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MEETING NOTES

DINNER @ 5:30

MEETING @ 7

PRESENTER: ED BENSON

Scouting Aviation Exploring in Boy Scouts, Post 816

If you have read the books **Blue Highways: A Journey into America**, **River Horse :The Logbook of a Boat Across America** by William Least Heat-Moon, you enjoyed stories of high adventure, insight into parts of American History and most importantly, were touched by the lives of ordinary people he met during these two journeys across America.

We have had a few members share their summer travels with me, and I will pass on a few pages through the next several newsletters.

I will start with my own story of some folks my grandson Liam, and I met at Oshkosh.

We were camped with the Stinson on Row 70 in the Vintage Aircraft Parking area, just south of the tent campers under the trees. A prime location; close to the showers, head, and café. Liam saw some other boys and went to join them...for the week it turned

out. I joined the dads that evening and we talked about how great it was for the boys...5 of them to meet, enjoy the trip and company. We were sharing how we all came to be at OSH. One of the guys we had joined was there as a request of the owner of a restored Beech 18. The owner had always wanted to bring the aircraft and his family to Oshkosh, but business, and life got in the way. As a successful silicon valley type...he new it would be next year for sure. The pilot of the-18 is a FEDEX pilot who also runs an aircraft management company. The other guys were the exec's son and a couple of grandsons, and nephews. I asked where the owner was, expecting to meet him sometime during the week, the pilot explained that he had contracted ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and was wheel-chair bound. We breathed a sigh....and thought...we are so lucky to have made it again, this year.

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