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Editors Corner

Xavier Marshall

Those that went to OSH had a blast! The new RV-14 looks promising although I plan on sticking with my 7.

If you went to OSH and want to share your experience, write an article for the newsletter!



President's Report

Keith Spreuer

August was started off with a bang. Our second annual Fly In and RC Expo was a great success. Perhaps a little less than last year in part due to the Olympics. The data is still being analyzed. It was a terrific day, sunny and warm but not sweltering as it has been this week. The view of the RC's was much improved over last year as the entire flight line was open. We had over a dozen airplanes on display. The food stand was busy all day but the lines were not as long as last year. I think it came off really well. I've heard that we had a good number of donations from sponsors too so we will see how the bottom line shapes up. I'm sure Dennis will give us a summary at the meeting this month (Aug 18th). Our speaker this month is Ariel Hazi, who will tell us about his Diamond aircraft. He says he plans to fly it in if weather permits (looks good so far). We will also have a report from Demetrius on his trip to Oshkosh Air Adventure Air Academy. This young man is an excellent speaker, an inspiration and I am proud that we were able to send him to camp this year. I guaranty we will see this fellow excel.

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Hangar Report

Keith Spreuer

The hangar is pretty full at the moment but as usual keeping it that way is a challenge. In July we had both the Champ and the Bull Dog. In Aug Larry Zawitkowski's widow had his Rotorway Exec moved out (going to Florida). And the Bull Dog is going to Camarillo and day now. An there

is a possibility that Richard will have to go back to Indiana with his RV-6. Excluding that possibility, we are looking at one small vacancy and 2.5 large vacancies. I think that is a little below break even. We have done some re-arranging so the big trailer will be less in the way and we did some clean up for the Expo. I know we need to replace some of the bulbs in the overhead lights. So that will happen next Sat.

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Space Shuttle Endeavour Coming to Los Angeles

The Space Shuttle Endeavour will fly across the country on the back of a specially modified Boeing 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft, arriving at LAX (weather permitting) on September 20, 2012. Upon arrival, Endeavour will spend a few weeks at a United Airlines hangar undergoing preparations for transport and display. Then, Endeavour will travel through city streets on a 12-mile journey from the airport to the California Science Center, arriving in the evening on October 13, 2012. This will be the first, last and only time a space shuttle will travel through public city streets. It is truly a national treasure!

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Exhibits/AirAndSpace/endeavour/endeavour.php>

A map of the route through the city streets can be found at the link above.

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FAA Misses Drone Deadline

Avweb

The pressure is on for the FAA to allow drone operations in the National Airspace, and this week a major unmanned systems advocate complained that the agency is already behind schedule. The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International wrote to the FAA that legislation ([PDF](#)) passed earlier this year set a deadline of Aug. 12 for the FAA to designate six test ranges

where certification standards and air traffic requirements could be developed, but the deadline has passed and the FAA doesn't have a program in place.



Xavier's Quadcopter UAV with GoPro Hero2

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