KOSH AirVenture Preparation

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Agenda

- How to get there
- Where to stay
- Parking
- Weather, clothing
- Tent
- Restrooms, showers
- Water
- Transportation on site
- Food
- Communications
- Shopping
- Camera
- What to see

How to get there

- Drive
  - 9-12 hours
  - Through or around Chicago
    - High risk
    - Unnerving
    - No apparent law in Chicago
  - Through Bloomington, Rockford
    - 90 miles longer
    - Same elapsed time
    - Less dangerous
    - Less stressful
    - Fewer tolls

How to get there

- Fly
  - Roughly 3 hours by C172
  - Use flight following, of course
  - Route
    - Along the Chicago shore
      - Approach will keep you low
      - You will be off shore
    - Around Chicago on the west
      - Approach will keep you low and far away
      - Change your watch to Pacific timezone ☺
    - Across Lake Michigan
      - Fly the airway – it is near a shipping route
      - Your plane has been running smoothly for hours before you get there
      - Lake Michigan is very cold

New for 2021
FAH and IKK VORs decommissioned
New FISK Arrival transitions

How to get there

- Fly
  - Notam
    - Understanding is mandatory
    - Follow to the letter
    - **Do not even think of skipping this step**
  - Be proficient – on the top of your game
  - Use eyeballs - Head on a swivel
    - Non-ADS-B plane transponders won't be on – not seen on ADS-B
  - Consider a copilot with good eyes
  - Up to 9 planes land at a time on 3 runways
    - The E parallel taxiway to 18/36 becomes a runway
      - Now 60' wide
  - Make contingency plans if you diverted
    - Plenty of gas

Where to stay

- Plane camping
  - More space, quieter

- Camp Scholler car camping
  - Tight, loud, some generators
  - 2 entrances, one for registration, one for in and out

Where to stay

- Dorm
  - Some rooms with A/C, most not
  - Busses, good food

- No hotel rooms except a long ways away
- Private rooms in town – look for signs
- Rental car availability not close

Parking

Anchor I use

- Parking – plane
  - Bring your own tie downs
  - Some anchors are not secure
    - Husky amphib broke loose, flipped on Bonanza, ripped off the tail. Unhappy people
  - Use only a very solid anchor
- Parking – car
  - Park with tent/camper in Camp Scholer
  - Show lots by color
  - Traffic one way
    - In and out for errands can take a while
    - Camp Scholler is best exited south along the frontage road to County N, then take 41N or the west frontage road
    - 44 at the west end of 9-27 will be closed off

Weather, clothing

- Can be rainy
  - 2010 Sploshkosh
  - Only 1/10 of airplanes could park at OSH

Weather, clothing

- Can have high winds, occasionally severe

Weather, clothing

- Can be very hot
- Can be cold
  - Glad to have a winter coat one year
- Clothing - winter, summer, sun hat
- Plan accordingly

Sunburn
Ouch!

Tent

- Assume the worse
  - Raise items off floor – I take short 2x4s, contractor trash bags
- Sleeping comfort
  - Thick air mattress (and pump – or lungs)
  - Real pillow
- Place to hang a towel to dry
  - Without blowing away

Restrooms, showers

- Better facilities
  - S end of N 40
  - W end of Camp Scholler
- During heavy rain, septic system may back up
- Porta-pottys everywhere
  - Well serviced
  - Look for the ones in the shade

Water

- Carry water always
- Better water from mobile water tanks
  - N 40 access road
  - S 40 in Vintage area
- Plumbed water okay buy not as tasty

Transportation on site

- Bicycles
  - Only to the show area, not within
  - Lock, of course
- Walking
  - Plenty
- On grounds transportation
  - Tram or feet
    - About same ET
    - Plan to walk
  - Carry minimal weight all day

Food

- More locations and variety lately
  - Plan for lines and event prices
  - Consider brown bag lunch

Communications

- Have a family communication plan
- Wireless internet spotty
- Cellphone coverage improved in recent years
- EAA app iffy

Shopping

- Necessities on site
  - 2 locations in Camp Scholler
- Walmart, others
- Restaurants
- Etc

Camera

- Cellphone pictures
  - Good for static, nearby images
  - Planes in the air do not come out well - simply too far away
- Real camera
  - ASA 100 or 200 or better in sunshine, higher in gray days, night
  - No flash in most cases
  - Aerial shots
    - Shutter speed 180th to 250th.
      - No faster or the prop will be stopped. You don't want that.
    - Zoom lens of 50-300 mm
    - Follow the action with camera
    - Do not tilt in direction of shutter button – use alignment grid
  - Static shots
    - Zoom lens of 35-80 mm

What to see

- Airshow
  - Best performers
  - All volunteers
  - Different show each day (mostly)
  - Night airshow 2 nights
  - Warbird spectacular
  - Airplanes not seen flying anywhere else

What to see

- Forums, events, etc
  - 1,000+ presentations
  - Plan now
  - Use the app

What to see

- Museum
  - Count on a half day
  - Other visitors will also pick the rainy or very hot days to see the museum. But it can support the capacity
  - Indoor restrooms
  - Busses. Walking can be about as fast
  - Bell 47 helicopter rides. Worth it!

What to see

- See the magnitude of 10,000+ planes
  - Tram or walk the entire length of the show line planes from the far south end to the warbirds at the north end
  - Take the bus around the North 40
  - Be stunned

What to see

- Out of the way venues
  - Seaplane base
  - Ultralights & rotocraft
  - Pioneer airport

What to see

- Mass arrivals
  - Saturday, some Sunday
  - Arrive rwy 36 generally, taxi to rwy 27 grass into N 40 midway
  - Impressive

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