

## Welcome To AYA 2015, Brunswick, Maine



Graham Smith made sure everyone was tied down and had a cold drink after their travels.



Thirty planes were safely on the ground Sunday evening.  
An additional ten came in on Monday.







The sign is self explanatory. I think someone wanted to be close to the flight line for Dawn Patrol...



Let the visiting begin.

Bob Gibson with the airport sign.







Cliff and Bob Hess gave a presentation to about fifteen First Time Convention attendees. Several door prizes and aviation theme Christmas cards were handed out.



The Rasta team was back with a demo of the Grumman Limbo.

Following the First Timers Orientation everyone enjoyed some finger food and re-hydrated at the Welcome Reception.







Convention Chairman Dan Schmitz (far right) led the Welcome Reception where the attendees were informed of some general information. Ron Levy (right) had a safety briefing and Ground Boss Graham Smith (below) laid out the traffic pattern for moving planes safely on the round. Various volunteers were also solicited.



No bent metal, no one is injured,  
everyone has a good time!





Tuesday was Clambake Day. Members travelled to Cabbage Island aboard the Bennie Alice. There was some nice scenery and wildlife on the sail.







Nothing like a romantic sea voyage to generate an appetite...

The busy cooks prepared an awesome meal. There was no shortage of food.







There were a dozen clams in the foil also.

Everyone seemed to enjoy their Clambake Cruise.







A few members visited Lands End, south of Brunswick. The statute is a tribute to Maine fisherman.



Forecast bad weather for Wednesday necessitated the moving of the Membership Meeting to an impromptu location at the hotel. President Cliff will have an outline in the next Star.





Yes, there were door prizes. A big Thank you for the \$600+ donated to the AYA Scholarship Fund at the meeting.



Honorary Lifetime member Bill Marvel received a tribute from the AYA members.







Wednesday morning briefing.



It looks easy enough...



The Precision Taxi Team of Riva Neam, Sabine Korf and Bill Marvel, led by Bonnie Porter.







The Spot Parking Team of David Feinstein and Barbara Albeke had their work cut out with some close competition.



Scott Sanders looked after the Rodeo Tiedown. Kim gave Jerry a pretty good run.







Guy Warner once again led the team of Heidi Warner, Stew Wilson and Bob Gibson. The competition went nine rounds this year. The members had a pretty good vantage point this year.







The winning Limbo pass this year. Ask Walt about the Schmitz Shuffle technique, and waxing the wing tips.



PFP Director Jim Viola led the Cockpit Cool class. Several attendees plan on doing the flying portion of the course also.



Now that's a van.



Emmy seemed to enjoy the ground competitions.







The Rigged Pre-flight team of Louise Brouillette, Sharon Spence and Jim Hamel.

Father Christmas came out to try his hand at the Rigged Pre-flight.



Once again the AYA was responsible for the ice cream shop remaining open after normal closing time...





The P3 Orion is one of the planes still on display at the former NAS Brunswick.







P-2V5 "NEPTUNE"  
 LAND-BASED  
 ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE  
 PATROL AIRCRAFT  
 IN SERVICE 1947 - 1970  
 CREW OF TEN  
 CRUISE 200 M.P.H.  
 DURATION 10-12 HRS.



Retired Naval Officer John James gave us a history of NAS Brunswick, site of AYA 2015.



The coveted Volunteer Pin, once again donated by AYA Insurance Director Norris Hibbler.



AYA PFP Director Jim Viola led the Cockpit Cool course this year. Diplomas were presented to Melissa Drahzal, Zachary Wells, Lynda Airey, Carol Gugel, Angela Marchant, Riva Neam, Marti Marvel, Pat Kirkpatrick, Sabine Norf and Barry Speronello. Jim Sr. audited the course. Congratulations everyone.



Dusty Crophopper was back this year. Kim Schmitz put several members through a gruelling course. On the right Kim sits in the Winners Circle. For a \$1 donation to the AYA Scholarship fund you could get your photo taken in the Winners Circle.





The food and ice cream trucks proved popular this year.



Anna Schmitz led the Flour Bombing Team of David and Susan Beaman, Cathy Cochran and Steve Dalton. This mark was 13 feet, pretty darn good. David seemed pretty confident he would not be hit, for a while it seemed like the photographer was the target. Joerg Trauboth and Bob Hess were the winners.





Bill Daly's Spot Landing team of Cindy Daly, David and Cheryl Kraemer, Chase Donaldson and MaryAnn Stanton.



I don't know how close the winner, Ronnie Mowery, was but he beat out this effort by Bob Hess (photo left). The years of being Ground Boss and observing the events is paying off for Ronnie.







Peoples Choice winners for 2015 were Ken and Patricia Kirkpatrick with N731PK. They also won Best in Show. Congratulations.







Walt Porter volunteered to be auctioneer for the AYA Scholarship. Along with the 50-50, Pat's handcrafted cards and some generous member donations a total over \$2500 was raised this year. Way to go AYA!



Bill Daly was this year's Lauren Larsen Memorial Award winner. Congratulations Bill.







Dave Pepple, from the FAA, and Stephen Williams from the Seaplane Pilots Association, presented seminars to AYA members.



You know that the Spot Parking competition is tight when this is not close enough to win. Congratulations Dennis Oparowski, N917KD, 0".







The Grumman Limbo contest was won by a shimmy and a shake. Walt Porter has the moves, 6" under the wingspan.



Walt Porter has the quick hands winning the Tiedown Rodeo.







Bill and Mindy Wilcox won for the furthest distance flown, almost 2300 nm direct. Bill also won for Oldest Licensed Pilot.



Our Newest Licensed Pilot was Ashley, obviously the left photo.

Wayne Breden won something but I missed what it was. When I find out I will change this caption.







Tim Brinker won the Dusty CropHopper Taxi competition.



Fred and Sherye Prysock were the quickest in the Map Folding competition. Its windy, its raining, the seats are a rockin...



Self explanatory really...





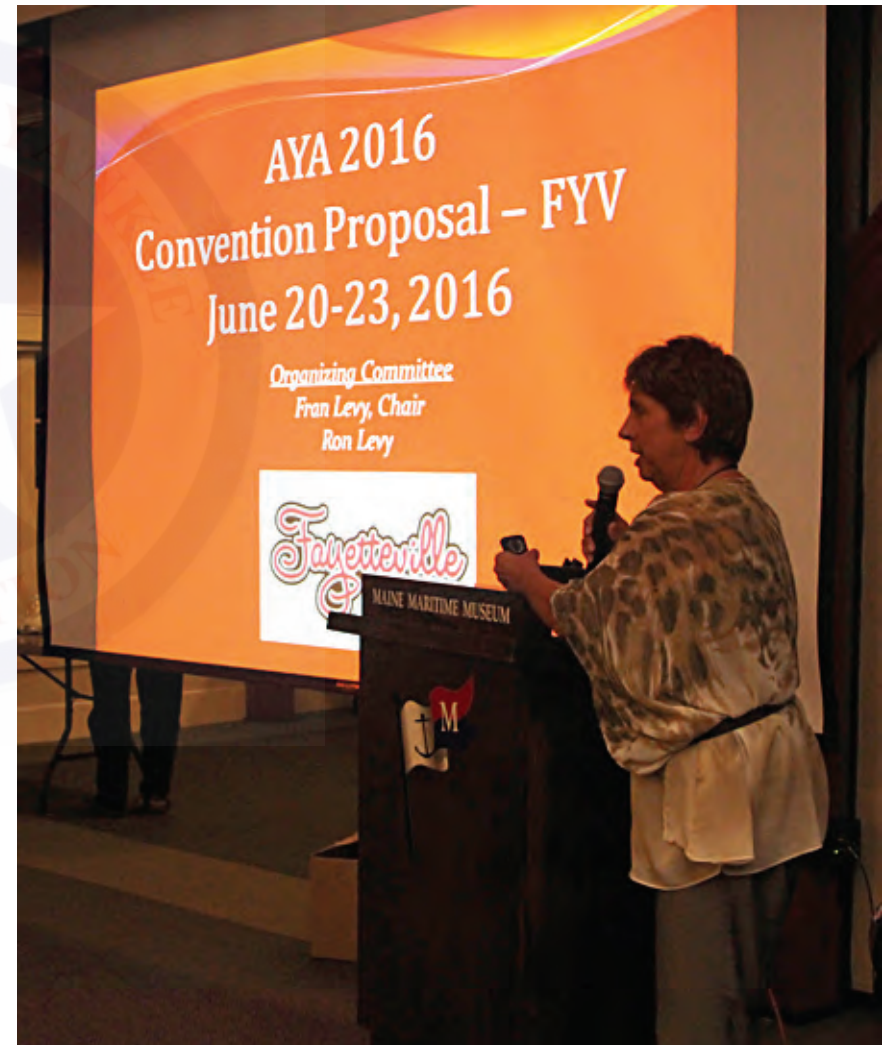


The final night banquet was held at the Maine Maritime Museum. AYA 2015 attendees were offered free admission over two days to go through the museum.



## Final Banquet

AYA 2016 Convention Chairperson Fran Levy gave an overview of the facilities and plans for next year's convention in Fayetteville, Arkansas.







Marty McMahon, manager for the Brunswick Executive Airport accepted our gratitude for such great cooperation and use of his facility. Plaques were also given to FlightLevel FBO and the Brunswick Best Western.



Thanks to Bob Gibson for sharing all his photos, you see a combination of his and mine here.

