



July 2020

PROGRAM:

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WHEN: JULY Thursday 9th MEETING ~7pm

KMIW EAST HANGARS

WHAT'S FLYIN' THIS WAY !!!

Our July meeting has traditionally been our Ice Cream Social month, but considering we are still under social distancing rules, probably not a good idea to share homemade ice cream, HOWEVER....Why not store bought ice cream??

So YES, we will have our Ice Cream Social Distancing Social. All ice cream will be provided. Just bring yourselves and have fun. There will be an official dipper with gloves and mask to serve up the ice cream, plus there will be many single serve cups already prepared if you so choose. Vanilla and chocolate will be available. Spoons, bowls and napkins will also be provided. It will arrive between 6:30 and 7 pm so come and enjoy ice cream on a hot summer day. And don't forget your chairs!

Now, one other thing...This is Oshkosh Month but alas, no Oshkosh. So here is what we can do about it. Everyone who has one, wear your Oshkosh/AirVenture tee-shirt to the meeting. Any year will do. If you don't have a shirt, maybe an Oshkosh pin or sticker on your shirt. Let's have fun with this and make it look like we are Oshkosh bound!!

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WHAT FLEW BY !!!

We had a good meeting last month at our "Selfie Potluck" which meant, bring your own food. Those who participated were happy to get back in a spread out group to chat and hangar talk. No real business to deal with. Just good fellowship with like minded airplane folk. Thanks to Lorin Miller for opening up his hangar.





CALENDAR

Please note that most previous happenings in this column have been cancelled just prior to the event. If you plan to attend one listed below, it would be advisable to call ahead to make sure it is still scheduled to take place.

Thursday, July 9 EAA Chapter 675 at KMIW Doin' Ice Cream

Sunday, August 2

Cresco Municipal- Ellen Church Field (CJJ) Fly-in Breakfast Pilots and passengers eat free 7:30 a.m. – noon 563-547-3434 (Jason Passmore) Email: jason@howard-county.com Website: www.crescochamber.com

Saturday, Aug. 8 - Sunday, Aug. 9

Spencer Municipal Airport (SPW) Doug Yost Aerobatic Challenge (aerobatic contest) Minnesota Cloud Dancers - IAC Chapter 78 8 a.m daily 515-991-0866 (Sara Arnold) Email: Sarnold969@gmail.com Website: www.iac78.org/contest

Saturday, Aug. 8

Council Bluffs Municipal Airport (CBF) Great Plains Wing CAF Flight Breakfast Military Museum will be open Breakfast: 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. 402-981-4633 (Jeff Hutcheson) Email: jeffhutcheson3@gmail.com

Saturday, September 19

Grinnell Regional Airport (GGI) Fly-in breakfast/Grand Reopening 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. 641-236-0188 (Ron Lowry) Email: lowrymotorsports@iowatelecom.net

Saturday, September 26

Chariton Municipal Airport (CNC) Fly-in breakfast 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. PIC and passengers eat free 641-203-9744 (Nathan Alexander) Email: friendsofcnc@yahoo.com

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Member News

C-172 Birthday

The Cessna 172 had a birthday recently. Number 65. Cessna decided to modify a Cessna 170C with a tricycle landing gear and assorted other modifications. This modified Cessna 170C flew as a type certificated Model 172 on June 12, 1955. The first production model was in 1956 and was given its own type certificate as a Cessna 172. It became an overnight success and since then over 44,000 Skyhawks have been built. Not a bad record. For the 100s of thousands of pilots

that began flight training in these planes, a grand salute to everyone for learning how to fly, even if it was not in a Skyhawk.



Garry Brandenburg with his shared Skyhawk

Voisin 35 Update...

Gas tank has been cleaned and installed with new fuel lines. Radiator has been re-configured and the engine is plumbed. Fluids are in and there are no leaks. On Friday the 3rd of July a silent "Contact!!" was yelled and no go. (sigh). Hopefully by our meeting on Thursday the new fuel pump will be installed. The 15 year old original is all gummed up like the fuel tank was before it was cleaned. Here is a photo of the re-configured radiator and hoses.



THE UNITED STATES NAVY BLUE ANGELS ARE SUSPENDING LOL!! **OPERATIONS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS BECAUSE THE PILOTS MUST MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 6-FEET FROM ONE ANOTHER DEMONSTRATIONS BY** (Hey, don't THEU.S. AIR FORCE blame the editor... THUNDERBIRDS Airforce Vet, WILL NOT BE Paul Adams AFFECTED. sent this in!)

A "Hardley" Fond Memory of Oshkosh

With no Oshkosh AirVenture happening this year, if you are like me, you are going through some withdrawal. The Oshkosh event has been a big part of my and my family's summer for 41 years. For example if you also count all the Berlin Express work parties, I have lived on the Whitman Airport for over one and a half years. Our typical stay during AirVenture was ten to eleven days.

My two boys grew up there as kids. Both are now involved in some way with aviation and I believe it was partly due to their immersion in the Oshkosh event each year. One crazy statistic is I have had my last 41 birthdays on Whitman field during AirVenture. So yep, having some withdrawal. But the withdrawal hasn't been all bad. With so many years and days at Oshkosh I have many many great memories. So I sat down and tried to figure out the best memory. Not possible. So I said how about the best memory that was also funny. Lots of those but at least I found one to write about.

It was a few years back and of course Deanna and I with some grand kids had gone up the week before. We always enjoy the slow relaxing start. Dan and Megan were to fly up after work on Friday night so I decided to go out and spend time riding around the show area and keep an eye out for when they arrived. Dan was flying his good looking Tripacer.



I 'was riding my "Hardley". Some of you know what the "Hardley" is, but not all.

Many years ago, about 15 now, I wanted a welding project to practice on in preparation for building the Double Eagle. I decided to build a scooter that I could also use at Oshkosh, kinda killing two birds with one stone. Had a blast designing and building the scooter. Once finished, I needed to name it and came up with "Hardley". A take off on "Harley Davidson" I picked "Hardley" because it was hardly a Harley and it later morphed into hardly good for anything for some unknown reason. But it has been a consistent ride at Oshkosh and still is, plus it has it's own set of stories. For example the two women who stopped me and wanted my picture with me sitting on it. Although it never appeared on the front cover of "Easy Rider Magazine", like a good EAA'r I put on my best "Hardley" pose. Anyway, up there's a picture of my mighty steed with a grand daughter trying it on for size while it is still attached to the camper.

So back to the show line. It was getting later in the evening and I am lost in enjoyment in one of my favorite places and I see Dan's Tripacer on final. I know where he wants to park and I motor over to the general area out on the show area and sit watching his landing. He lands and pulls off on the



grass and for some unknown reason to me, sits there. I ride out a little farther and take my hat off and wave at him and turn to lead him to his camp site. He motors up and off we go. We get him parked and they exit the plane. His second comment after responding to my "welcome to Oshkosh" is "man am I glad you were there". He explains the sitting I witnessed a few minutes before.

It turns out that you can not taxi to a camp site after what I remember is 7:00 pm. The "normal" escort folks that work the flight line don't work after 7:00 pm thus all incoming traffic must go to Basler Aviation the local FBO for the night.

The problem Dan had was they were going to camp in a tent. It is hard to drive tent stakes in the concrete tarmac at Basler, get the picture? So as Dan was having this conversation with the tower about going to Basler and the issues involved with that, guess who drives up on his "Hardley"? Me. Dan says the controller says "oh never mind there is a flight line escort there for you go ahead and taxi to your camp site". That's when I lead him like I knew what I was doing, after all I had years of watching them do this. So after his story update about the control tower conversation we proceed in putting up his tent.

Shortly after we start we see a golf cart speeding towards and we look at each other and say we are in deep yogurt now and plan the forgiveness speech.

The golf cart pulls up and says "need any tie downs? Dan says "nope, brought my own". They say "welcome to Oshkosh" and drive off. As usual it was a great time had by all! And what else can I say about the "Hardley"; Priceless!

An after thought. Wonder if we could have pulled that off with the recent replacement for the "Hardley" I built and designed? That being the "Turquoise Terra Firma Traveler"

better known as the "Trike" I think so!

