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Air Race Classic 2015 (ARC 2015) <http://airraceclassic.org/>

The all lady pilot race starts June 22, 2015 at 8 AM from Fredricksburg, VA (KRMN). Our local Connellsville Airport (KVVS) is the second location on the course where the racers can get fuel. There are 53 airplanes and 116 women registered to race. The race ends at Fairhope, AL (KCQF) with the requirement that all racers are there by Thursday June 25, 2015.

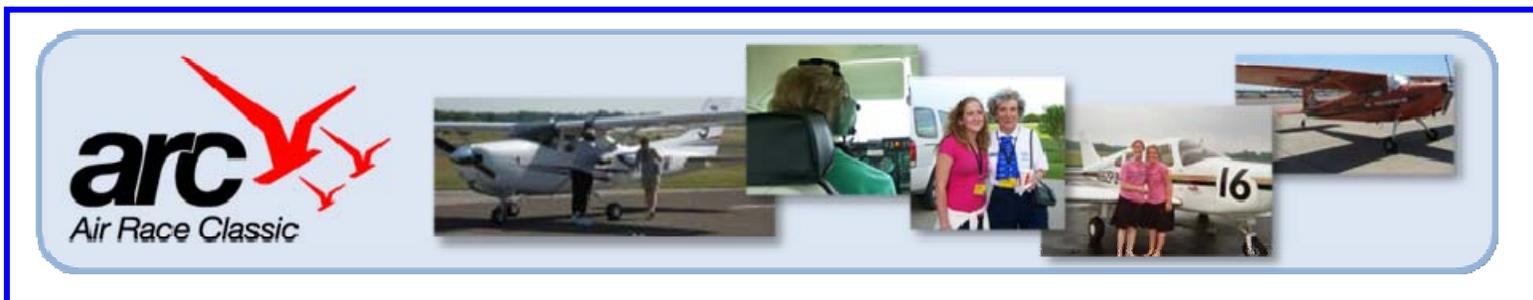
If there is perfect VFR weather, I expect that all aircraft will pass through KVVS on Monday. Worst case is that 53 aircraft show up at KVVS and need to spend the night because weather if not VFR on the next leg. I expect the actual situation will be something in between. The Race Organizers are recommending that Connellsville plan to have Crew staffing all day the first two days and possible crew in place for first half of the 3rd day. Of course the crews are done once all racers have departed.

Gary Sobek is acting as "Stop Chair" and Stan Glumac is acting as "Head Timer." They have a final Telcon with the race organizers on June 11th with back up on June 13th. **A "Get Together" (GTG) meeting is planned at Connellsville Airport on Sunday June 14, 2015 at 5 PM. The GTG is for all pilots and Air Race Classic volunteers. We have Pizza delivered and have refreshments. The total cost of the pizza will be divided by the number at the GTG to have funds to pay for the Pizza. Last GTG the Pizza, Beer, and Beverages came to \$7 per person. I expect this meeting will be \$6 per person (maybe \$5) as there are left over beverages.**

Volunteers are needed to man aircraft marshaling, timing, hospitality, ramp safety, fuel ticket runner(s), and possible ground transport of air racer teams. The Race Teams are suppose to mange their own reservations and aircraft tiedowns. IF there is a weather issue that all racers need to stay the night, assistance will be need to find rooms and proved transportation to and from the hotels. (Note: Info in brackets [] is a comment that does not need to go in the newsletter unless the newsletter publisher/editor thinks it is necessary.) [There are presently 5 hotels open in Uniontown and two under construction. 4 of the 5 are listed on the Racer's Hotel list. The one that is not listed does not list any rooms available the week of the race on their website. The Melody Motor Lodge located on 119 near the airport is not on the list as it was just sub-standard.]

Simulated "Timing Fly Bys" are planned for timer training in the near future. A Representative from ARC 2015 will be at VVS on Sunday June 21, 2015 at a time TBD to assist with tips for timers and additional training.

Hope to see as many that can make at the final VVS Air Race Classic GTG planning meeting 5 PM EDT Sunday June 14, 2015. An announcement will be sent out soon to the email addresses that are on file for the VVS ARC.



Chapter 45 has offered to help in this national event and we need our members to pitch in...please ! EAA Chapter 45 has been assigned to help with the route stop at Connellsville Airport. We need help in several areas and it promises to be fun, exciting and the camaraderie at these events is always outstanding!

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There will be an aircraft auction on Sunday June 14 @ 2 PM here at Brokenstraw Airport. Some of the planes/trailers will be:

(thanks and a tip of the hat to Richard Seman for this information)

Experimental L4 Cub, Mong Sport, Wag Aero Wagabond project,

Hornet 2 Place,

Quicksilver GT400,

Destiny Power Parachute,

Aeronca 7BCM,

Cherokee 235,

EZ Loader Enclosed Trailer,



V-Nose Bear Cat Trailer, and maybe more – check the website @ Chesley Auctioneers: <http://chesleyauction.com/auctions/2015/06/14/brokenstraw-airport/>

If you know of somebody looking for an airplane – please pass this email on.

[Thanks Bill Holder rwholder@flybrokenstraw.com](mailto:rwholder@flybrokenstraw.com)

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AND NOW, the TRIP REPORT ! by Steve Glaeser

If you didn't pick it up in the last newsletter, I'm embarking on a new project. It is Ken's doing! Last fall he forwarded an email to me of someone local trying to sell an Acrosport II (ASII) biplane project. An open cockpit biplane has been on my short list, so why not check it out? After a few days of research and a few trips to see the project I fell in love with the plane. Unfortunately, I didn't end up with that project but did end up with the building-bug firmly planted.

Fast forward a few months and I find myself (with ASII plans and wood to build the wings in hand) perusing Barnstormers for ASII projects. Two projects caught my eye but one was a clear winner. After trading a few emails and a phone call to Dan (project owner) the decision was made; I'm making a road trip to Westcliffe Colorado!

After hanging up with Dan my next call was to my dad. The conversation started something like:

Dad.

Hi Steve, how's it going?

Pretty good, what are you doing next weekend?

Not sure anything is planned, why?

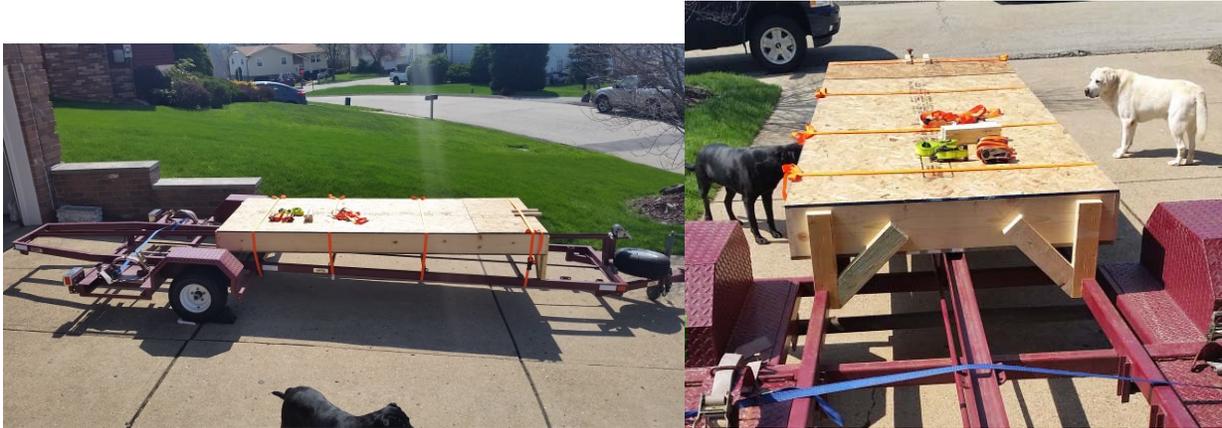
Want to head to Colorado and pick up a biplane project?

Absolutely! What's the plan?

Trip Report, continued...

At that point the plan was for dad to fly down Thursday evening (*no doubt in HIS RV! ed.*) and depart hours before the crack of dawn on Friday. We'd make Westcliffe Saturday afternoon, load up, and head back east. As luck would have it, work got in the way (...work always finds a way...) and the trip was delayed until the end of April.

I didn't know it at the time, but having the additional time to prepare for the trip was necessary. My first plan was to install a wood deck on the trailer under the tail wheel channel so I could strap down the partially assembled wing as well as all the parts that wouldn't fit in the truck. With more time, I decided to build a box.



The box sat on the tail wheel channel and was braced against the trailer frame rails. A few straps held it securely to the trailer. Based off dimensions I got from Dan, the box was positioned so the tail wheel would sit on the forward edge of the box with the mains where they belong on the trailer. I added a 4x4 just inside and outside the forward edge to better support the tail wheel weight.

But first, a word from our sponsor....

**EAA CHAPTER 45 is again involved with the Westmoreland
County Airshow on June 20/21st.**

**This is our main fund raising campaign for the year and we are
asked to volunteer man some sales booths. It is easy work and
we get into the airshow for FREE ! Please come to the JUNE
Board meeting to volunteer or contact Member Arvin Daniels,
724-610-0567 or Travisbeangr33@yahoo.com**

**COME ON, FOLKS. WE NEED YOUR
PARTICIPATION.**

Back to our story...

Trip Report, continued...

With the end of April finally here it was time to depart. The plan remained the same, dad flew down Thursday evening and we were on the road by 4:45am Friday morning. The goals were:

Day 1: Make it to Salina Kansas.

Day 2: Make it to Westcliffe, load up the project, turnaround and spend the night in Burlington Colorado.

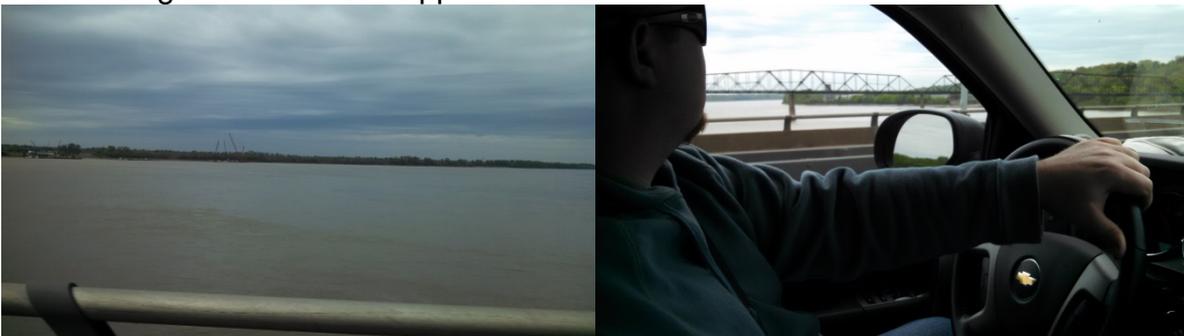
Day 3: Make it to Columbus Ohio.

Day 4: Make it back to Rostraver by lunch giving us time to unload and for Dad to fly home.



(By the way, this is the BEST we would look during the trip)

On our way to Salina we got to drive through my family's old stomping ground, St. Louis Missouri. We left St. Louis in the early 90's and visited once a few years back. I don't remember what it used to look like but dad says things have changed drastically. Here we are crossing over the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.



(Crossing the Mississippi)

NOTE : If you want to check to see if an upcoming meeting is being held or if there are last minute changes, cancellations or locations, check out this web site:

<http://imapilot55.wix.com/ch45>

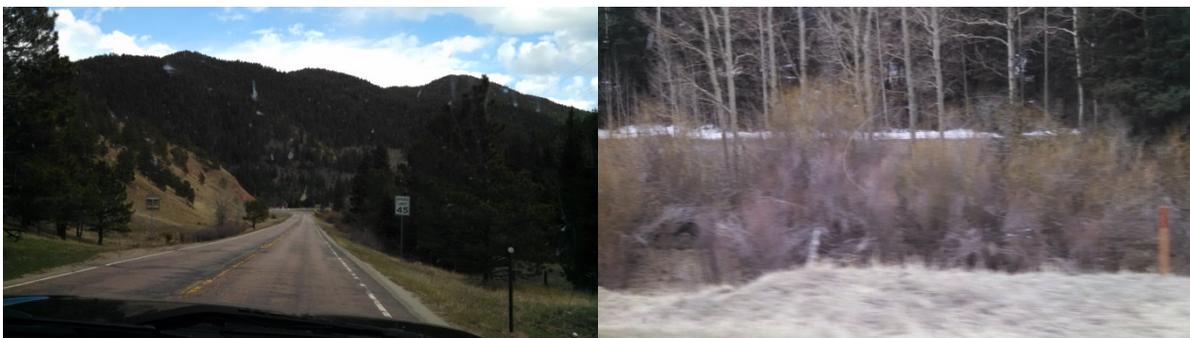


(Coming up on and crossing the Missouri)

Leaving Missouri the landscape was taken over by farms. In Ohio, I remember one of us commenting on the size of a few farms. Those were clearly hobby farms, Kansas recalibrated our definition of a large farm! In fact, the Kansas landscape offered two things to look at: massive farms and wind mills. Arvin, you weren't kidding about the sea of wind mills!

As we were nearing Salina and darkness was setting in Mother Nature gave us a pretty impressive light show. For an hour or more we watched lightning jump from cloud to cloud lighting up the night sky. Since we hadn't seen a show like that since we lived in Missouri we forgot what was coming next. Within seconds a few rain drops turned into a gully-washer. 40mph on the highway, wipers going at full tilt, and you couldn't see a thing! Good thing our exit was only a few more miles up the road. (Yes, other drivers passed us like we were standing still!!)

Another early start on Saturday allowed us to make Westcliffe by 2pm local. Westcliffe is tucked in the mountains about an hour west of Pueblo. The windy mountain road was very scenic and took us to an altitude over 8000 ft.



(If this road was in PA, the speed limit would be 25 not 45. And yes, that is snow)

When we arrived at Dan's house we spent a few minutes looking over the project but then dove into loading it up.

Next newsletter, tune in to the exciting conclusion of our story, TRIP REPORT.

**Oh, and by the way, please consider helping out at our two events in June.
We need your help!!**

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TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2015

Planning and setting of dates are typically done by your board of directors at the beginning of the year and sometimes change. Unless noted, meetings are held at the chapter hangar at Rostraver Airport. Hangar is C1

JUNE 12th Board of Directors meeting, ALL WELCOME

**June 14th - meeting at
Connellsville Airport to discuss
our role in the upcoming
Air Race Classic!
see article inside.**

June 19th General Meeting

JUNE 20th & 21st Westmoreland County Airshow - EAA involvement, see inside.

JUNE 22/23rd AIR RACING ! - EAA involvement, see inside.

Monday night workshop / build nights are now every Monday evening at the chapter hangar, 7:00pm

***NOTICE: Important event notices inside.
And a Colorado Trip Report to pick up an airplane***