

This means that those so inclined can go to the EAA Homebuilders Dinner on Thursday, July 26th (tickets must be purchased in advance in the Red Barn) and the CSA Hot Dog roast on Friday, except last we heard, the Hot Dog roast was somewhat in question. There will be a breakfast meeting for Technical Counselors and Flight Advisors (plus one guest each) on Sunday, July 28, at 7:30 AM in the Nature Center. And, there is usually coffee and donuts for homebuilders on Monday morning at the homebuilders building.

GOLDEN WEST 2002

The Golden West EAA Regional Fly-in has a new home at Yuba County Airport, Marysville, CA, near Sacramento. It will be September 6th to the 8th. There should be a fair turn-out of Cozys. We haven't decided whether to try to make it or not. For more info, check www.goldenwestflyin.org/gwaahome.shtml.

COPPERSTATE 2002

Last year there was no Copperstate Regional Fly-in, because Williams Gateway Airport had other ideas, and there wasn't a good alternate location. But now there is. A new airport has been constructed, Phoenix Regional Grande Airport, and it will be the permanent home for the Copperstate Fly-in, which will be held October 10th - 13th. The airport is located about 40 miles south of Phoenix and 5 miles west of Casa Grande. It may not even be on the charts yet. We will be exhibiting there. We can provide lodging and ground transportation for up to 3 couples who fly in (how is that for an incentive?), on a first come, first serve basis.

LETTERS FROM BUILDERS (some from the net)

Jat, 5/11/02

Last Sunday we had our annual carnival at our church. As one of the leaders, I had the responsibility to develop one of the carnival events. This seemed like a great opportunity to introduce aviation to many of the kids. We went to the airport, loaded my Cozy III onto a trailer sideways, with flagmen both front and rear, and headed through town to the church. I had initially asked for permission to land on a portion of the four lane highway which runs in front of our church, but local law enforcement preferred the trailer idea. Sunday we took in excess of 120 pictures of "kids" both young and old sitting in the Cozy. We then developed these into 8 x 10 photos and will hand them out this Sunday. We had lots of fun, and hopefully we will have ignited a small spark which will result in some new future aviators. Yes, we did hear that one would have to be crazy and mad to fly an airplane that small. Oh well, some people just do not appreciate the freedom of flight. God bless. David Jones

Powderly TX

Builders,

6/1/02

I went to the AOPA Fly-in and Open House at FDK, Frederic, MD. What a great day! I wasn't ready for the reception my Cozy was about to get. Ground control asked if I wouldn't mind taxiing the Cozy up front to the display area. I ended up parking right in the center. The Cozy got more attention here than at Sun n Fun. Lots of people got educated on composite construction and the joys of flying a Cozy. Almost talked Rod Machado into a Cozy flight.

John Vermeylen

Lanoke Harbor NJ

Editor: This reminds me. Remember awhile back one of our builders wrote that he and a friend flew up to Montana on a fishing trip, parked their Cozy on the ramp at the nearest airport, and after returning from fishing discovered there had been a fly-in and their Cozy had one the grand prize?

Builders,

5/12/02

Cozy Mark IV #467, N100EP is resting comfortably in its hangar at MLI, the Quad City airport. Transported the fuselage with engine and prop installed the 9 miles from the garage where it was born to the airport this morning. Weather was marginal, mist and fog, but the traffic was very light, not a problem. Had a vehicle in front and one in rear of the trailer, connected by Motorola. All of the journey was on secondary roads, did not contend with major highways.

Tentative plans call for inspection by the FSDO mid June. Not much left to do, attach wings and data plates, etc. Vortilons need painting and attaching. Just a few minor details to keep me busy for the next month.

I chose MLI for the test flights. That is the closest airport and the hangar price is competitive, very few dollars more than a non-controlled airport in the area. As far as I am concerned, the tower is an asset and the 10,000 ft of concrete is adequate for land-ahead if the need arises. Getting there!

John Epplin
Orion, IL

Gang,

5/9/02

After going 2 weeks between building sessions (fixing the boat up for the season), I went to do a layup. Apparently during the layover, a clog had developed in the hardener side of the exit tube on my pump. When the lever was released, the pressure from the pump expelled the hardener with such force that it hit the cup and splashed back up and hit me right in my UNPROTECTED eyes! (Yes, I'm an idiot).

One long shower with my clothes on to wash out the hardener, 2 doctor visits and four days (two of which were spent lying around the house with my eyes swollen shut) later, I can see good enough to drive. WEAR EYE PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES! Happy building!

Joe Turecamo
Bay Shore, NY

Builders,

5/6/02

I was planning my extensive tour of the Western states, when I realized I was getting ahead of myself a bit. So I scaled back and decided to hit the closer locations on "short? trips instead of one big trip. Particularly since I don't have much cross country experience. So Saturday I accomplished a few firsts. I had plane loaded with full tanks for the first time, heaviest load I've ever had. First time I packed along the folding bike...it fits! First time I used the full functions of the moving map...wow!

So I departed Scappoose, OR at 11:30 am. Destination is Crescent City, CA. I always considered California so far away, I keep forgetting how close it is by Cozy. Only 2 hours away.

When I reached 10k ft., I suddenly heard a "WUMP". "Bird strike" was my first impression. Oh, yeah, birds at 10k ft! I glanced at my panel, all green, and reduced throttle. I was already dialed into my nearest airport frequency, so I immediately diverted. No indication of any cause for the noise while I lost altitude to Corvallis, OR. Did I really hear that noise?