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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM AIRVENTURE 2024

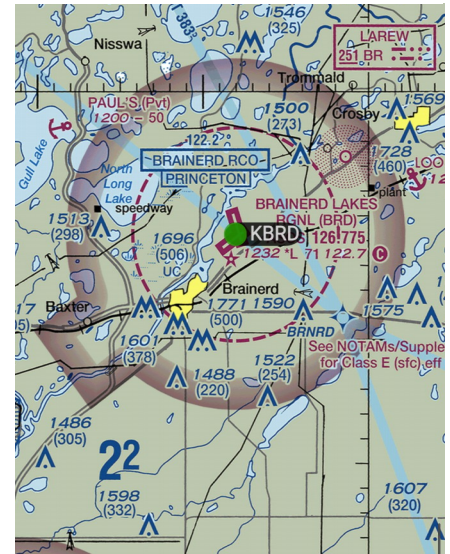
Mid-westerners like to talk about the weather. “Looks like it could rain this afternoon,” or “You think it will hit 90 today?” After all it IS an important factor, particularly for aviation enthusiasts. So, let’s start there.

In my humble opinion, I think the weather at Oshkosh this year was near perfect. Yes, it started off rather warm and humid on Monday, but after the rain + cold front went through on Tuesday, the air remained comfortable; sunny skies, light breezes, some occasional cloud cover for shade, low Relative Humidity and low Dew Point. This made it much more tolerable for camping, walking, exploring, learning, shopping, and watching the skies.

OK...moving on. I emailed those who attended from Chapter 1610 as to “what take-aways impressed you the most that would benefit the chapter members?”

Joe Lambert spent some time at the Stewart Systems booth and learned to “fog coat as many times as needed for total saturation prior to the final wet paint. This will avoid “orange peel.” Considering the ongoing restoration projects, the Aeronca at Aitkin and the Longster at Brainerd, this is good information. Thanks Joe!

Paul “Hootis” Noskowiak wrote back, “It’s the most educational week of the year for my kids, and seeing cool planes is a bonus.” Pictured below is Paul’s son Evan learning what looks like soldering. On the right Evan is pictured with acrobatic pilot Michael Goulian, who just signed his hat.



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Pictured here is Paul's daughter Everleigh "suited up" for a spin in the US Air Force F-22 Raptor behind her.



Here's Paul's son Elliot at the controls of what looks like some friendly RC Airplane competition.



And finally, Pau's son Ezra is practicing spray-painting using virtual reality.

OK Ezra...you are more than welcome to put those freshly-learned skills to use on our Longster project.



As you can see, this truly IS an education-packed event for kids



## MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM AIRVENTURE 2024

My take-away: I sat in a presentation by EAA that announced the launching of their new App for registering, managing and tracking Young Eagles Events. It is currently in beta testing and scheduled to be launched in September.

This will be different than the current website that approximately 350 chapters throughout the country have been using the past 6 years. That program, called YEDay, which was developed and operated by a third party, will be retired in November. I have submitted a request for the slides explaining the new EAA App. Trudi...this should make logistics for YE easier.



As visitors walked toward Boeing Plaza, this is the beast that greeted them at the entrance; a B-52.



Parked nearby the B-52 was this WWII vintage B-29.

## MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM AIRVENTURE 2024



This vintage WWII Douglas C-47 Skytrain was one of many versions on display. On Thursday, a team of civilian skydivers dressed in 101st Airborne Division uniforms performed a jump from a C-47 using the 1940s era round chutes.



I found this fly-over pretty amazing. A WWII vintage P-51 Mustang leading the formation of an F-18 Super Hornet (top), an F-22 Raptor (bottom), and an A-10 Thunderbolt.



## EAA CHAPTER 1610 LONGSTER PROJECT: STATUS REPORT

Significant progress continues. You may recall from the previous Newsletter we began July with painting all the fabric surfaces with the gray UV protectant.

Once everything received three coats of the gray UV protectant, then the real fun began....spraying on the white primer.



Here's Brandon, Nate, Joe and Roger working on the fuselage and tail pieces.



## EVENTS OF INTEREST ON THE UPCOMING CALENDAR.

The August Aviation Events calendar published in the MnDOT is jam-packed with a variety of things to do, people to see, and places to go. In fact, 26 events are listed just for August...too numerous to list here. So, check out their website at <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/events/flyins-and-events.html>.

At the top of our list, of course, is the Aitkin event.

**August 4, 2024 Aitkin Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast and Fly-In**  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Aitkin Airport (KAIT)

Aitkin Flyers (EAA 965) annual Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast and Fly-In. Wild rice pancakes, bacon, sausage, orange juice, coffee. Lots of airplanes on the flight line. Helicopters, antique cars and motorcycles, aircraft simulator for kids and adults, giant bubbles, wild rice and t-shirts for sale. All welcome to a very fun Sunday. Contact: [trudiamundson@yahoo.com](mailto:trudiamundson@yahoo.com)

**September 14, 2024 Grass is a Gas Poker Run**  
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Brainerd Airport (KBRD)

Start and finish at Brainerd, fly to four grass strips in northern Minnesota, play your hand when you return. Great prizes for best three hands and many, many prizes by drawing. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., briefing at 8:15 a.m. and return to Brainerd by 1:30 p.m. One hand per person, max of two hands per aircraft. Strictly limited to 52 total hands, get there early to assure your spot. Contact: Mike Petersen at 612-750-2981 or email [eaachapter1610@gmail.com](mailto:eaachapter1610@gmail.com)

**September 15, 2024 Hector Lions Flight Breakfast**  
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Hector Municipal Airport (1D6)

All you can eat pancakes, French toast, sausage, coffee, juice and milk. Real maple syrup donated by Skinny Sticks of Wisconsin. PICs free. Warbirds, classics, antiques, homebuilt, helicopters and ultralights. Ping pong ball drop with prizes for kids at 11:15 a.m. CTAF 122.8. Contact: Ed Newberg, 320-979-1270, [ednewberg@hotmail.com](mailto:ednewberg@hotmail.com)



### AS A REMINDER

A group text-messaging system has been set up for those of you who want to participate in either a FLY-OUT or be a passenger when a member is going flying.

Currently on the list are:

Craig, Trudi, Joe, Rollie, Rod, Woody, Dave, Walt and Mark B.

To get added, simply text me (Mark B.) at 952-818-9986.

This is simply an ad-hoc way of contacting interested members if/when you are entertaining the opportunity of either flying to a destination or simply practice take-offs and landings.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 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.

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

**August 4: Aitkin Flyers Pancake Breakfast & Fly-In**

**August 10: Regular Chapter Meeting**

**September 14: Grass-is-a-Gas Poker Run**

**September 21: Young Eagles Flights, East Gull Lake Airport**



## ON THE 'LIGHTAIR' SIDE



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

Please contact Mark Bearss

◆ email to [mgbearss@gmail.com](mailto:mgbearss@gmail.com)

◆ Text to 952-818-9986

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

The saddest thing I've ever heard on an airplane



\* Passenger's actual words on a Southwest flight I took last year