



SPEED'S NEWS

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HELLO CHAPTER 54 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Another Oshkosh has come and gone and once again the event set new records for attendance. More than 825,000 people and 15,000 planes visited the eight-day event including a record 2,053 showplanes. For the second consecutive year, Wittman Field closed to transient aircraft arrivals on opening day-- at 9 a.m. However, the FAA Tower still recorded 61,757 aircraft movements during those eight days--nearly four times busier than O'Hare Field in Chicago.

CHAPTER PICNIC

In marked contrast, our Chapter picnic was rather sparsely attended, but those who did attend had a very good time, enjoying good food, beverages and airplane rides. It is traditionally held the first Sunday after the August meeting and next year we will do a better job of publicizing this event.

MINNESOTA DELEGATION TO RETURN TO D.C.

The delegation of general aviation representatives from Minnesota that traveled to Washington last year apparently impressed FAA officials. This group will again be traveling to D.C. in a couple of weeks at the request of the FAA. The group included Darryl LeMire, Minnesota Sport Aviation Association President; Leonard Levine, the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation; Ray Rought, Director of the Office of Aeronautics; Nancy Olsen, President, MATA; Sherm Boehn, Minnesota Flyer; Tom Render, SSA & ATA; Al Brandon, CAP; Nigel Finney, Metropolitan Airports Commission; and Tony Foster, MBPA. (just don't ask me what all the initials stand for) Hopefully we will hear more details of this trip at the September meeting.



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WORLD CHAMPIONS

We recently received some great news from Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. The U.S. Men's and Women's Teams won the 1968 World Aerobatic Championships. Individually, Henry Haigh of the U.S. placed first, Kermit Weeks (U.S.) second and Yurgis Kairus (U.S.S.R.) third. Catherine Maunory of France captured the Women's individual title, followed by Ellen Dean of the U.S. and Elena Klimovich of the Soviet Union.

AND NO ONE'S FALLEN OUT YET

Gene Frank kept busy Labor Day by giving 15 Breezy rides to the general public at the same time promoting good will for Sport Aviation. Gene has now given 326 "first time" Breezy rides.

LAST AND ALSO LEAST ...

(From EAA Chapter 73's Newsletter)

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN A SMALL AIRPORT WHEN...

- You can figure out the total candle power of the runway lights by counting the candles.
- The ticket counter is a card table.
- Most of the time the metal detector's on loan to a kid looking for lost coins, and the rest of the time it's used to look for tie-down hooks.
- The hangar is a two-car garage.
- The security guard wears a flea collar and barks at cars he doesn't recognize.
- If you've seen one runway, you don't need to bother looking around for any more.
- The wind sock is on a clothesline and needs to be darned.
- Getting "cleared" for takeoff means cleaning the windshield.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., Lake Elmo Airport.