



A couple of photos from my trip to convention taken at about 10,500.



Monday morning dawned mostly clear and cool with about 27 Grumman aircraft on the ground. Some members have been in since Thursday to attend the NW Fly-in or tour the Seattle area.



A few of the early arrivals



Now Past President, Charlie Adams, introduces the new AYA President, Joerg Trauboth. Ken Nebrig was elected as VP. Unfortunately Ken had fire and family issues keep him from attending the Convention this year. Congratulations to both.



A tradition for many years now is the First Timers Reception. Bob Hess and Cliff Daugherty led the Reception where "First Time" Convention attendees are greeted and informed about what to expect. The Board members present are introduced and occasionally Rasta Man comes by and gives a presentation. Here he is showing how the Grumman Limbo works. A description of the Spot Parking was also presented. Co-Chairs Kelly and Mark Matthews made sure everyone

left with a door prize.





Above, Convention Chairman Ken Blackman greets members at the Welcome Reception. Safety Director Ron Levy, above right, gives a presentation on how to have a safe and fun Convention. Ground Boss's Boss Cindy, and Ground Boss Ronnie Mowery are introduced.



The center pieces this year featured welcome photos of this year's attendees as well as a mix of photos from past Conventions.

Mr. Captain Chicken Man is back sporting a new hat. Judging by the expression on the chicken he is not thrilled about being stuck on Mr. Captain Chicken Man's head.





Mr. Captain Chicken Man and Bad Boy Greg were popular with the ladies as First Timer Riva and Scholarship Administrator Pat can attest.

TUESDAY



Tuesday briefing for the ground events.



The AYA is dog friendly for friendly dogs.



AFS provides the ground support for our activities.

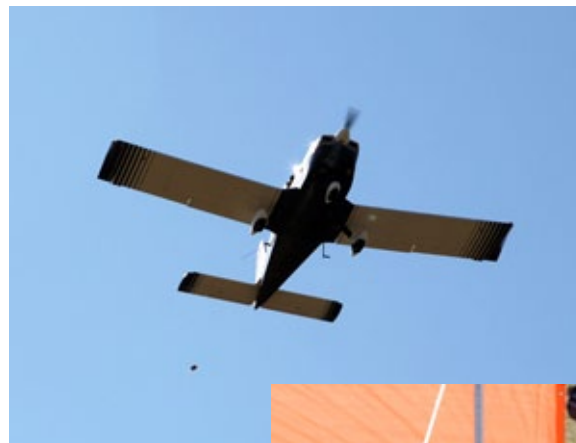




Taxing out for the Flour Bombing and Spot Landing events.



The Flour Bombing Team of Garner Rice, from the right: Garner, Pat Metz, Anna Schmitz, Liz Holland, Kim Schmitz, Mike Babin, RaDann Dawson and Kathy Paul.



Bombs Away!



Garner needs to learn to keep his hands to himself...



And the winner is... to be announced later.



Kelly Wallace and Riva Neam
The winning Flour Bomb Team



David Feinstein and Barbara Albeke present the First Place Spot
Landing plaque to winner, guess who... Kelly Wallace. Hopefully I
will get some contest photos to post later.



Tuesday Door Prizes



Grumman Limbo winner was our own Ground Boss, Ronnie Mowery. Plaque presented by event leader, and creator, Guy Warner. Also thanks to Cindy for letting him come out to play.



Grumman Limbo with winner Ronnie Mowery squeaking through at 1" below wing span.

Very precise measurements were taken to authenticate the winning effort.



Left photo looks promising, maybe not so good in the right photo.



In recognition of the Washington Apple Mr. Warner made crushable styrofoam apples for the Precision Taxi targets.

The Precision Taxi winner is Bill Wilcox. As an added bonus Bill received a large jar of apple sauce from event leader Ed Manning!



The Spot Parking winner is also Bill Wilcox, plaque presented by event leader Les Staples.



The AYA Scholarship raised \$610 at the Ice Cream Social.



The always lurking battery wing nuts door prize.



Donated AYA Scholarship Auction items.



Jan, Karen and Carol made sure everyone got registered and picked up their logo items at the registration desk.

Wednesday



Wednesday was Paine Field Tours, included were the Museum of Flight, Historic Flight Foundation, Flying Heritage and Boeing factory tour. Dinner later was at the Holiday Garden Inn on the airport. Paine Field is aviation junkie nirvana. Paine Field donated the buses to transport the tourists to and from the field as well as a 12 passenger van for the week. A very big **Thank you** to Paine Field!





At the Wednesday dinner Convention Chairman Ken Blackman presented a plaque to outgoing AYA President Charlie Adams.
Norris and Viviane Hibbler, AYA Insurance Directors, gave a brief presentation on insurance and a bit of history.

Thursday



Rigged Preflight winner, Sharon Spence, with event leader Jeff Davis.



A new event, renamed Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport, involved tying the plane down in the shortest time as a really big storm was coming. Event lead Phil Wadsworth presents the plaque to winner Mark Bevington



Guy Warner of the world famous Grumman Warner Mount manning his display.



Broken Towbar winners, RaDann Dawson and Sharon Spence. RaDann really did get a broken Towbar, lucky guy. The event leader was Jim Hamel.



Name That Part leader Arnie Spersflage presents plaques to Pro class winner Gary Vogt(left) and Amateur class winner Steve Peach.



Jim Viola cleaned up with wins in Best In Show, Best Tiger 90's Forward, Best Interior and Best Avionics Suite. Judging event lead Gregg Erikson makes the presentations.



Above, Oldest Pilot Bill Wilcox(80).
Below is Youngest Pilot, Dan Baisley(?)
and left, Newest Pilot, Kelly Matthews.



Ask The Pros panel, Gary Vogt,
Garner Rice, Les Staples and
Ken Blackman.



Buddy Cox won for Best 4-Place Pre 90's and People's Choice.



Bill Wilcox won for Best Exterior. Below, Ken Kerkering won for Best Firewall Forward. Plaques were presented by event leader Gregg Erikson.



President Jorg presents the Lauren Larsen Award to this year's recipient Gregg Erikson. Congratulations Gregg, well deserved.



Convention Chairman presents the Dicey Miller award to Dick Martin. Congratulations Dick.



Kim and Aurora

Friday



A new event for Friday, AYA Jeopardy, designed and built by Joe Gugel. Our trusty MC, Alex, I mean Richard, was able to keep the unruly contestants in line. The ultimate winner was airplane junkie Bob Gibson. A fun time for the contestants and fans.

Dan Baisley and Don Otis cooking up a fine dinner for Friday evening. Ummmmm Good.





Conventioners enjoyed a tour of the Glasair Aviation factory on the Arlington airport.



Plaques were presented to Ken Blackman, convention Chairman and Kelly and Mark Matthews, convention Co-chairs. Job well done, thank you.



Friday night was cool and clear, unlike Saturday morning with the lingering fog.

The Grumman Geezers(not my name) played to the enjoyment of the crowd. Stew 'Crazy Legs' Wilson, Darryl 'Bass Man' Holman, Jan 'The Warbler' Blackman, Ken "Sticks' Blackman and Bob 'I Know Jeopardy' Gibson played.





A couple of photos from the trip home.

