosh (sorry, I just can't refer to it as AirVenture) has changed a lot since I starting going 17 years ago. Most of the homes and farms around it have disappeared. The fencing around the aircraft camping area has gotten taller and stronger, but also has provided gates to allow the campers to get in and out so they can shop for food and go to restaurants.

The War Birds have expanded to encompass the old entrance, country store, Fly Mart and other areas. It is nice that more aircraft attend every year, but this group seems to bring more motor homes and personal vehicles and create an atmosphere of exclusivity.

The RVs (planes not campers) have expanded also and have taken over some of the old Fly Mart and auto parking. This group may need to rent a convention center for their next builders dinner at Oshkosh. If you talk RV, then this is where you need to be.

The fence around the flight line has been taken out providing anyone who can afford the price of admission access to the planes. Hence, the Protect Our Planes (POP) group was formed to remind everyone to "Look, but not touch". The number of cars, trucks and golf carts that have access to the flight line has increased so much that you feel like you must have made a mistake in not getting one for yourself. I understand the need for service vehicles and the trams, but I was going to scream if my wife told me one more time to move so a car could get by as we were walking down to the ultra light area.

More aircraft groups (Beech, Mooney, etc) seem to fly in together and park in areas that used to be reserved for experimental, antique or classic aircraft. This appears to have started a few years ago, thus forcing other groups to form to get "good parking". I personally like the mix of different types of planes as I walk the flight line.

The small, hot, crowded exhibition halls have changed to large, hot, crowded exhibition halls selling everything from engines to sun glasses.

The number of port-a-pots have decreased and their locations have gotten farther away from the crowds. (The number one complaint I heard this year).

The atmosphere seems to have changed from the individual to small cliques or groups. The flight line with it's one-on-one interaction still feels the same. However, when you get away from the flight line and venture into the Main Aircraft Display areas it feels like you're in a car lot with sales people determining if you're worth talking to. Case in point, I talked with a Waco owner on the flight line about his plane and Wacos in general. However, I could not get anyone to talk to me over at the WACO Classic Aircraft display area. They must have known I was not going to buy one that day, or it could have been the mustard stains on my shorts.

Now that I have complained about Oshkosh, maybe I need to address why I go every year. Well, I go because where else can you find people selling ear guards (headsets) for dogs; see



I know it is hard to believe that someone would come up with this idea, but people were buying the Mutt Muffs. If interested go to www.safeandsoundpets.com

a flying car ("Not a flying car, but a plane that you can drive"); see all the different aircraft that have been developed for LSA (light sport aircraft); watch hundreds of different planes land just seconds apart while listening to an ARTCC controller talk faster than an auctioneer; watch the best civilian airshow in the world; meet interesting and passionate aviation people like the third pilot hired by FEDEX, the inventor of the flying motorcycle or the family that rebuilt a Cessna 195; meet friends that you only see once a year at Oshkosh; see thousands of planes; hear the sounds of many different engines from Rotax to radials all at the same time; see the latest in avionics; see the Beach Boys; watch a movie on a large outdoor screen; and hear my wife say at dinner the last night, "Well, there are only 360 days until we come back" . Will

Now another word about Oshkosh 2006!

During the Wednesday afternoon air-show, a few chapter 80 members took cover from a small shower under the awning on Rick and Nancy's motor home. Rick and Nancy Jacobsen spend seven plus days every year as hosts of the Ultralight Camp Ground. Nancy told me "It's not such a bad deal, since I get to tell men what to do and where to go for one whole week". Thank you Rick and Nancy for being such great hosts as always, and for providing a good view of the air-show. TW

PS. I had a great picture of the group taking cover and consuming malt beverages. But, I now know what the 'delete all' button on my camera does. OOPS

August Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be held at 7PM on Monday, August 14th at the main hangar of Hangar One at Millard Airport, Omaha, NE. It is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

August Program.

Our guest speaker will be Jeff Jorgenson (who could not make it last month due to weather) of DWG International - the company that manufactures and distributes the DRI WASH 'n GUARD, a vehicle cleaning and care product. Jeff is also the owner and founder of Jorgenson Enterprises, a mobile aircraft detailing service which offers everything from debugging, waterless washing and polishing to interior cleaning services. He will do a 20 to 30 minute seminar on Aircraft Detailing - **How to Keep Your Aircraft Looking Like New**. He will discuss oxidation of the paint, myths and truths about cleaning windshields, debugging, and talk about aircraft detailing professionals - what to expect when you hire a detailing professional. He is also looking for product distributors in the area. For more info go to: www.waterlessjeff.com or <http://www.jorgensonenterprises.com/>

EVENTS: (B) - Breakfast / (L) - Lunch

1st Sat Chapter 1055 (B) York, NE
3rd Sat Chapter 569 (B) (L) Crete, NE

Aug 12	Mid America Antique Airplane Group Fly-In	Halstead, KS
Aug 13	Fly-in (B)	Red Cloud, NE
Aug 16-20	Beech Aero Club fly-in	Wichita, KS
Aug 19	Zenith Aircraft Open Hangar Day & Airshow	Mexico, MO
Aug 19	Dog Days Of Summer	Wahoo Hangar
Aug 19	EAA Sport Pilot Tour	Lakeville, MN
Aug 19	Cessna fly-in	Independence, KS
Aug 20	Fly-in (B)	Hartington, NE
Aug 20	Fly-in (B)	Monona, IA
Aug 23-27	NE Chapter Antique Aircraft Assoc. Fly-in.	
	I believe you have to be a member to fly in.	
	Call 308-380-5079	Minden, NE
Aug 26-27	Kansas Flight Festival	Wichita, KS
Aug 27	Iowa Aviation Museum's Fly-in	Greenfield, IA
Aug 27	Fly-in (B)	Manchester, IA
Aug 27	Fly-in (B) Brenner Field	Falls City, NE
Sept 9	Young Eagles	Fremont, NE
Sept 10	KKKK, Young Eagles	Plattsmouth, NE
Set 23-24	Air show, Blue Angels	Lincoln, NE
	civilian aerobatics	

For listings of airshow or fly-in events go to:

<http://www.iawings.com/calender/yearly.htm>

<http://www.aero-pix.com/schedule/sched2005dt.htm>

<http://www.aero.state.ne.us/>

1st Annual Dog Days Of Summer picnic/feed at the Wahoo Hangar. Ken Bahr is hosting this feed which includes Polish and Italian sausages in addition to good ole hot dogs and all the fixins. So come to the Hangar at 1200 on Saturday Aug 19th and have some fun. Rain date is the 26th.

ARE YOU COUNTING THE DAYS UNTIL AIRVENTURE

(Oshkosh). Just checking to see if you are paying attention. If you are thinking of going next year you may want to start looking for a place to stay now. I suggest UW at Oshkosh or Lawrence University in Appleton unless you want to camp or sleep in your car. Talk to Doug Humble about showing up with no place to stay. Lets say he has good friends.

Young Eagle Events - We flew 14 kids from the CAF Open House on July 15th. There was no advertising or pre-notification that we would be. I thought there would be, so we will have to work closer with the CAF next year to get the word out. SO, we went out to the families there and offered rides to the kids. We did stop at 1pm due to the heat. Special thanks to those members who braved the heat: Dick Austin, Pat Houlihan and Nicole Boettger for the paperwork and Harlan Hain, Ronye McKay and Will Kroeger for the flying the kids.

Our next Young Eagle events are:

Saturday September 9th at 0900 at Fremont. This is in support of the Civil Air Patrol open house in Fremont. It is being coordinated by our friend Tom Trumble for the Lincoln Chapter. If you can support Tom please call him at 402-540-6089 or email at ttrumble@alltel.net.

Sunday September 10th at Plattsmouth. This is in support of their Kass Kounty Korn Karnival (KKKK). Please contact Bill Stromenger if you can help. We need pilots and ground crew.

EAA Chapter 80 July Minutes

July 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Combs at 7:00 in the Hanger One facility in Millard, Nebraska. In attendance were 48 members.

Treasurers Report:

- * Treasurer Rob Hansen reported expenses of \$49.68, income of \$157.67 and a balance of \$4006.17 in the checking account. Total cash assets were reported to be \$12,794.69. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Young Eagles:

- * Jim Ratte reminded us about the Young Eagles event at Council Bluffs (Date noted on the web site).

Builder's Reports:

- * Bob Cartwright reported on his engine and prop work.
- * Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:
 - * Mike Howard discussed transferring airworthiness from one builder to another.

Fly-out Schedule:

- * The July 15th open house at Council Bluffs was mentioned.

Librarian Report:

- * Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- * Solar heating at Wahoo was ruled out and put to rest after being mentioned at several previous meetings.

New Business:

- * The compass rose painting at the Wahoo airport was discussed in detail with an emphasis on size.
- * Propane heating was discussed and it was decided that if a builder needed heat in the winter, he could provide the propane.
- * A work day was discussed and tentatively scheduled for a weekend in August, then later verified for Saturday, August 12th at 8:00AM.
- * The 50 used chairs were purchased as proposed in a previous meeting.
- * Jim Ratte reported on the Air show at St. Joseph.

Program:

- * Will Kroeger discussed his float plane trip to Alaska and showed a video of the experience.

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:10 PM.

FOR SALE: Fractional ownership in a 1941 J-5 Cub. Value of Cub is set at \$20,000, so a 1/4 ownership would be \$5,000 or a 1/5 would be \$4,000. Contact Bob Moser
Home 402-216-4847 / Cell 402-333-4847 / Work 402-554-3842 / email bobmoser@cox.net

RV-4 Project for sale: RV 4 project that has been sitting for several years at 3NO after being moved here from Las Vegas. This is a good project with a lot of work done. It includes engine, prop, radios, etc. Tools, jigs, and fixtures that are aircraft specific will be included with the plane. It needs all fiberglass work done. The builders name is Bob Fitton
Phone 402-455-7255 email fitton@cox.net

FOR SALE: I got this from the EAA Chapter 569 newsletter and thought someone in our chapter might be interested. Isaacs Fury II. 75% complete. Built by master builder Lester David. Includes Lyc. 0-235 (491 hrs SMOH), prop, basic VFR instrumentation and nearly everything required to complete the airplane except paint and dope. Offer a price before they part it out. Contact Ray Supalla, phone 402-423-5297 email glasair@alltel.net

Are you looking for a nice place to hangar your project? Is your spouse looking for a nice place for your project in order to reclaim the garage for the car? Do you feel closed in at your current location? Well, we have the place for you - the Wahoo Hangar! Talk to a Chapter Officer to start hangaring there today! Just think, you won't have to fly in to all the events we have there, because your there already.

EAA Sport Pilot Tour: Remember, the next one is Aug 19, 2006 at the Aircraft Resource Center, AirLake Airport (KLVN), Lakeville, MN (just south of Minneapolis). EAA Chapter 25 is the host. For more info, go to where I got the above info: <http://www.sportpilot.org/learn/tour.html>



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Pictures For August



No – this is not Oshkosh, but the airshow at St. Joseph, MO. This was a big change from the year before. I would recommend everyone go next year as a prep to Oshkosh and to have a good time..



Dick Austin (left) and Pat Houlihan man the Young Eagles table at the CAF Open House at CBF. Even though we had to recruit kids from the crowd, the ones that flew really enjoyed the experience.
