

Welcome to the AYA 2012, Oshkosh, Convention Daily Coverage

Thanks to everyone who contributed photos: Annie Rubino, Mary Lou Erikson, Bob Gibson, Don Metz, Gregg Erikson and Heidi Warner.

A special Thank You to all the volunteers.



Dawn on Monday morning. About 30 planes are already at the convention site.
The Hilton Garden Inn, behind the planes, is our host hotel.



Ron preparing to leave on Dawn Patrol.



Everyone who volunteers at the convention will receive one of these convention pins to display. Besides making the convention fun, you will make new friends by volunteering. Opportunities are available.



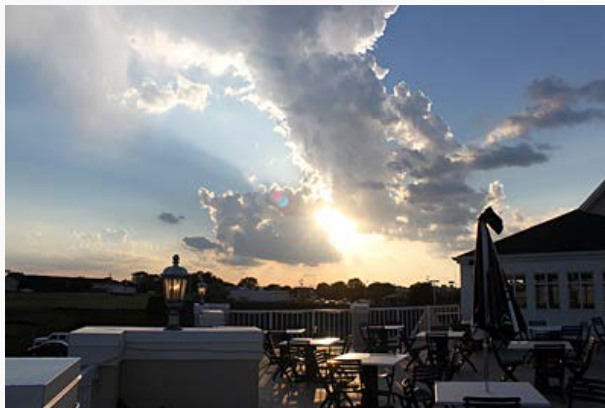
A few other members have decided on the Dawn Patrol also.



Monday's Board meeting



The First Timers Reception was hosted by Cliff Dougherty and his team. Members of the Board were introduced and a short course on having fun was presented.



Sunset over the second floor observation deck.
There was rain later but we dodged the severe thunderstorms that went through Green Bay.



A couple of nefarious looking gentlemen(?) crashed the reception.
Security quickly escorted them out.



Convention Chairman Gregg Erickson addressing the Welcome Reception.



Some of the crowd at the Welcome Reception.



Leo Scherping is presented the Scholarship 50-50 draw winnings by Scholarship Administrator Patricia Metz. He generously donated the \$170 back to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you Leo. And thanks to everyone who bought tickets.



Past President, and all around nice guy, Nigel Thomas, was presented with an aptly decorated t-shirt depicting his activities regarding the Grumpy Gang.





Walt Porter won the miniature golf tournament, narrowly beating out Bonnie Porter by one stroke.



The flour bombing event was held Tuesday morning,



When team leader Garner Rice needs to get on his bicycle to



Monday evening saw 57 planes in the flight line.



This try was a little closer...

retrieve the bomb you know your chances of winning are pretty slim.



Garner's little bomb factory. Mary Lou managed to find cow patterned bags, to this she added a tail and face. Way to go.



The spot landing event was also held Tuesday morning.



This one looks even better...the team of Cliff Daugherty and Bob Hess were the winners. Congratulations.



It was a shame to throw these out of the plane...



Jim Drobny found the mark to win this year. Congratulations.



Ken Blackman judged the Best Exterior category. Paul Cook is this year's winner.



These judges look pretty serious, must be a close decision.



Looks like some Firewall Forward judges at work. Dean White cleaned up in a closely fought battle.



I am not sure if Judge Stew was happy to see me or happy that was the last plane needing judged.



The team that works together is the team that stays together.



Of course the activities run much smoother with a good Groundboss team. Ron Mowery volunteered yet again to look after making sure everyone got into and out of parking safely for activities.



Ron meets with new arrivals, the Warners.



Bill Scott from Precision Engine conducts the Handpropping class. There definitely is a need to handprop in a safe way.



Even the ladies got involved with this lesson.



Brian Stirr presented an update on Swift Fuels' 100LL replacement progress, sounds promising.



Ken Blackman presented a class on how to properly adjust the cowl pins on the 2 and 4-place planes to get a proper fit.



Bob Gibson ran into Rod Hightower at lunch time in Culvers, small world. Rod is the president of the EAA.



Chairman Gregg addressing the Ice Cream Social prior to the General Meeting.



President Adams opening the Business Meeting.



Karen and Stew, Secretary/Treasurer team, giving the state of the budget address.
We are now pretty much balanced on the budget now.



Don, Editor and ESD, updating on the Star and progress on the new web site.



What is convention without door prizes...



Mary Lou and Bonnie came up with a pretty good selection.
Having 800+ vendors on the field for Airventure certainly helped.



Following the meeting the Scholarship Auction started. Auctioneer Walt, Scholarship director Pat, and Matt displaying a donated pair of Hazebusters.



Another happy customer. Over \$2700 was raised for the Scholarship Fund this year.



Wednesday morning started out with a heavy dew.



Damp tail art.



Ground crew briefs to keep everyone safe.



Pretty close, but not close enough.



The winner, Dan Schmitz, was only a couple of inches from dead center.



This year's Precision Taxi had a little different twist on the eggs. In commemoration of being in Wisconsin (cheese country) electronic cheese slices were developed. A direct hit would light up the cheese slice.





Kelly Wallace cleaned up with 7 direct hits.



Even a gentle nudge can tip the limbo poles. The winner was able to thread the needle all the way down to wingspan minus 3".



A new contest this year was the Grumman Limbo. Initially the Limbo poles are placed at wingspan plus four feet.



Kat Wells was the winner at wingspan minus 3". This is possible because our wingtips will gently push the limbo poles without tipping them. It was amazing to watch.



Chip from the KOSH tower giving the Tuesday morning briefing. The tower staff were great to deal with.

Map Folding, during Hurricane Richard.



Karen Koch, Map Folding, presented by Richard Hayden.



Anne Marie and Mike Radel ran the Tach Check. The winner was- everyone who now know how far out their tachometers are.



Leo Scherping with Mike Babin, Name That Part, Amateur category winner.



Once again Ken Blackman won the Name That Part, Professional category.



John Sjaardema from Excel Air Services presenting a seminar on Grumman Problems. John and some of his staff also replaced an alternator, replaced a prop and did a partial tear-down per the AD after a prop strike, and repaired a faulty exhaust. John was also on the Ask the Experts panel and brought along his traveling maintenance horror show. He was a busy man, thank you.



The lady pilots at the convention got together for lunch one day.



Some of the ladies checked out some of the local Oshkosh history.



Karen Wilson and Carol Adams getting ready for convention registration.



Guy Warner's presentation on the Garmin 796, works well in the Grumman line with the Warner Mount- a blatant plug for Guy...



Tour of the Weeks Hangars.



Ask The Experts, Ken Blackman, AirmodsNW, Bill Scott, Precision Engines and John Sjaardema, Excel-Air Services.





Spot Landing won by Jim Drobny, presented by Bill Daly.



Best Firewall Forward winner, Dean White, presented by John Sjaardema.



Best Interior, won by Steve Peach, see photo to the right...
presented by Dan Rubino.





Flour Bombing, Bob Hess and Cliff Daugherty, presented by Garner Rice.



Best Avionics Suite, Paul Cook.



Best 4-Place, pre-90s, won by Karen and Christopher Koch, presented by judges Karen Wilson and Sharon Spence.



People's Choice winner, owned by Buddy Cox.



Best Avionics Suite won by Paul Cook, presented by Bob Gibson.



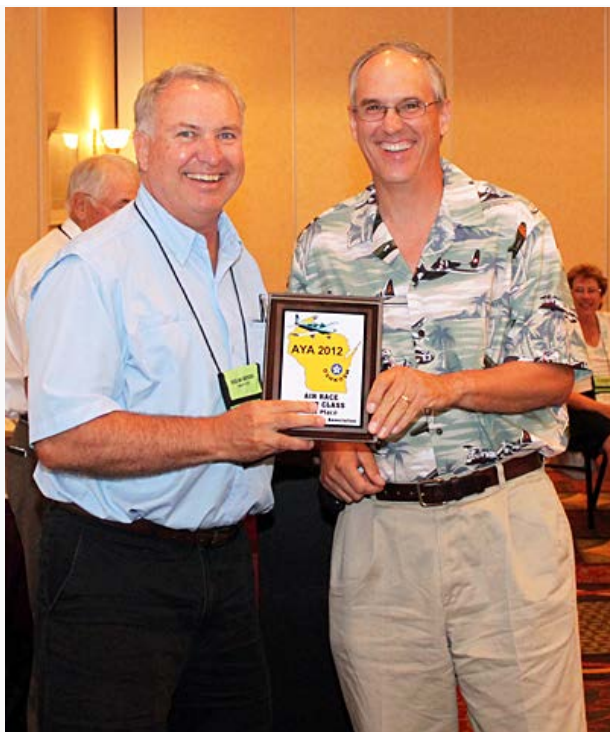
Best Exterior won by Paul Cook, presented by Ken Blackman.



Even if you don't do well in the Name That Part event you could win a calendar from last year...



David Beaman with Lucas Fifer, winner of the 2 place Air Race, 109.8kts.



David Beaman with Walt Porter, winner of the Tiger class, Air Race- 140.8kts.



David Beaman with Sandra Maurer, winner of the Cheetah class, Air Race, 134kts.



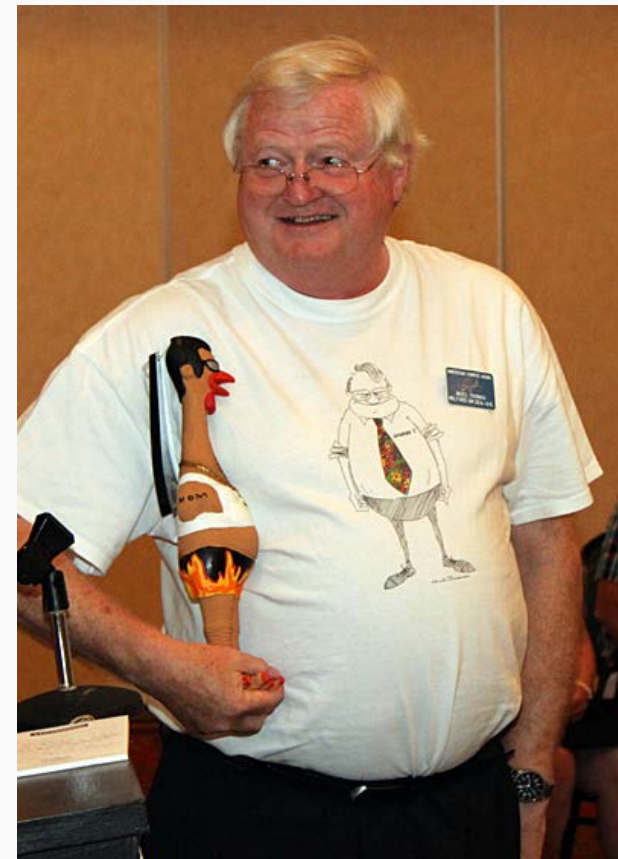
Fritz Parker, longest distance in a 2 Place- 369nm.



Anne Marie and Mike Radel, longest distance in a 4 place, 1497nm.



Ken Blackman with Best 2 Place winner Lucas Fifer.



Ni Thomas with a special 'Whirlygig' award. Yes, Earlvis is alive and well and living on a Calidus Gyrocopter in England. Ask Ni for details.



Mark MacDonald with Air Rally winners Kathy Paul and RaDann Dawson.



Mike Babin with Combined Event winners Anne Marie and Mike Radel.



Newest Licensed Pilot Carolyn Parkins.



Oldest Licensed Pilot Bill Wilcox.



John Brouillette with Rigged Pre-Flight winner Dan Baisley.



Convention Chairman Gregg and Mary Lou Erikson.



Convention Co-Chairman Annie and Dan Rubino.



Convention Co-Chairman Carol and Steve MacCabe.

AYA 2012 VOLUNTEERS	
Event, Chairman	Event, Chairman
Air Boss: Walt Porter	Asst. Air Boss: Charlie Adams
Ground Boss:Ron Mowery	Asst. Ground Boss: Graham Smith, Cindy Mowery, Steve and Austin Dalton, Joe Gugel, Chris Beck, Pat and Ian Lenart

Precision Taxi: Guy Warner	Precision Taxi helpers: Stew and Karen Wilson, Heidi Warner
Grumman Limbo: Bob Gibson	Air Rally: Mark and Dian MacDonald
Spot Landing: Bill and Cindy Daly	Spot Landing helpers: Steve Peach
Flour Bombing: Garner Rice	Flour Bombing helpers: Lynn Walters, Scott Sanders, Susan Dollar, Paul Cook,Dan Schmitz, Steve Peach, Mark and Dian MacDonald Bill and Carol Scott, Karen Wilson, Carol Adams
Air Race: David and Susan Beaman	Air Race Turn Points (4): Lynn Walters, Kelly Wallace, Chris Koch, Jim Viola Jr. and Sr.
Combined Event: Mike Babin	Combined helpers (5): Liz Holland, Charlie and Carol Adams, Kat Wells Scott Sanders and Susan Dollar, Ron Levy, Nigel Thomas
Broken Towbar: Did not hold event, rain	Safety: Ron Levy
Spot Parking: Garry Chellette	Spot Parking helpers: Sandra Maurer, Garth Barnes
Tach Check: Anne Marie and Mike Radel	Rigged Pre-Flight: John Brouillette
Rigged Pre-Flight helpers: Jim Hamel, Sharon Spence, Louise Brouillette	Name That Part: Leo Scherping
Map Folding Richard Hayden	Map Folding helpers: Allen Hayden
Cockpit Cool: James Viola	Cockpit Cool CFI's: Ron Levy, Mike Babin, Terry Cox, Yogi Beck
Aircraft Judging: Ken Blackman and Gregg Erikson	Aircraft Judging helpers: Guy Warner, Bob Gibson, Cliff Dougherty, Dan Rubino, Barry Redmayne, Sharon Spence, Stew and Karen Wilson, Mick Beebe, John Sjaardema, Charlie Adams
First Timers Reception: Bob Hess and Cliff Daugherty	Van Drivers Chairman: Dan Rubino
Van Driver helpers: Bill and Cindy Daily, Nigel Thomas, Barbara Smith, Steve and Carol MacCabe, Jim Drobny, Jorg Herbert, Mark and Kelly Matthews, Stew Wilson, James Hamel, Sharon Spence, Dennis King, Chris and Karen Koch, Ed Manning, Larry Olsen	Photographers: Annie Rubino, Mary Lou Erikson, Bob Gibson, Don Metz, Gregg Erikson
Logo Design: Dan Rubino	Water, Pop and Ice: Dan Rubino
Seminar Coordinator: Gregg Erikson	AYA Scholarship: Patricia Metz
Convention Chairman: Gregg Erikson	Co-Chairman: Dan and Annie Rubino
Co-Chairman: Steve and Carol MacCabe	Collection/Organization of Door Prizes: Bonnie Porter

AWARD	RECIPIENT	AIRCRAFT	REGISTRATION
Peoples' Choice	Buddy Cox	AA-5B	N1973T
Best Two Place	Lucas Fifer	AA-1	N5974L
Best 4-Place Pre 90's	Chris Koch	AA-5B	N74319
Best 4-Place Post 90's	No entries		
Best Exterior	Paul Cook	AA-5B	N28664
Best Interior	Steve Peach	AA-5B	C-GVJG
Best Avionics	Paul Cook	AA-5B	N28664
Best Firewall Forward	Dean White	AA-5B	N81166
EVENT	WINNER	AIRCRAFT	

Precision Taxi	Kelly Wallace	AA-5B	
Spot Parking	Dan Schmitz	AA-5B	
Grumman Limbo	Kat Wells	AA-5	
Flour Bombing	Cliff Dougherty and Bob Hess	AA-5	
Spot Landing	Jim Drobný	AA-5B	
Combined Event	Anne Marie and Mike Radel	AA-5B	
Longest 2 Place – 369 nm	Fritz Parker	AA1-B	
Longest 4 Place – 1497	Anne Marie and Mike Radel	AA-5B	
Map Folding	Karen Koch		
Name that part – Amateur	Mike Babin		
Name that part – Pro	Ken Blackman		