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## THE HENDERSON LONGSTER

To quote a writing coach I once subscribed to: “Begin with the end in mind.”

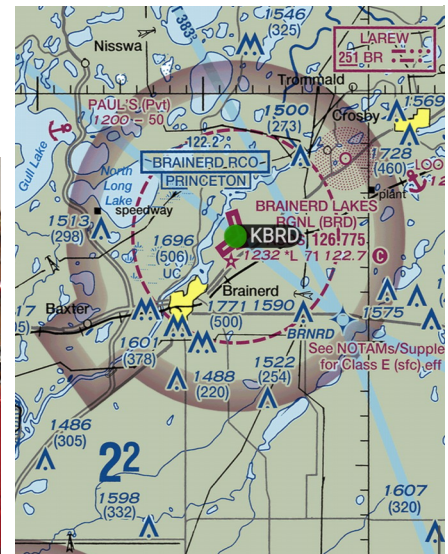


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You may recall seeing this photo in a previous issue of CAVU Chronicles. It's from the WAAAM Museum in Hood River, OR. The Longster Crew is using this as a model for how we plan to proceed with detailing.

For starters, here is the proposed style for the N-numbers; one on the port underside and the other on the starboard top side.

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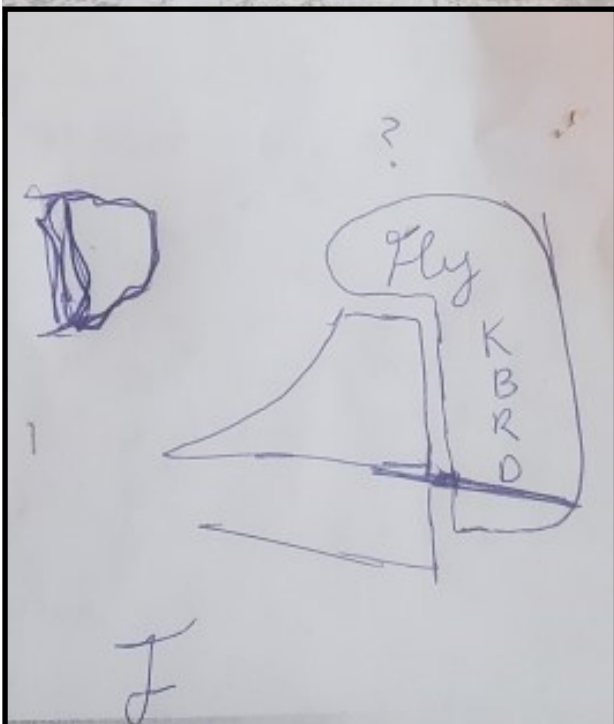


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## LONGSTER PROJECT (Continued)

You may have noticed in previous pictures the wheels were a spoke model, shown in the inset below. These are quite different compared to the wheels on the museum exhibit. Rollie suggested, “we should make some wheel covers.” Thanks to the engineers at Crosslake Heating, Cooling and Sheet-metal, they fabricated what you see below. It’s the same material used in furnace ducts. More and more-it’s looking like the real deal.



Next...Paul (Hootis) then drew up a more artistic “FLY KBRD” concept for the tail. Like many documents, ideas, sketches and artwork created throughout history, this too, started on a piece of scratch paper. Thanks, Paul.

To be consistent with the airport’s messaging, it was decided to omit the “K” from the graphics.

This concept, as depicted in the image on the next page, was sent to SIGNSPOT.

Another idea from Hootis: put the chapter logo somewhere on the side of the fuselage. TBD.

That yellow strip along the fuselage? We are testing masking tape to make sure it does not remove the finish coat when its pulled off.



**Fly**  
**B**  
**R**  
**D**

Using Paul's idea, I put together this concept for the vinyl decals on the tail and sent a copy to SIGNSPOT for them to edit as needed and provide a quote.

Another detail: See below.

The fuel tank on top of the wings is now painted a metallic gray. Looks like a real metal container!



And finally, if you look close, you can see the fasteners that secure the engine and instrument cowlings to the frame.

The final paint scheme will somewhat follow the museum exhibit shown on page one but with noticeably less red around the engine cowlings.

The application of all the vinyl decals and the painting will not take place until the wings are removed. Once all this is done, it will be ready for "Prime Time."

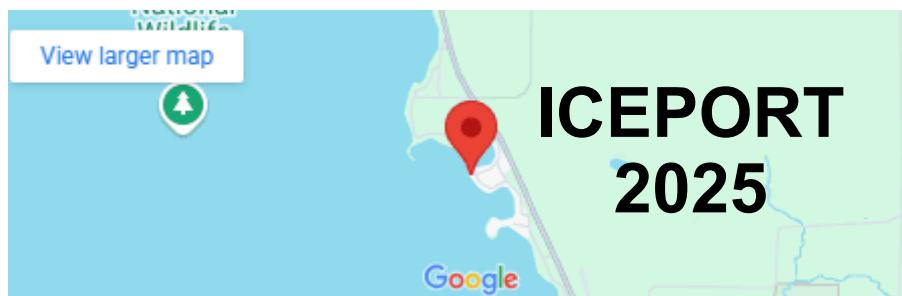


The following are photos, courtesy of Trudy Amundson, from the 2025 Ski Plane and Wheels Chili & Hot Dog Fly-in held March 8th, hosted by the Aitkin Flyers.

Nice weather!!! And a great turn-out!!







Photos courtesy of Mark Priglemeir.

Despite the thaw during the previous week, cold weather re-froze all the water that was on the ice.

Plus, there were clear skies and light winds.



# IN THE NEWS

## MOSAIC Final Rules Frozen

One of the many executive orders signed by the President was titled, Regulatory Freeze Pending Review. Since the final rules for MOSAIC have not yet issued or published, this will at least delay MOSAIC for a period of time until a Trump appointed official reviews and approves the proposed rule. Seems like a forgone conclusion that MOSAIC in final form by AirVenture is off the table.

That's not all.

The Freeze Review also states, "Rules should be looked at after they are published and before they become effective." This is a major change in the way the federal government publishes rules.

Reproduced from:

Mosaic! ...Or No Mosaic (Yet)? — That Is the Question. From:

By Dan Johnson, January 21, 2025.

## FAA Hiring Supercharge hits Targets

FAA officials reported March 21, 2025, that the agency "has already qualified and referred more than 8,320 candidates to the aptitude exam, known as the Air Traffic Skills Assessment (ATSA). More than 190 candidates have already passed the ATSA and moved into the hiring process."

From: General Aviation News Staff · March 28, 2025

## New certification for avionics technicians

The Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA) introduced its new certification for the avionics industry, the Certified Aircraft Electronics Technician (CAET), during the 2025 AEA International Convention & Trade Show in Phoenix.

Developed and supported by the AEA, the CAET becomes the primary certification for technicians, according to association officials.



The CAET is a knowledge-based certification for entry-level technicians and requires passing a written exam that must be taken online through the AEA's new partner, the Unmanned Safety Institute (USI).

The credential is the foundation for a series of stackable certifications that will eventually include the CAET-Advanced with more in-depth knowledge and skill requirements and a practical test, along with the CAET-Pro designed for experienced technicians and avionics managers, which assesses skills needed to successfully lead a team of professionals, AEA officials explained.

"The launch of the CAET program is a significant step toward addressing the workforce shortage and ensuring the continued safety and efficiency of business and general aviation. We expect avionics professionals will be able to take the initial certification exam in the second quarter of this year, and in the fall, we will launch the training and certification program in high schools and colleges through our partnership with USI."

From: General Aviation News Staff · March 28, 2025.



### DID YOU KNOW...?

An easy and convenient way to keep up-to-date on scheduled Chapter 1610 meetings, events, and other aviation-related programs is our Website.

First, open your web browser and type in **#eaa 1610**.

Once you open the website, select the tab **Event Calendar**.

The rest is easy.



I am always interested in hearing your suggestions for future topics in the Newsletter. I also encourage budding authors to submit content.

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And finally, the contact information for Chapter 1610 has changed.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Any highlights below in **RED** means something has been added or rescheduled for Chapter 1610 meetings and events.

- April 1-6:**     **Sun 'n Fun , Lakeland FL**
- April 12:**    **Regular Chapter Meeting**
- May 10:**     **Regular Chapter Meeting**
- May 23:**     **Brat Fest Crosslake**
- May 24:**     **Brat Fest Crosslake**
- June 14:**    **Young Eagles Flights, Aitkin Airport**
- June 21:**    **Young Eagles Flights, KBRD**

## ON THE 'LIGHTAIR' SIDE

