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Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

T-34 pilots make KMTW their home during AirVenture. Nadine heads up food service but could use helpers. Volunteers are need to do smoke oil. Sunday you can eat with the pilots. Bring dish to pass. Attend the meeting to talk about the details.

Sorry I was unable to make the June meeting because I was in volunteering in Oshkosh in preparation for AirVenture. I was helping with bathhouses.

When you volunteer in Oshkosh you get an insiders look. I saw the EAA's B-17 that was damaged in Florida storms. It was shipped in pieces on a flatbed truck from Florida to Oshkosh. Not only was the tail crushed but an airworthiness directive (AD) was issued which grounded the entire B-17 fleet. An interesting twist is the EAA came up with a new part and now the entire fleet will be using that part. It will be about two or three years until the EAA's B-17 is flying again because they found corrosion in the wings that has to be repaired. Look at the pictures on page 2.

I'm headed back to Oshkosh to volunteer for another week and then enjoy the week of AirVenture including flying my Sonex in.

Jim



Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesday
6:30
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September 30, 2022 – EAA’s B-17 Aluminum Overcast, which has been based in Punta Gorda, Florida, for the past year while awaiting repairs to its wing structure, apparently sustained only minor damage as Hurricane Ian came ashore in that area of the Gulf Coast earlier this week and caused tremendous damage in that region.



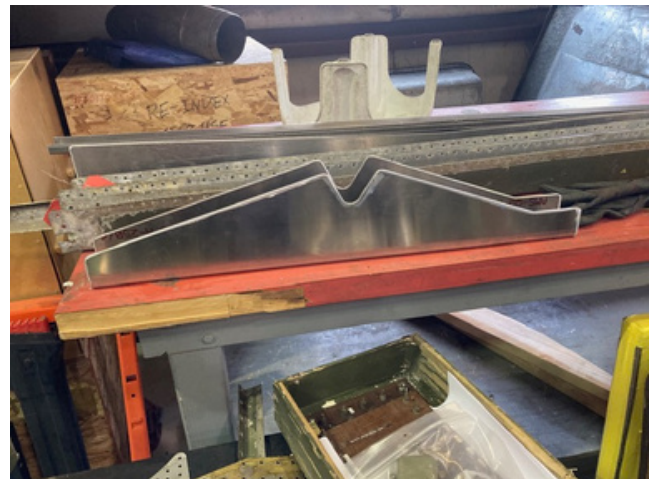
Damaged tail.



This is the first time the wing has been off since it was built in 1947.



The original piece.



The new piece designed by EAA.

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2023 Wisconsin Airports Events

July 15 Washington Island Fly-In Fish Boil

Washington Island Airport (2P2) 1100-1300

Festivities include hayrides, planes on display, and an authentic fish boil dinner with locally caught whitefish.

July 15 and 16 Shiocton Airport Fly-In

Shiocton Airport (W34) 1000-0000 Saturday 0700-dusk Sunday

Events include airplane rides, bands, food including potato and wheat pancakes for breakfast and burgers and brats for lunch. Also cash and gun raffles.

July 22 and 23 Milwaukee Air & Water Show

Milwaukee Lakefront 1000-1700

Navy Blue Angels, F-22 Raptor demo team and many other world-class air show performers.

July 23 Airport Day

New Holstein Municipal Airport (8D1) 0700-1500

Pancake breakfast, aircraft displays, Young Eagles flights, music, food, refreshments, youth activities, and Super Cub short take off and landing competition from 1300-1600.

July 24-30 EAA AirVenture

Wittman Regional Airport (KOSH)

The world's largest aviation event! All youth 18 and under are free thanks to Boeing.

July 28 Rock the Ramp

Richard I Bong Airport (KSUW) 1700

Sound Inc will be at the Lake Superior Squadron Hangar for an evening of music, food, and drinks. 60's and 70's music.

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June 30, 2023 Becomes The Busiest Day In US Aviation History

BY CHRIS LOH PUBLISHED JUL 2, 2023 in Aviation News

On June 30th, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced a new daily record for individuals screened at airports nationwide. This surpassed a record set in 2019, on the Sunday just after Thanksgiving that year. This is yet another sign that air travel has recovered from the pandemic.

On July 1st, the TSA announced that it had recorded its highest-ever number of passengers screened in a single day. Taking place on June 30th, 2023, the agency said it had screened 2,883,595 individuals at facilities across the country. This narrowly passed the previous record set in 2019. Crunching the numbers, June 30th, 2023, saw 680 more travelers screened compared to December 1st, 2019, which saw 2,882,915 individuals pass through TSA checkpoints.

Despite flights delays and cancellations taking place over the past week in the northeast corner of the country, it's a hectic time of year in the United States. June 30th was notably the Friday before the 4th of July, America's Independence Day and a national holiday. While Monday, July 3rd might be a regular work day for much of the country, it's likely that many have opted to take the day off to create an extra long weekend. In some parts of the country, such as West Virginia, July 3rd has been declared a holiday for state employees. This, combined with the summer break between academic years most schools see across North America, equates to more vacations planned at this time of year.

This new record tells us that air travel in the United States is stronger than ever. And, barring any large-scale, industry-wide disruptions, it's a record likely to be broken regularly in the years to come.

The busiest hubs were Atlanta, Dallas-Fort Worth, Charlotte, O'Hare, Denver, Houston and Newark.