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**Only 328
Days to
Oshkosh!**



Oshkosh 2018 Facts and Figures

"A 'perfect' event may be unattainable, but AirVenture 2018 came about as close as one could imagine. The combination of outstanding programs, aircraft variety, a robust economy, and good weather combined to complement the efforts of our staff and 5,000 volunteers throughout the grounds. The week was upbeat, exciting, and filled with many 'Only at Oshkosh' moments."

Attendance: Approximately 601,000, nearly two percent above of 2017's record total.

"EAA members and aviation enthusiasts attended in large numbers, even without the presence of a military jet team as we had in 2017. Our efforts to create unique attractions and aviation highlights across the grounds were incredibly successful. Attendance on opening day was the best in our history, as the vast majority of our guests came to Oshkosh early and stayed throughout the week."

Total aircraft: More than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh and other airports in east-central Wisconsin. At Wittman alone, there were 19,588 aircraft operations in the 11-day period from July 20-30, which is an average of approximately 134 takeoffs/landings per hour.

Total showplanes: 2,979 (second straight year over 2,900): 1,160 homebuilt aircraft (5 percent increase), 1,094 vintage airplanes, 377 warbirds (7 percent increase), 185 ultralights and light-sport aircraft, 75 seaplanes, 22 rotorcraft, 52 aerobatic aircraft, and 14 hot air balloons.

Camping: More than 12,300 sites in aircraft and drive-in camping accounted for an estimated 40,000 visitors.

Commercial exhibitors: 867.

Forums, Workshops, and Presentations: A total of 1,500 sessions attended by more than 75,000 people.

EAA aircraft flights: 2,800 people flew aboard EAA's Ford Tri-Motors, while 3,032 people flew aboard EAA's Bell 47 helicopters and 680 flew aboard EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast.

Social Media, Internet and Mobile: More than 12 million people were reached by EAA's social media channels during AirVenture, including 5.5 million via Facebook videos; EAA's website had more than 1.7 million page views; EAA video clips during the event were viewed 2.2 million times; and EAA's 2,400 photo uploads were viewed more than 12.4 million times. Additionally, EAA web streams were accessed nearly 800,000 times by viewers in more than 200 countries, who watched more than 170,000 hours of activities from the AirVenture grounds. The AirVenture app was downloaded and used by nearly 50,000 attendees.

Guests registered at International Visitors Tent: A record 2,714 visitors registered from 87 nations, also a record total. (Actual counts may be higher since international visitor registration is voluntary.) Top countries represented by registered visitors: Canada (538 visitors), Australia (386), and South Africa (277).

Media: 976 media representatives on-site, from six continents.

Economic impact*: \$170 million for the five counties in the Oshkosh region (Winnebago, Outagamie, Fond du Lac, Calumet, and Brown). * - based on 2017 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh economic impact study

What's ahead for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2019 (July 22-28, 2019)?

"We are celebrating our 50th consecutive year in Oshkosh during 2019, so we'll be looking back on a half-century of unforgettable highlights at Wittman Regional Airport, and planning activities that involve EAA's hometown and its unique place in aviation history. While 2018 is barely in the record books, we're talking to many groups and individuals with intriguing new ideas for aircraft, innovations, exhibits, and events. We're already planning for 2019 and are looking forward to announcing features and attractions very soon."

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



President's Rant- August 2018

Hello and welcome to the August Flypaper! Boy howdy, it sure seems like a long time since we last got together in July. A glance at the calendar reveals that it has indeed been a full six weeks since our last meeting, owing to the way the August calendar worked out, and of course the little airshow up in Oshkosh.

Speaking of Oshkosh- what a great year it was. Despite some rainy and downright lousy weather in the days leading up to the show, once Monday rolled around it was nearly perfect all week long. The crowd counts and airplane attendance were very strong this year. I hope all of you made it to the show and I look forward to hearing all sorts of good Oshkosh stories on Tuesday.

This Oshkosh was a special one for me since it was the first Oshkosh appearance for the Breezy. It's airworthiness inspection was literally the weekend right after Oshkosh last year, so my baby was not quite a year old. Of course, as many of you know, there are some logistical challenges involved in getting multiple cars, campers and airplanes up to Oshkosh in the days leading to the show (and of course, doing it all in reverse the following week.) I sweet talked Glenn into giving me a ride back to East Troy to get the airplane after we dropped our campers off Wednesday. It all worked out well, since Fred took his Soneri up the same day and needed a ride back to Burlington, so we three left Oshkosh late morning and headed back south.

My friend Rob Unger flew up from Chicago and met me at East Troy, so we could fly up to Oshkosh together as a formation of two Breezys. That is not something that is seen every day, for sure. Anyway, after we all went for lunch at Gus' Drive-In, Glenn dropped us off at 57C and we loaded up the Breezys and launched. We had a fun flight up, stopping in Hartford for a break and in Fond du Lac for gas before the final leg into Oshkosh. This was early enough that the Oshkosh Rippon-Fisk arrival was not yet in place, but things were still getting busy at the airport. It is quite a feeling to land on the green dot and taxi in past the flight line, even if the crowds were a little thin that early.

Now here is the funny part- after dropping Rob and I off at East Troy, Glenn drove Fred over to Burlington to get his truck. He then had to run back home to Cudahy to pick up something that he forgot, before setting off once again for Oshkosh (into the teeth of some serious road construction.) It sure made for a long day of driving on Glenn's part, but here's the punch line- HE STILL GOT TO OSHKOSH BEFORE THE FLIGHT OF BREEZY'S DID!

Hope to see you all on Tuesday and hear all the good Oshkosh stories. Until then, keep your airspeed up... unless you are flying a Breezy!

PROGRAMS



ATTENTION:

August Chapter Meeting – Tuesday, August 28, 1930 CDT

Guest Speaker:

1st Lt. Justin M. Gruber of the 128th Air Refueling Wing in Milwaukee.

The 128th Air Refueling Wing (128 ARW) is a unit of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, stationed at General Mitchell Air National Guard Base. If activated to federal service in the United States Air Force, the wing is operationally gained by the Air Mobility Command (AMC).

The 128th Air Refueling Wing principal mission is air refueling. The wing enhances the Air Force's capability to accomplish its primary missions of Global Reach and Global Power. It also provides aerial refueling support to Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft as well as aircraft of allied nations. The wing is also capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aeromedical evacuations.



YOUNG EAGLES



EAA Chapter 18 Young Eagles – 2018 **Free Airplane Rides for Kids ages 8 to 17**

Parent/guardian permission required.

August 18 – 10 am to 1 pm

Timmerman Airport – 9305 W. Appleton Avenue – Milwaukee

September 15 – 10 am to 1 pm

East Troy Municipal Airport – 2083 County Road L – East Troy

October 13 – 10 am to 1 pm

Capitol Drive Airport – 21500 Gumina Road – Pewaukee

November 3 – 10 am to 1 pm

Waukesha County Airport – 2525 Aviation Drive – Waukesha



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PICNIC



The Annual September Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 16.

Like the past couple of years, the airport is providing the chicken, ribs, corn-on-the-cob, and drinks.

Everything will start around 11:00 AM. If folks would like to bring a dish to pass, that would be great.





CHAPTER 18 MEETING MINUTES-SECRETARY JIM HATZENBELLER

Chapter 18 July Meeting Minutes



The July meeting was called to order by President Jeff point at 7:30 PM at the CAP Hangar at Timmerman Field.

Announcements: Guests were asked to introduce themselves. There were 2 guests present. If you are not wearing a name tag, a \$1.00 fine will begin being collected at the August meeting.

If you need a name badge, contact Glenn Botsford. Jerry Roeder is now the new leader of Friends of East Troy. They plan to have a pancake breakfast on August 11th. They also plan to have a car show in addition to the fly-in/drive in breakfast.

Young Eagles: Calendar of events is listed in the Chapter newsletter. The next event will take place on August 18th at Timmerman Field.

Building Reports: Fred Keip reported that he has the engine installed on his Wag-A-Bond and is working on the baffles. John Nate reported that he has solved the problems cutting foam items for his Defiant. After several attempts, it was determined the voltage transformer for hot wire cutting was not working properly. He has now cut parts for the wings and winglets successfully. He is also working on the spars. Bill Stilley reported that he now has the autopilot working on his KitFox.

Flying Reports: Jeff Point commented on the 1974 audio recording by the Air Traffic Controllers at the first convention in Oshkosh. There is also a recording called. How Not to Fly Into Oshkosh. Chris Esselstyn reported on going to Utah to do some glider flying. He also flew to Green Bay and back to Hartford in his glider. Marcus Collins reported that he has resumed working on his Cozy project.

Tech Counselor: No report

New Business: A suggestion was made to purchase a set of Lycoming cylinder wrenches. Jim Hatzenbeller will make the purchase at AirVenture.

The minutes from the May meeting were accepted as published. The treasurer's report was approved as published.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.



TREASURER REPORT-TREASURER GLENN BOTSFORD

July 2018	Checking	Savings	Total	Paid Membership
Beginning Balance	\$784.56	\$1,012.17	\$1796.73	91
Income				
Dues	\$30.00			
Name Tags	\$10.00			
Total Income	\$40.00	\$0.00		
Expenses				
Name Badges	32.65			
Total Expenses	\$32.65	\$0.00		
Ending Balance	\$791.91	\$1,012.17	\$1,804.08	

Chapter 18 Apparel

Chapter 18 Apparel is on sale now. T-Shirts, Hats, Coffee Mugs, and much, much more. Order anytime and no minimums. Each purchase will help to support the chapter.
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Project Stories Wanted

The NewsLetter staff is looking to include stories about your project in FlyPaper. If you are in the middle of a build, and you'd like to share your story, contact Thaddeus Pinkoski, newsletter@eaa18.org



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