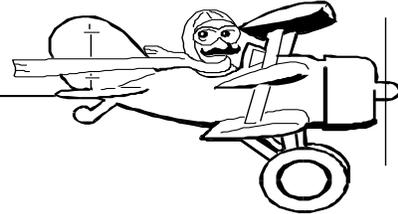


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**** Our next meeting is on August 17th at 8:15PM During our Weenie Fly at the field! ****

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SUMMER PICNIC/MEETING

The third time is hopefully the charm. Our first picnic date (take 3) is now **August 17th (meeting night) starting at 6PM**, with a meeting at the field around 8:15PM (Make sure you are done flying and have your stuff put away by then). Please make plans to attend and bring something to fly! As usual we will provide hot dogs and the fixins, along with soda and water. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, we will appreciate it. →

DAN'S TRIP TO THE OSHKOSH AIRSHOW

I've wanted to go see the Oshkosh airshow for a bunch of years now. I finally got everything in line and was able to attend it a couple of weeks ago. I picked up my brother at the airport in Green Bay Wisconsin and we spent 3 and a half days at Oshkosh. We camped on site (out in a field) for the time we were there. As we were setting up the camper, the daily airshow started. Even though we didn't have tickets for the first day, we got to see a lot of the airshow as all the planes were flying directly over my camper! So, we pulled out the lawn chairs and sat and watched. For the next 3 days, we sat through daily airshows (each one different) and even got to see part of a night time airshow where the planes were lit up with lots of LED's and also some had fireworks shooting out of the wingtips! Unfortunately, Mother Nature intervened and the rest of the night time show got rained out. The rest of the week, the weather was great. Some notable aircraft that were in the airshow were the F35 Joint Strike Fighter; 2 B29 bombers (first time flying together in decades); a replica of a 1929 bi-plane with a 9 cylinder radial engine and a Lear Jet engine strapped to the bottom of the plane. There were lots of WWII planes flying in formations and doing bombing/strafing runs (with pyrotechnics). It was the 80th anniversary of the Piper cub, so there were about a hundred Cubs in attendance. It was also the 75th anniversary of the Doolittle raid on Tokyo, so they had 16 B25's parked as if they were on a carrier (and they all flew in the show). Oh yea, the Blue Angels were there too. We got to see practice night (first ever evening practice for them) and then their regular Airshow routine on the last day we were there.

Some stats from the show. There were supposed to be over 10,000 planes on site (including the seaplane base 4 miles away); over 500,000 visitors; I took about 900 pictures during my stay (need to go through them now to pair it down). It has "North 40 and South 40" sections for airplane parking along with all the regular parking along the runways. →

