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President's Corner

by Vic Briley

Hello fellow flyers!

Another Airventure has come and gone and everyone had a great time. Many thanks go to Phil for helping me out with transportation and camping site as the general aviation camping area was full when I got there. I was sent to Fond du Lac because there wasn't any room left at Oshkosh unless you were in a special category. The weather was hot with a few thunderstorms, but it didn't seem to slow anyone down. There are lots of new products on the market especially in the LSA (Light Sport Aircraft) category. Even Cessna is making a new LSA. The certified LSA's are much more reasonably priced starting at \$50k and up. If you feel like building your own plane, you can save even more money. The best part about flying one of the new LSA's is 120 knots on 5 gph of auto fuel. This puts flying in reach of those with moderate incomes or those who have trouble meeting the stringent FAA medical standards.

I attended a chapter leaders meeting at Oshkosh and heard many suggestions for increasing attendance/interest in the meetings. The one suggestion that caught my ear the most was "make the meetings

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**Next Meeting
August 9, 2006
at the Airport**

Oshkosh Tent Report

by Phil's Tent

Here I am wet and all crumpled up stuffed in the back of Phil's van. Yesterday I blew my top cover when a big wind passed. Without the top the large vent windows on my top let in the rain. Everything inside got soaked – serves Phil good for hiding in the car when the public address system announced a severe weather alert.

The trip to Oshkosh was nice and comfortable as I was tucked into my tent bag. Being buried in the back seat under some camp chairs I couldn't see anything, but I did hear Phil spitting cherry pits along Highway 2. When we arrived at Camp Scholler I got to stretch my legs for the first time since last year. Then my cousin, a blue and white screen tent was set right next to me.

What Phil doesn't know is that we tents get to watch every plane flying overhead. One day a big brown plane flew around. Later I learned it was a British Lancaster bomber left over from World War II. Then

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Coming Events

- Aug 9** **Board Meeting at the Airport at 6:30pm**
- Aug 9** **Meeting at the Airport at 7:30 pm**
- Sep 13** **Meeting & Corn Roast at East Jordon (Y94)**
Board meets at 6:30pm
Regular Meeting at 7:30pm



Oshkosh Report—continued

on a different day a gray monster kept flying back and forth making a terrible noise. It would fly by with its wings stretched out and then turn around and fly by going even faster with its wings swung against its tail. The chatter in the camp ground said the noise maker was a B-1B.

The loudest of all the airplanes was one called the F-22, Raptor. It would go screaming by and then with some special thruster rear up like a horse. During one of those maneuvers a cloud of vapor formed right behind the plane.

After all the noise it was soothing to see the new Light Sport Aircraft flying around. Cessna had their new concept plane, a 158, along with a larger next generation plane. There were ten or fifteen other Light Sports Aircraft also flying.

A really pretty show was a parade of “Barnstormer” planes from the 1930s. I saw Travelairs, Wacos and other old planes. At one time I saw a reproduction of an S-138 amphibian.

Just to ruin the mid day naps us tents usually get to enjoy while everyone is away the Warbirds would take to the air and make lots and lots of noise. Along with the howling warbirds were the dynamite charges that were imitating bomb drops. One big blast set off a wall of fire about two hundred feet long.

One day we got some special company. Vic Briley’s tent showed up to share our campsite. It was a nice dome tent and I enjoyed hearing all the “hanger flying” stories they told each evening. With three tents sharing the site life was never boring – lots of fun with good friends.

Some friend of Phil’s gave him some tickets to a world premier of a new movie called “Flyboys.” That evening the tents all were alone until almost midnight. Then

people came back and started talking about the movie and the World War I airplanes.

After the wet trip home Phil set me up in his back yard and let me bask in the sun until I was dry. He then rolled into a roll that fits my winter home.

See y’all next summer,

Phil’s tent



President’s Corner—con’t

a family event.” Have activities for all age groups that make them look forward to coming to the meetings. Give that some thought and reflect your ideas at future meetings.

We have a guest speaker coming to visit us this fall. Bill Ballard is a dentist from Gladwin and has done extensive research on aviation in the Saginaw Valley area. I’m hoping we can get him here for the November meeting. Watch for the announcement in future newsletters and invite all your friends. I’ve heard that he is a very interesting speaker.

I now have eight names on my list of people interested in starting a flying club. If you know of anyone else who may be interested, get their name, phone number and email address and pass it on to me.

Keep the blue side up!

Victor Briley

Some LSA at Oshkosh

Cessna's 158 Concept



Fantasy's Allegro 2000



FK 9 Mark IV



Czech Sportcruiser



Aerosport Ikarus Breezer



Sky Arrow 600 Sport



BOB'S BREAKFAST BUNCH August 2006

- 08/11/06 S.M.A.L.L. Rally (Traverse City)
(8/11 ? 8/13)TVC
- 08/12/06 Torchport Airpark Camp out
5:PM 59M
- 08/12/06 BBB to St. Ignace
- 08/13/06 Torchport ? Pancake Breakfast
7:am 59M
- 08/19/06 Northport Breakfast5D5
- 08/19/06 BBB to Northport 5D5
- 08/26/06 BBB to Bunch's Half Acre _____
- 08/27/06 Flyin in Pancake Breakfast - Mt.
Pleasant MOP

Minutes of the July 12 Meeting

The July 12, 2006 meeting was called to order by Pres. Vic at 7:30 pm.

A motion was made by Joe to accept minutes as presented in the bulletin. This was seconded by Bob. Motion passed.

Business at hand: our July 15 fly-in and pancake breakfast and our Young Eagles program. Price for breakfast confirmed at \$5.00 for adult, \$3.00 for child under 10. Our Friday night work program will start at 4:30 pm. Vic and Joe will do the food shopping at this time. Saturday we will start at 6:30 AM to prepare for the breakfast, starting serving to at 8:00 AM. Young Eagles also to start at 8:00 AM.

Our next meeting, Aug. 9th, will have demonstration of radio controlled flying models.

The Fall corn roast will be part of the September 13th meeting. Joe and Will will host the meeting at the East Jordan Airport.

Will made motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Louie. Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Secretary, John Hughes.



DC-3 Duggy



B-1B



Stinson Valiant



C-17



T-33



Blue Angels



OV-1 Mohawk



B-17

Avro Lancaster Mk 1



F-22 Raptor



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