

TAILWINDS



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974
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IN THIS EDITION

THE STORY OF ERCOUE N23343 RESTORATION IN PICTURES

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AROUND THE FIELD

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ERCOUPE N23343, AN ERCOUCPE LOVE STORY

Ercoupe N23343 was lovingly and beautifully restored by Ercoupe guru Kevin Gassert, assisted by Mike Wood and Al Kenkel, over the past 2+ years. This story was originally to be about a special purchase by a couple. That did not happen, but having gathered quite a few pictures during the restoration, I felt it was a story that still needed to be told. This is a story of perseverance, skill, and lots of time. A picture is worth a thousand words, so how much is seven pictures worth? Such beautiful work does not deserve to be a hangar queen but to be flown and seen by those who admire vintage aircraft. Congratulations Kevin on a job well done! Photos: Al Kenkel and ed.



8/17 KEVIN PRESSURE WASHES RECENT FIND



MIKE AND KEVIN INSTALL NEW PANEL



NEEDED CLEAN-UP AND INSPECTION



MOMENT OF TRUTH—FIRST ENGINE RUN!



MIKE REMOVES- WING WALK



POLISHER AL KNOWS HOW!



SECOND MOMENT OF TRUTH—FIRST FLIGHT!



SEE THE WINDOW REFLECTION?

Lunken Days appeared to draw a record crowd this year. EAA's Aluminum Overcast was there. Also, appearing was the Hulu "Catch 22" movie B-25. Renamed "Yankee Doodle" it was our local "Axis Nightmare" in disguise as bombardier Yossarian's ship. Lower right, your editor couldn't resist making a statement that Yossarian was right. Everyone was trying to kill him.

Photos:
ed. and
Al kenkel



MIKE AND KEVIN FEED THE CROWD!



NICE HEAD SHOT ALUMINUM OVERCAST!



BOB & BRIAN WITH CINCINNATI KID



YOUR EDITOR IS A CATCH 22 JUNKIE!

MORE LUNKEN DAYS 2019

Lunken Days was hosted by the Cincinnati Warbird Squadron 18 with able assistance by members of EAA Chapter 974 who hold memberships in both organizations. Thanks go to both for their hard work and making everyone feel welcome.!



AL AND BRIAN'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE!



FOR THE HARD WORK OF DOING THIS

AL AND BRIAN GOT TO DO THIS



PHOTOS: BRIAN CHARLTON, AL KENKEL

2019 TAIL DRAGGER FLY-IN AT RED STEWART FIELD



Photos: ed.



Above, left and right, Tim Morris is preparing to test fly Bill Conn's Fly Baby. Bill has put a lot of effort into restoring it to airworthy condition, including replacing the engine. Test flights reported to be going well.

Right and lower pictures left and right, saying good bye to our late member Paul Kurtz's Lancair. A party from California purchased it, and chapter members were recruited to remove the wings and load the truck. Someone bought a beautiful project to finish!
Photos: Barry Fear, Charles Nagle, Ray Parker



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EAA Chapter Board Meeting

Called meeting to order at 6:10pm

Treasurer report:

Income - \$714.23

Expenses - \$0.00

Balance - \$5643.47

Guest speaker for Gathering - Helicopter Deputy Sheriff

Martha Lunkin - Possible upcoming speaker

Sept 14th Young Eagles, still planned, but may not be a large crowd.

Old business:

Al Fullerton No longer at Butler County Airport - Need a Secretary at the upcoming elections.

Reminder about Christmas party get head count

New Business:

Al Fullerton donated a trash can.

Meeting adjourned 6:40pm

Respectfully Submitted, Joey Shreve, Chapter VP

2019 WACO FLY-IN

This was my first trip to 1WF, WACO Field, and their annual fly-in. I found this to be a special event. There is a museum dedicated to the history of WACO aka Weaver Aircraft Company. During the day, there was an aerial parade of sorts, a series of WACO fly-bys. The sound of those round engines was like music! What really set this even apart was that there were things to do on the field. You could visit the museum, look at historic aircraft and watch them fly. There was an RC model demo which I was sorry to miss. There were also three great food trucks. This was a great fly-in! I'll be back! Photos: ed.



FRENCH LICK FISH FRY FLY-IN

This weekend was great for fly-ins and the big ones for us were French Lick and WACO in Troy. I don't have too much information about the French Lick Fly-in but thanks to Steve Melton, we have pictures. Looks like a good turn out and the French Lick field looks very nice. Rumor has it that the fish ran out early. Otherwise, it looked like a great day at French Lick. (Thanks Steve!)

Photos: Steve Melton

