



EAA Chapter 919 Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE!

EAA Chapter 919 Monthly Meeting. 08-21-09 at 7:00 PM at Rushford Airport (55Y)!

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Membership (single or family!)
(\$15.00 annually)

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FAA PRIVATE PILOT QUESTION OF THE MONTH....

To set the high intensity runway lights on medium intensity, the pilot should click the microphone seven times, then click it

A: five times.

B: three times.

C: one time.

What aircraft is this?



Dan Bass's Escoupe ...FLYING AGAIN!



RUSHFORD DAYS FLY-IN 2009



(Photos from the Rushford Days, 2009 Fly-In continue on the next page...)

Well even with some “not-so-perfect” weather, Lori and her crew whipped up a BEAUTIFUL breakfast for all of those who attended. Many flew in (23 planes!) and many others came on two and four wheels!

Over 19 dozen eggs were scrambled (thanks Kwik-Trip for the donation!), countless sausage cooked, and 12 loaves of bread were turned into delicious Cinnamon French Toast (nice job chef Rob!).

To everyone that assisted (cooks, grounds crew, marshaller’s, etc)...thanks for making this a success! And the **BIGGEST** thanks goes out to all of the pilots that came in here, despite the weather, and enjoyed the meal. For it is them that really make the event possible!

So what is next for EAA Chapter 919? Besides attending many of the area’s local events and fly-ins, we need to get ready for the Annual Fall Color PPC/Experimental Aircraft Fly-In! Oct. 9th, 10th, and 11th. More to follow in upcoming months!



OSHKOSH Air Venture 2009

Well for me it is over. OK, sort of!

Helen and I left early on Saturday the 25th of July. We wanted to leave that early (the show does not even officially open till Monday!) so that if we had any trouble with the motor-home, we would have ample daylight to be able to remedy the problem. And frankly, we were both excited about getting there, and getting set-up. An added "plus" would be for us to secure a location big enough for all of EAA 919 Chapter members that were coming at various times.

As for the motor-home? She ran flawlessly! Amazing what a new engine in an old 1988 rig will do! Getting set-up was a piece of cake. That is, once you understood what the fire lane was. What the dead lines of grass meant. Which side of the road allows you to park either parallel or perpendicular to the main road. All these things we learned in about 15 minutes of our arrival. So with awnings still hanging out, we proceeded "VERY SLOWLY" across



Stitts Blvd, to the west side where we really need to be!

On Sunday other members of the Winona EAA Chapter began arriving. First was Tom Owen. Then Allen Berg. Followed by Tom Lee (we found Tom taking a "cat nap" at the entrance of our motor-home outside!) and finally, Walt Kelly. Seems everyone made it when they pretty much said they would! Bill Davidson was coming Wednesday.

For those of you that have attended "Oshkosh" before, you know how important a scooter or bicycle is. If nothing else, at least a good pair of walking shoes! This year we took the Honda Trail 90, as well as good shoes and did that ever help. We would take off for the show around 8:00 AM or so. Walk until about 1:00 PM. Head back to the motor-home for a little lunch and a break only to go again at 3:30 for "round two"!

Sunday night Helen, Tom Owen, Allen, and I went to the Fly-In Theater. That was pretty neat! Never before had I ever seen an inflatable movie screen...especially not one as large as this one! That same evening I received a call from Chapter member Lowell Finseth. It seems that Lowell was stuck in Mauston WI due to bad weather. Did I mention weather yet? Well



every evening so far it rained around the supper hour. And the winds were

moderate to very gusty during the day! For us on the ground it was great as by suppertime we were back at the campsite and the winds kept all of the bugs away. But for Lowell...

A little later he called to let me know that he now had made it as far as Adams County Airport. But again, he was stopped due to rain showers between he and us. "Doing the math" I calculated that if he made it to Oshkosh on Sunday night, it would be pretty close to the 8:00 PM cutoff time for incoming flights. Well...7:55 PM and Lowell was on the ground, at Oshkosh!

Monday was a typical day at Oshkosh. Except that it was now officially opened! Pulling out my notes that I had, I was able to locate all but one vendor that I had hope to visit (and yes...to spend a few dollars with as well). But I now have a good supply of "O" rings for my Rotax, and also an additional RAM Mount component! Now when it come to shopping, Tom Owen wins "hands down"! Check out the photo in one of the upcoming pages that shows Tom next to the "little" snow-blower that he wanted to buy! He thought he might need it for doing sidewalks in Trempealeau!

I also found the airplane that I wanted to



buy. Made in Australia, looks like the front end of a helicopter, and has a pusher prop. Perfect open visibility for photography! (see above).

Monday evening, Helen and I were just getting ready to leave the comforts of the motor-home for more sight seeing. And just as we were getting up we spotted Mike and Barb Thern! So they came in and we had a great conversation. Shortly thereafter the rest of the camp site group showed up, so now we had eight of us inside. Yes...you guessed it...Lowell called and he was invited over to the site too! Lowell plus three of his friends! So it was a little crowded, but a good time was had by everyone there.

Our plans for Tuesday morning were for Helen and I to get up early, and to go to the Tall Pines Café for breakfast. At 7:00 AM we left the camp site and by 7:15 AM I was walking past the Thern tent where I whispered slightly loudly "Morning guys"! My guess is that they never heard us.

After the breakfast Helen and I finished our shopping, and our last picture taking. Time to head back to the motor-home and close her up. I had to attend a commitment on Wednesday so Tuesday was going to be our last day at Air Venture 2009.

At about 2:00 PM we backed into our driveway in Winona and offloaded our bounty.

Remember my first sentence in this story about Air Venture being "sort of over" for me this year? Well now I get to read all of the material that I had acquired from Oshkosh . And that will take at least a month or so! So no, Oshkosh is not quite over. And the memories will last a long, long time!

Next year we'll do it all over again. With one exception. And that is that we do plan on staying a little longer so that we can see more of the actual air-shows themselves. They look super! Remember, last week in July, 2010!

So to all that want to join us next year...just look for the tree that is in the middle of the road on Stitts Blvd! See you there!











The correct answer to the **QUESTION OF THE MONTH** is "A"



What Would You Do!!!

Your on "final for 30", ready to start your flare when all of a sudden, and right before your eyes you see four BIG geese jump up from sleeping, **RIGHT ON THE RUNWAY!!!**

Be aware that the Winona MN (ONA) airport in an area that is home to ducks, geese, sand-hill cranes, deer, fox and coyote.

Just be prepared!

A "Short" Story!

On Thursday the 6th of Aug. I decided to take the Challenger out for a "short" flight. So after departing "36" I headed east for the "short" trip to Kriesel's Airport. Setting up for a "short" field landing everything looked great. But man, the strip looked narrow! Anyway I didn't realize exactly how narrow it was, nor did I realize how tall the corn was! And remember...I have a "short" plane! Berries on the left, and corn on the right. And maybe 8" total width on each side to spare.

After I landed I looked at the wing and sure enough, there was a "short", cut blade of corn leaf on the wing-tip!

"Sky Ranger CY" was circling above me and he convinced me to fly to Holland Airpark and meet his daughter. So I set-up for a "short" field take-off and up my plane went.



I followed "Charlie Yankee" into Holmen for a nice evening flight, where I met Chuck's daughter. But after a "short" conversation it was time to leave and head back to the home base.

A mere 15 minutes later I was in the pattern at ONA, ready to land and to make a "short" entry in my log-book.

Lesson learned? Stay out of Kriesel's Airport until the corn gets cut real "short"!
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