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BOB AND MARLIS WILSON AT KITTY HAWK

Bob and Marlis participated in the AirVenture Cup Cross County Air Race this year with their Long EZ, race number 82. This photo was taken shortly before the start of the race at the Dare County Airport, Manteo NC, on July 27th. Bob placed fourth out of 17 entries in his class at a very respectable 190.41 MPH with a total time of 4:55.51 over the 950 statute mile course. A total of 87 planes were entered in the race, with 80 planes actually participating, possibly setting a record for number of planes participating in a cross-country air race.

Marlis flew as a passenger in a Cirrus SR22 chase plane over the race course which ran from Kitty Hawk NC to Dayton OH on day one, 529 ml, and then from Dayton OH to Oshkosh WI on day two, 421ml., The race was a timed event with speeds determined by time over the course, and classes determined by engine horsepower and fixed or retractable landing gear. The Van's RVs had their own classes, due to the large number of entries. This year there was even a seaplane class with three Seawind 3000s entered.

This year's race drew such a large number of entries since it coincided with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first successful powered flight by the Wright Brothers. Other participants from Colorado were Rob Martinson, race number 66, winner of the Sprint class in his Vari-EZ, and Dave Bieseimer, race number 86, in his Sidewinder.

AUGUST MEETING: Sat. August 9th, 7:00 PM. This month's meeting will be a recap of our Chapter member's Oshkosh trips. Bring your photos, slides, and stories to the meeting at our usual place, Erie Airport Terminal building second floor. Take Colo. Highway 7 to the Erie Airport entrance, follow the road to the terminal and park in the lot.

JULY MEETING MINUTES

The July meeting was held at Cliff and Patti Begnaud's new home/hangar at the Erie Air Park.

Pizza and drinks were provided by the Chapter and several members flew their aircraft to the meeting, including Al Manley in his Skyraider, Mark Graf, RV-6, Mas Yoshida, RV-6, and George Hayes in the Ultra Piete. Even the weather cooperated, allowing the hangar door to remain open. Thanks to all involved for making it a very enjoyable evening!

Bob Wilson gave the treasurer's report, including the financials from the Chapter's participation in the EAA's B-17 visit. Unfortunately, the figures were unavailable at press time. The business portion of the meeting was abbreviated to allow more time to view the Begnaud's new home and their RV-9 project.

New members: Troy Anderson from Longmont CO, Bob Diven from Broomfield CO, Brad Forsyth from Broomfield CO, John Juul from Broomfield CO and Matthew Shafer from Littleton CO.

Guests: Stephen Ben Majed from Ft. Lupton CO, Keith Connolly from Ft. Lupton CO, Len Loudis from Broomfield CO, Gina & Laurent Bloomquist from Arvada CO and Tom Melshimer from Berthoud CO.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 30 - Williams Ranch fly-In: Contact Bill or Mary Mitchell, 303-427-4025.

September 13 - Chapter 43 meeting: Aircraft fabric covering with Don Coleman or the Chapter Auction.

October 11 - Chapter 43 meeting: Fisher Horizon Project Visit with Greg Hall.

November 8 - Chapter 43 meeting: Chapter visit to Adam Aircraft at Centennial Airport (tentative).

December 13 - Chapter 43 meeting: Jason Hurd on Avionics nightmares discovered at your annual.

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FRIDAY

2:00 p.m.
All Afternoon
7:00 p.m.

Registration Opens
Visit Pioneer Village museum
Free Bar-B-Que for all registered guests
Courtesy of Minden Airport Board

SATURDAY

8:00 A.M.
12:00 Noon
All Afternoon

Breakfast Serving from 8-10 A.M.
Lunch Available on the Field
Fun Flying All Airplanes/Will be Judged for Awards
Judging Closes at 3:00 P.M.
Cocktail Hour Followed by Banquet & Awards

6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY

Breakfast on your own—Fun Flying and Departures
Fly-In officially closes at 12:00 (Noon)

Lodging: Pioneer Village Motel Rates \$35 to \$40. Block of rooms will be reserved.
Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-445-4447

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Williams Ranch 2003 10th ANNUAL FLY-IN

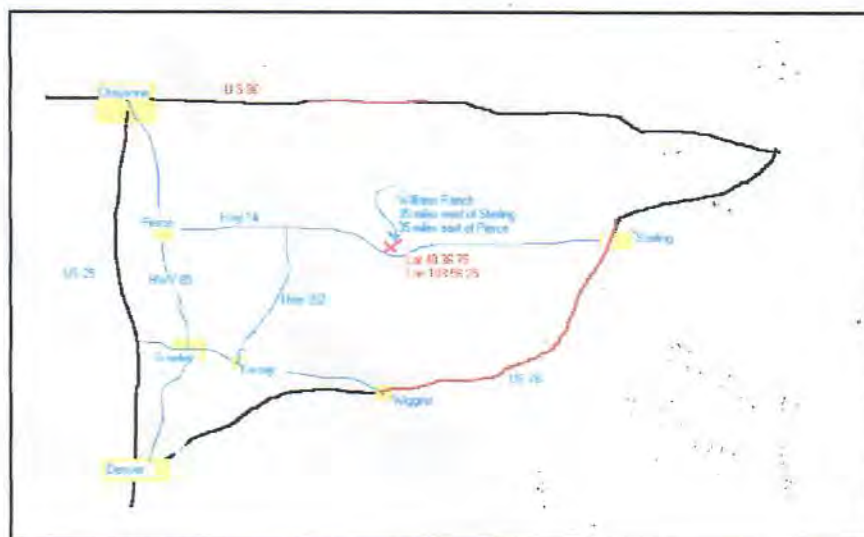
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August 30 & 31, & September 1

(Friday afternoon and evening (8/29) arrivals are ok too)

Welcome to a whole weekend of laid back flying and camping fun.

Located at New Raymer, CO on Colo. Hwy 14 midway between Sterling and Pierce. Williams Ranch on the Cheyenne sectional or plot your GPS to Lat 40 36 75 and Lon 103 56 25. Get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and join us for fun flying over the Colorado high plains.



The main strip is laid out at approximately in 09/270 direction. There are two other cross wind strips. The condition is turf (native grass). Main strip is 2800 X 70. No obstructions on either end. The ground raises slightly on both ends.

There is plenty of space for primitive camping, no hookups. Bring your own tents, lawn chairs and tie downs. We have enough cable to tie down about 30 planes, first come first served. Breakfast will be cooked Saturday and Sunday courtesy of Free Wings of Denver and Wild West UL Association. The rest of the weekend can be potluck in the hanger or enjoy your own family's cooking. We will have bonfires Saturday and Sunday night if conditions permit.

All ultralights and general aviation planes are welcome. For more information call Nancy at 970 437 5322, or Dean 303 666 7733 or Chuck at 970 330 4248.

Cosponsored by EAA Chapter 1117, EAA Chapter 720, Free Wings of Denver, and Wild West Ultralight Association.

THIS YEAR'S EPIC JOURNEY by Dave Bieseemeier

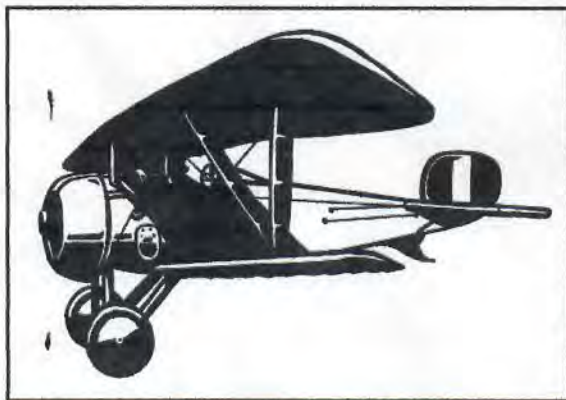
This is being written the day after I returned from EAA AirVenture 2003 and the AirVenture Cup Race mentioned on page one. The weather cooperated for the most part, with good ceilings and visibility on every leg of the trip except the departure from Oshkosh, which resulted in an unplanned stop in Wautoma WI for an hour to wait for the fog to lift. Amazing for that part of the country!

Out of the eleven points on my planned itinerary, the stop in Wautoma was the only discrepancy. There was a one day delay for weather in Dayton OH for the second leg of the race, but the next day dawned clear and bright and the trip from Dayton into Oshkosh had only a narrow band of low clouds about half way that required a minor altitude change. Oh, and the accumulation of little green bug splats at low levels where the racers like to run on that leg nearly obscured the windscreen to IFR requirements.

I left Jeffco July 23, making two overnight stops along the way in Hermann MO and Decatur AL. From there it was on to Siler City NC for gas and Manteo NC for the start of the race. After the race, we spent three days in Oshkosh and departed Oshkosh on the 1st of August with a fuel stop in York NE. Using AirNav.com before the trip was a terrific aid in finding lower cost fuel along the route. I traveled over 3960 miles in 23.8 hours in the little Sidewinder which included giving rides to friends and a side trip at Oshkosh. We weren't competitive in the race, but had a fantastic time, non-the-less!

NEW GUY IN TOWN WITH TALENTS TO TRADE

I'm Bob Diven, newly arrived at chapter 43 from chapter 555 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. I'm a "new" pilot, but a professional artist by trade, and I wanted to let folks know that my skills are available to the chapter or individuals and that I'm willing to trade for stick time or parts or help



when I get my project moved up here (a full-size Nieuport 17 biplane). I'm a sculptor and have some experience with metal work (made my own cowl), or could do nose art that would make the neighbors blush. I'm at 303 437 3086 in Arvada, e-mail at: bobdiven@zianet.com or check out my work at www.divenart.com. Here's a sample of one of my logos, but I also do oil paintings, graphics, sketches and photography. Let me know if I can be of use!

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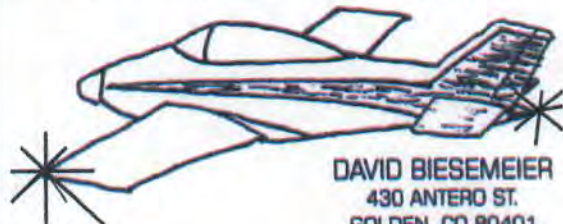
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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:
 Saturday, August 9th, **7:00PM.** Oshkosh trip reviews.