



NEWSLETTER



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Message from HCAA President, Don Hughes

Norm Patrum is back home from rehab! Great!! January has gone like a flash and was sort of mild weather-wise. We are looking forward to a better 2021 with more events time to share with fellow flyers and flying enthusiasts. Spring will be here before we know what's what!

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021

Current Plan for Fly-In & Convention – 7/26/2021 – 8/1/2021

Report on Oshkosh 2020 Fly-In



There was a 2020 Oshkosh Fly-In after all but it was at Oshkosh, Nebraska. After the announcement of the cancellation of AirVenture Oshkosh 2020, EAA chapter No. 43 located near Denver, Colorado went on a scouting run 180 miles away to check out Oshkosh, Nebraska. It was a small farm town in the middle of the prairie with a 4,700 foot runway with a short walk to town.

A second exploratory trip included meeting the manager of the Garden County Airport (KOKS). The Chapter was offered a large hangar and plenty of airplane parking and space for camping along with a tour of the town of 800 plus inhabitants. Restaurants and lodging were available. It looked like a perfect place for chapter members and guests so they started making plans.

With plans completed and shared with others, five planes arrived on Friday, July 24, to set up camp for the night. Saturday morning brought a steady stream of 35 or so additional planes with 60 people. In all, about 115 people registered for the event including planes from Colorado, Texas, South Dakota and Wyoming. Local residents came and brought their families. There was a demonstration of powered paragliders and a Kiddie Hawk full-motion simulator trainer for the kids. For the town of Oshkosh, it was a major event that brought families to an airport many had never been to before. It was a very successful Oshkosh 2020, both for Chapter 43 and the town of Oshkosh, Nebraska.

COMING EVENTS

March 9 – Board Meeting – Airport office – 6:30 p.m.

March 13 – National Pi Day at the Airport - 5:00 p.m.

Bring a pie for dessert. If not bringing a pie, bring something to go along with Pizza Pie which will be the entrée. **Please be on time** as we will order the pizza after the crowd has gathered.

REMINDER – If you paid your dues in 2020, you are considered paid for 2021. Only new members will pay dues this year.

FOR SALE OR WANT TO BUY – If you have an item for sale or if you need a part, send an email to winingsw@aol.com with details and it will be listed in the newsletter when space is available.

REMEMBER WHEN

If your plane was hangered at the old Speedway Airport on April 27, 1994 you will remember when the north row of hangars was hit by a tornado and some of the planes tossed about like rag dolls.

