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OSHKOSH 2013 WRAP-UP

If there was anything to complain about at Airventure 2013, it sure wasn't the weather! We probably had the closest you could come to perfect. The daytime temps were in the mid 70's with an occasional creep toward 80. The nights dipped into the low to mid 50's which were great as long as you had a warm sleeping bag. We really dodged the extreme temperature bullet, and if that was not enough, we missed the big, tent-wrecking thunder-boomers that we always seemed to get.

It seemed the big attractions this year were the appearance of Jet Man and the early screening of the movie "Planes". I was a little disappointed in Jet Man's performance. It was so doggone high. He left the helicopter at 6500 feet. He was a speck for the powered portion of his flight, and if you took your eyes from him for a second, you would spend the next half minute or so just trying to find him again. Of course I understood the need for him to stay high. Still, a low pass would have been cool! (If not downright dangerous!) Thanks to the 50X zoom on my trusty Canon, I was able to catch this shot. Still took some cropping.



"Planes" on the big Fly-in Theater screen was great. Lucky we got our chairs set up way early. The theatre was packed. At one point they were turning people away. Later, they moved some fencing which allowed for more folks to come in. Supper that night meant a one hour wait in the pizza line outside the theatre. Oh well, you can't have everything.

I believe most of us were there to look at airplanes and Airventure never disappoints. I always seemed to be drawn to the vintage and homebuilts. I made a way-too-fast trip through the warbirds. This year was a shopping year, which meant spending too much time in the commercial buildings. Still, it's a great place to touch and feel the hardware and gadgets you want for your project. There were even some model airplane distributors present. I may have found my next R/C model project. (Can you spell D-R-O-N-E?) There was something for everyone. What a week! Sure went by fast!



THE PREZ SEZ.....

The August meeting was pretty lightly attended but we had one anyway. We just gabbed a bit about Oshkosh and how nice the weather was and how the food was better this year. WE did have a large group of members attend and camp together this year. We will have a report on the Ford stop at the September meeting. We had a demonstration of a USB borescope that you connect to your PC. It is available online for around 20 bucks and does a great job That's all from here.

Kevin

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ABOVE.....HMMM.....I'VE SEEN THAT RV-4 SOMEWHERE BEFORE. IT LOOKS STRANGELY FAMILIAR.....BUT IT'S PARKED KINDA FUNNY. YOU'VE HEARD THE STORY OF WRONG WAY CORRIGAN. I WONDER IF THIS RV MADE IT HOME BY WAY OF CALIFORNIA?

LEFT

HERE'S ANOTHER FAMILIAR BIRD. I GUESS IT HAD TO RETURN FOR SOME MORE FAME AND FORTUNE. IT WAS WELL DESERVED



DAY ONE...GOOD TO BE HERE!



WE WERE PACKED IN TIGHT!

KEVIN GASSERT'S A-LINER



ONLY THE BEST FOR AIRVENTURE CAMPERS



UNCLE TOM'S CABIN



HAPPY CAMPERS!



'NOTHING' LIKE AN OSHKOSH SHOWER!



JULIE AND CALEB.....HOW MANY MOMS WOULD DO THIS? GREAT!



HANGAR FLYING AROUND THE NIGHTLY FIRE



IT'S THE BEER BALL!



GOOD FOOD UNDER THE BEER BALL



JONATHAN, KEVIN AND MIKE READY TO GO!



PAT SAYS "SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME!"



MIKE LOOKS LIKE HE HAD A GOOD WEEK!



JETMAN ON FINAL!





THE MUSEUM.....A GOOD PLACE TO BE WHEN THE WX GOES SOUR!



IT'S DUSTY!



DUSTY DOIN' HIS THING!



A RARE PBY CATALINA



ALWAYS LOTS OF HOMEBUILTS!



PACKIN' FOR HOME...IT'S OVER!