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EAA "Aluminum Overcast"
Plattsmouth Airport 6/29/08

THE B-17 CAME!

It stayed!



EAA "Aluminum Overcast"
Plattsmouth Airport June 29, 2008

It Went!



EAA B-17 "Aluminum Overcast"
June 29, 2008

(Photos by Dick Austin)

This event did not have a very good start. The weather prevented the B-17 from arriving on Thursday, thus delaying the press flights and our setting up for the event.

Friday was better with a press flight getting in and everything getting set up in the morning. However, the delay in press coverage, it being a work day, and the advancing weather seemed to keep our numbers low. Plattsmouth did not get the winds that hit Omaha, but we were hit with a lot of rain in the late afternoon. Luckily, it

hit after we started to close up for the day.

Saturday started out with a fury of activity: Setting up the canopies; getting the ice cream and souvenir booths open; getting things ready for Young Eagles, etc. The bad news was that the winds from Friday continued on Saturday and exceeded the cross-winds allowed for B-17 revenue flights. The good news was that the winds were not too strong for Young Eagle flights (47 kids); for people to tour the B-17; and for a Chapter 80 picnic..

Sunday started out with the same fury of activity. The winds decided to continue to blow, but they shifted to the north thus allowing for 4 B-17 revenue flights. We also flew another 10 Young Eagles. The day ended with the takedown of everything.

Some of my memories are:

Rain. Wind. Rain, then more wind.

The race between a golf cart and a water balloon. Did I mention the golf cart was very slow to accelerate.

Finding the keys to Jim Duker's hangar and airplane in the driving rain.

Visiting with friends.

The very good cookies provided by Sandy Faris.

Clean up was interesting. We learned that the Center-of-gravity of a trailer is important when it is not connected to a vehicle, especially when people are moving around inside it. It seems the trailer went off balance when one person moved from the front to the back. You would be surprised how fast things slide out of a trailer.

The look on the kids' faces after a Young Eagle flight.

The look on the adults' faces after a flight on the B-17.

Seeing Paul Kanka sitting by the exit of the B-17 like he has done on previous B-17 visits.

This article would not be complete without giving thanks to all the people who worked before, during, and after this event. They are: Paul Kanka, Doug Humble, Tom Mann, Jim Cooper, Jim Rush, Dick Austin, Ed Haffke, Jerry Ronk, Linda Roberts, Will Kroeger, Jim and Tammy Ratte, Kevin and Sandy Faris, Tom and Michelle Wieduwilt, Dick Harriman, Larry Bohnker, Pat and Dorothy Brandt, Ron Hefner, Jan Daniels, Mike Howard, Evan Holly, Ken Bahr, Don Meyer, Dale McClure, Bob Cartwright, Leonard Lawton, and RC Bammer. I am sorry if I missed your name.

I would like to pass along a Special Thanks to Kevin Faris, Tom Wieduwilt and Jim Ratte. This event would not have happened without the dedication of these three people. Their planning, guidance, support, and elbow grease before, during and after this event was invaluable.

Please come to the meeting on the 14th for more info on this event.

Will Kroeger

I'd like to extend my personal thanks to the Chapter members that worked the B17 event...the weather didn't cooperate as well as it should and both Chapter members and Omaha residents had a few other things on their minds with the storms on Thursday and Friday, but despite that we had a good turnout to support and attend the event.
Jim Ratte

The chapter will net only about \$1,882.00 due to the weather, the big storm damage, and the pilots being sick on Saturday. I am somewhat disappointed in the final outcome. I think a lot of people had a much more intimate time with the B-17 however. I really don't know if I would do it at PMV again or not. Not having a crosswind runway appears to be a big liability to the B-17's operation. Thanks to everyone.

Kevin Faris

July Meeting Time & Location.

This month's meeting is on Monday **July 14th** at 7:00 PM at Hangar One at Millard Airport. It is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

July Program.

"Everything you always wanted to know about Rivets and Riveting" ...It will be a riveting presentation. TW is working to get the tools and sheet metal for the demos. We are still looking for a skilled presenter or two that can impart some of those "trade secrets" and mil specs to those like me who have never buck a rivet before. Jim Ratte p.s. Please contact me if you can help.

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

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (0730-1030)	Crete, NE
July 12	Ultra light Gathering Food all day	David City, NE
July 12	Fly-In Breakfast & Chicken Show	Wayne, NE
July 12	Annual Wing Nuts Fly-in (See attached)	Tarkio, MO
July 13	Koinzan 17 th annual Fly-In Breakfast	Elgin, NE
July 19	Auto, train, Plane pancake feed	Oelwein, IA
July 19	Crete Monthly Fly-In Breakfast	Crete, NE
July 19	Young Eagles - Chapter 80	Millard, NE
July 26	York EAA 1055 2 nd annual BBQ pit-stop	York, NE
July 26 th – August 3 rd	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI
August 2	EAA 918 Fly-In Breakfast	Norfolk, NE
August 3	Airport Breakfast Fly-In	Genoa, NE
Aug 16-17	Offutt AFB Open House	Bellevue, NE

Young Eagles. 30 kids were flown on June 14th from the Air and Space Museum summer camp. 57 kids were flown June 28 & 29th at PMV as part of the B-17 event. Next event is on July 19th. Please contact Jim Ratte if you can help.

Oshkosh is almost here. The camp grounds opened on June 27th. Go to www.airventure.org for more information.

LEARN TO FLY DISCOVERY CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are sought to help share their knowledge and passion for flight with attendees at EAA AirVenture's Learn to Fly Discovery Center. If you're a CFI or a pilot, we'd like to hear from you. Share a few hours during the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration at this exciting new venue aimed at helping others discover the joy of flying. The center will be located directly south of the EAA Welcome Center at the corner of Knapp St. Road and the main taxiway west of AeroShell Square. Featured will be exhibits, seminars, flight simulators, and more, plus EAA will be providing free sport pilot student pilot certificates to EAA members. If you're interested, please contact Mark Forss at mforss@eaa.org. (from EAA e-hotline)

EAA Chapter 80
June 9, 2008
Official Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wieduwilt at 7:00 at Hanger One, Omaha, NE.

That is all! Due to Don being out of town and me going out of town, the meeting minutes will have to be read at the meeting in July. So, here are some of Dick Austin's pictures from the June meeting.



For sale — Extra Stuff left over from Jerry Mason's L-3 (Champ) rebuild. All are new and unopened.

Air Tech	RT4085 Rev4	Reducer	1 gallon	\$47.08	when purchased
Air Tech	PCU2030F	Primer Filler	1 quart	\$57.38	when purchased
Air Tech	PFU1030F	Primer Filler	1 gallon	\$120.41	when purchased

Listed price or make offer. Email: mason.jerry@cox.net or Phone: 393-0361

Would you like to fly a Cessna 172 for \$20/hr.? We are looking for additional members in our flying club. Call Ed Haffke @ 935-0803.

More Events

July 12	Annual Nebraska Ultralight Gathering (ANUG)	www.anug.org	David City, NE
July 12	Waffles and Wings Fly-in		Ottawa, KS
August 2	17th Annual Cow Town Fly In and Pancake Breakfast		Ellsworth, KS
August 3	Fly-In / Drive-In Breakfast		Humboldt, IA
August 9-10	Fly Iowa 2008 at Storm Lake		Storm Lake, IA
August 10	21st Annual Watermelon Fly-in and BBQ		Queen City, MO



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Now, where does this thing go? Or - I hope Jim doesn't miss this! If you are wondering what Mike Howard is holding, then you did not stay to see him change the oil and filter on Jim Ratte's aircraft. So, what is it? Ask Mike or Jim.
Photo by Dick Austin.

Ron Wood has reduced the price of his Cessna 150 to \$17,450. It has a fresh annual (June) from J&D.