



LAKE IN THE HILLS, ILLINOIS

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From Matt Van Bergen, Chapter 790 President

I hope everyone that wanted to get up to Oshkosh enjoyed their time. I certainly did! I think one of the most interesting conversations I had was with an Australian company name TurbAero. TurbAero is working on a sub-400 hp turboprop engine. They are initially targeting the experimental market, but will be seeking certification for popular single engine airplanes. I talked at length about Cessna 182s, because, of course, I have a vested interest. The person there said that single engine Cessnas are on their roadmap. With about 1,000 hrs left on my Lycoming IO-540, perhaps they will have the FAA certification done in time for me to mount one of these to the firewall of my 182RG?!!



The other “cool” thing I saw was Van’s RV-15. It’s Van’s first high-wing airplane and it’s targeted for STOL. Van’s would not offer much as far as performance metrics, but the informal chatter is that it will be quite a contender—exhibiting the Van’s “total performance” specifications. It got a lot of press and I’m sure you all saw it, so no need for me to repeat it all.



Changing subjects...we shipped my daughter Claire off to Arizona State University a couple of weeks ago. With that, I decided to take a road trip! I’m actually writing this article from a “boondocking” site just outside of the Badlands National Park in South Dakota. My plans are to be on the road through the end of October. My next stop is Jackson, WY where I’ll stay a week. Then, I’ll head down to Park City, UT and visit with a college friend and his family. After they are sick of me and my dogs, I’ll head down to the Crested Butte/Vail/Breckenridge areas in Colorado. I’ll stay there for 2-3 weeks then head to southern Utah (i.e. Zion National Park) and then down into Arizona, doing a stop at the Grand Canyon, Flagstaff and Sedona. Finally, at the end of October or early November, I’ll arrive in the Phoenix area to meet up with Janet. We rented an Airbnb so that we can see Claire, attend parent’s weekend and celebrate Thanksgiving with her (Her break is too short to get back to Chicago.). Don’t worry,

I’ll be back to host our 790 holiday party at my house. But, if for some reason I don’t, Randy Sweet says he would be happy to host the party at my house, all he needs are the keys 😊.



Oh, everyone asks me, what does your wife think of this? First, I asked her to come, but she's not interested and then she said: "If you take this trip, you have to take the dogs!". So, our 15 lb. Cavapoo and my 95+ lb. male German shepherd are traveling along with me.

Now for some business. While I will continue to handle chapter communications, reminders, etc., Dave Stokes will be filling in for me at the monthly member meetings. Our Young Eagles rallies practically run without me these days with all of our great members, officers and board members, so I am confident all will be well.

Unfortunately, there's not much hands-on aviation in this trip, although I'm sure I'll stop at an airport or two and my dogs won't even care. See you all soon!



Matt



“Airplanes bring us together, but friendships keep us together.”

-Paul Poberezny



Oshkosh AirVenture 2022

Another attendance record of 650,000 people from 92 countries—but Oshkosh is much more than an airshow-



It's taking a random photo of a Van's RV-7 due to it's nice paint scheme only to find out a few weeks later that this particular aircraft was one of a three ship that flew from France to Oshkosh this year. The 3 RVs met up with a German fellow in his RV-8 during the initial segment of their journey around Greenland. Well worth a look: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRRqqFtuOGk&t=4s>



It's being 100' from a Grumman Tigercat starting up—as enjoyed by this youngster, his Dad, and his Grandfather.

It's watching the Ford Trimotor pilot “stick the tanks” to check the fuel level in between his many flights of enthusiastic passengers of all ages.



Fly-Out Scheduling

Future fly-outs will be on the third Saturday of the month. In case of a weather cancelation, they will be rescheduled to the following Saturday. Watch you email for future fly-out destinations!

Upcoming Events

Fly-Out	Saturday, August 27 at 0900	Palmyra, WI
Chapter Meeting/Cookout	Tuesday, August 23	Lake in the Hills Airport
Young Eagles Event	Saturday, September 3	Schaumburg Airport

Waypoints

- ◆ Thanks to Dean Rausch for hosting a shop visit at his home August 16. Dean is currently working on a Rotor X (previously RotorWay) helicopter. He ordered the entire set of four kits up front. Kits 3 and 4 are victims of the dreaded Back Order category. The tail section is set to be separated in preparation for the engine installation. A query to the local authorities concerning flying out of his property led to the response, “ You can do it 99 times”. One never has to look very far for humor in some form or another when flying is involved!



- ◆ Megan Pranczke shared some of the happenings for her this summer. She attended the Advanced Air Academy at Oshkosh. During the camp, she learned to weld, do sheet metal work and solved some Weight and Balance problems. She is currently enrolled at Elgin Community College as a dual credit student. Ground school for her PPL has helped with a statistics class—neat! Logged some time over Oshkosh as a bonus.



Downtown Oshkosh

View of Camp Scholler via Bell 47 Helicopter



Chapter 790 patch at EAA Museum

- ◆ August 6th was a beautiful midwestern day for a Young Eagles Event at Schaumburg Airport. A total of 39 kids enjoyed a flight with the majority of them being first time participants. Thanks to everyone for providing a great opportunity to introduce youngsters to EAA and aviation.
- ◆ One of our members, John Kinyon, highly recommends taking a look at a presentation available at Pilotsafety.org. It is a free one-hour course that is informative and engaging. The video delves into human factors that affect the safe operation of an aircraft such as decision fatigue, task saturation, etc. One of the True or False questions asks if human beings are capable of multi-tasking. The answer is false—we are not capable of multi-tasking.
<https://pilotsafety.tv/Accidents>

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