



# The Denton Flyer

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## Next Meeting:

Psssst! I am writing this from an undisclosed location. Of course, I do that every month. This month, however, it's all happening a week earlier than usual. As you know, the "Flyer" typically shows up in your mailbox a few days before the regularly scheduled meeting of EAA Chapter 661. To make that happen, the cogs and wheels begin to grind weeks before the blessed event. As you might expect, our next meeting will be on Saturday, 5 August at 1200. Moreover, we will meet at our usual location at US Aviation, 4850 Spartan Drive, on the field at KDTO, on the second floor in Classroom Bravo. Back that date up a week or so, and we're right in the middle of the pilgrimage to AirVenture. As for me, I will be in the middle of executing Operation: UBERNATOR.

## Operation: UBERNATOR

As you know, AirVenture is an opportunity to casually run into 100,000 of your closest friends on an airport in the eastern part of Wisconsin. It seems to get bigger every year. In recent years, airplanes have been turned away because they ran out of room to park them. If you plan to fly in, there are some things you can do to mitigate the risk of being turned away. One such mitigation is to arrive early. This year, my friend and colleague, Russ "Erbman" Erb plans to arrive in his plans-built Combat Bearhawk on Saturday, before the official start of AirVenture. That causes a bit of a wrinkle. The buses that shuttle folks between the airport and the university dormitories don't start running until Sunday. That is the purpose of Operation: UBERNATOR.

To be clear, UBERNATOR is an unclassified, low-level mission using public streets and highways to

transit undetected (or at least unnoticed) from KDTO to KOSH. The mission will be executed as a single ship of one Jeep Renegade, also known as the 'Tonka.' The mission is to be in place at KOSH to recover Erbman and his copilot, Glenn, and transport them and their luggage to the dormitories of the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh (UWO).



Although KOSH is 763 nautical miles from KDTO on an initial magnetic heading of 027°, the Tonka will take a more circuitous route with overnight stops in southern Illinois and central Wisconsin. The planned route will cover 1,238 statute miles with total enroute time estimated to be 18 hours and fifty minutes, or 18+50, as we like to write it.

Let me answer the question you are asking. It is a 'Combat' Bearhawk because, if you hit the pickle button on the control stick, you will hear a bomb falling in your headset – that is, if you have the master arm switch in the ARM position. During

normal operation, nothing actually falls from the aircraft. The bomb fall is only simulated – as is the gunfire.

The Tonka is equipped with autothrottle, effectively a one axis autopilot. However, it also employs the Four Wheel Terrain Following System, or FWTFS. The FWTFS ensures that the altitude of the vehicle always exactly matches the elevation of the local terrain. It is very effective. In fact, the Tonka has never climbed above nor descended below the local terrain during any operation. The fact that the Tonka is the same color as a Checker cab is purely coincidental.



After establishing a base of operations at the UWO, the team will coordinate efforts to surveil the venues at KOSH, including those dispensing root beer floats. There are T-shirts to acquire, knobs to be twisted, and buttons to be pushed. The team plans to suspend operations and egress in their respective vehicles on or about Sunday, 30 July 2023. Expect more details at the mission debrief/after action report on 5 August at the time and place noted above.

### After Action Report:

The topic of our meeting on 5 August will be a mission debrief from those who participated in AirVenture this year. We will keep the statistical reporting to a minimum. Who can keep an accurate count of how many root beer floats they had anyway! Some of us plan to fly in, so those people can talk about the arrival process from the pilot's perspective. If you were present for the last meeting, you know we heard about the arrival process from the

controller's perspective. A few of us plan to drive to KOSH. I don't know how to make a discussion of Interstate 41 and Wisconsin Route 44 sound fascinating, so expect us to gloss over those details.



If you are planning to make the pilgrimage to AirVenture this year, please takes some notes and pictures to present at the debrief. To that end, let's coordinate a Chapter 661 group photo at some point. Perhaps we could meet at the Blue Barn, under our new Chapter 661 sign. If you would like to be part of this, reach out to El Presidente Janet for further details.

### Poker Run:

If you missed it, you haven't missed it. The Poker Run has been extended to September. Make use of the magic square on the attached flyer to buy yourself a hand or two – or several. Get yourself to the five airports indicated and take selfies in the designated spots. Then, come to the chapter meeting and be prepared to wind some great prizes. I understand prizes include a simulator session in an Airbus simulator. How cool is that!?





# EAA Poker Run

WIN  
PRIZES

\$20 PER HAND  
\*NO LIMIT

July 1st at Noon Denton Airport  
US Aviation Bravo Room  
Trade your selfies for poker hands.



Fly or drive to each location within  
the month of June.  
\*Selfie must show date



ACT - Black Hawk Building  
ADM - The Line Shack  
GPM - Statue or FBO Doors  
MWL - Mineral Wells Terminal  
SLR - Red Barn Cafe



Take a selfie with our chosen  
airport identifier at each of  
the five destinations listed.

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