

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

- 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











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





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





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



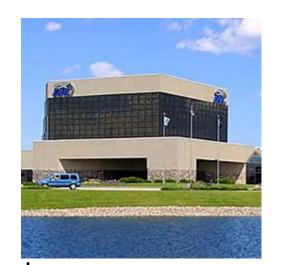


Museum

- 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!











- 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



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









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





